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Teaching Materials



Lesson Plans for “A Life Journey”

Population Europe has developed four lesson plans for teachers to help educate their students about demography. The teaching material has been tested with various school classes to make sure that the materials were easy to understand and interesting for both students and teachers without the need for extensive preparation.

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Supporting Lone Parents and Their Children in Europe

Insights from a dialogue between researchers and policy makers

Key messages:

- Lone parenthood should always be defined in a way that all types of lone parents are included, regardless of their partnership status and the support provided by the other parent.
- Research infrastructures creating longitudinal data with detailed information on family trajectories should be further supported and promoted. This is necessary to identify whether and at which stage of the life course individuals enter into lone parenthood and eventually leave it, as well as how this phase is experienced and its consequences for individuals and their children.
- Policies should provide universal social benefits for disadvantaged persons and families in general. Targeted policies may also be needed as a way to support lone parent families in their specific needs.
- If states fully support gender equality, then they are also supporting lone parents overcoming their key challenges. This can be concretely done for example by offering childcare benefits, self-paid parental leave and care credits in pension systems to all parents, and by creating measures to effectively reduce class inequalities, particularly by tackling female disadvantages on the labour market. The approval of the EU Work-Life Balance Directive would constitute an important step forward in this direction.

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Supporting Lone Parents and Their Children in Europe

On January 26, 2018, experts on lone parenthood met in Brussels to discuss the main challenges to be addressed by the academic community and by policy makers in Europe. Discussions were based on results from the recently published book *Lone Parenthood in the Life Course*, edited by Laura Bernardi and Dimitri Mortelmans.

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Social Inequalities in Mortality

The Increasing Advantage of the Married

Key messages:

- Married individuals live longer than the non-married, and in Norway and some other countries, this mortality gap has become larger over recent decades.
- Among the never-married in Norway, mortality did not fall over the last decades of the 20th century, and in 2000-06, mortality was as high for them as it was for the married three decades earlier.
- The increasing mortality disadvantage of the non-married is particularly alarming in light of the large size of the population group. This group will probably become even larger over the next decades, although this is likely accompanied by an increasing proportion of childless among the non-married, which may diminish their excess mortality compared to the married.
- Should attempts be made to improve the health situation for the non-married in particular, better knowledge about the reasons for their disadvantage would be very helpful.

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Social Inequalities in Mortality

Those who are married are likely to have better health and to live longer than those who are never-married, divorced or widowed. In combination with the large proportion of non-married, and the likely future increase, such a gap in health and mortality may be seen as a major public health challenge. The situation will be particularly worrying if the mortality disadvantage of the non-married increases, as it has done over recent decades in several countries.

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PopDigests



Study Reveals Small-Country Bias in the Allocation of Development Assistance for Health

A new study published in *BMJ Global Health* by Lene Martinsen and colleagues assessed the effects of population size on the amount of development assistance for health (DAH) that countries receive. Based on analyses of data for 143 countries spanning more than 20 years the study shows that larger population sizes is associated with significant decreases in per capita DAH.

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The Importance of Regional Context for the Wellbeing of Spousal Caregivers

In a recent study, Melanie Wagner and Martina Brandt questioned whether the availability of regional formal care could contribute to improve the wellbeing of caregivers. Concretely, they examined the association between caregiving to a spouse in old age, the wellbeing of the person providing care and the regional context.

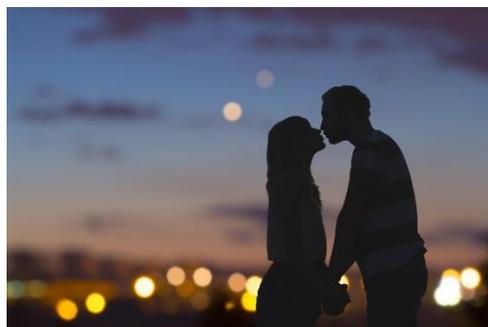
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Understanding Low Fertility in Postindustrial Countries

Fertility rates in many postindustrial societies are now below 1.5 children per woman. At the same time, the majority of young adults throughout the postindustrial world say that a family with two children is ideal. Many young adults say they would like to have two children, but expect to have fewer. What explains this gap between fertility ideals and intentions?

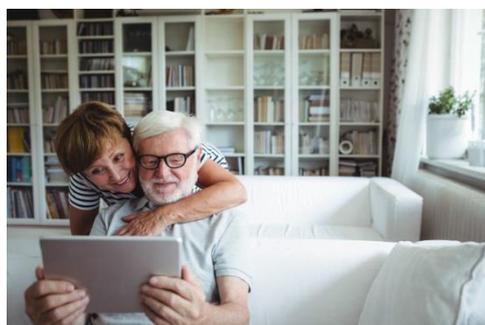
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How Does Commitment Work in Living-Apart-Together Partnerships?

Studies in a range of Western countries have shown that about 10% of all adults are in a relationship in which the partners do not live together. However, little is known about how commitment in these so-called living-apart-together (LAT) relationships actually works. This is explored in a new study by Roselinde van der Wiel, Clara H. Mulder and Ajay Bailey by using an extended version of the Investment Model of Commitment.

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Socio-economic Resources of One Partner are Related to Health Status of the Other Partner

A recently published article by Jenny Torssander, Heta Moustgaard, Riina Peltonen, Fanny Kilpi and Pekka Martikainen sheds light on the assumption that not only someone's own resources affect health and mortality, but the resources of the partner one lives with also play a role.

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Exploring Ethnic and Racial Discrimination with Carpooling Data

In a new study, Jasper Dag Tjaden, Carsten Schwemmer and Menusch Khadjavi looked at carpooling, a huge market that presents real competition to trains and buses in the medium to long distance segment in Europe. The unique setting of this application compared to others is that the driver – who offers a ride – and the customer – who selects the ride – spend time together in a car.

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News from the Network



Tineke Fokkema Appointed Professor of 'Ageing, Families and Migration'

Tineke Fokkema has been appointed as the new endowed chair of 'Ageing, Families and Migration' at the Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB) of Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR). It is the first professorship in the Netherlands to focus on diversity within the population of older migrants, especially in relation to social issues and well-being.

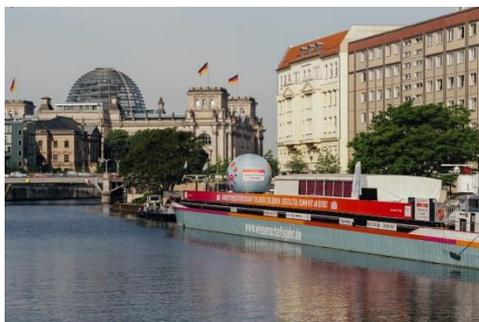
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The 2019 "Population" Young Author Prize

The Journal *Population* is now accepting applications for the 2019 Young Author Prize. Students enrolled in PhD or Master's programmes or young researchers who have defended their PhD thesis in the last seven years are eligible to apply.

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"A Life Journey" Underway with the MS Wissenschaft

As part of the 2018 science year "Working Life in the Future", the MS Wissenschaft will be moving through Germany and stopping at various ports to give people the opportunity to view the exhibition that is on board, which includes our app "A Life Journey". This gives visitors the chance to learn more about the demographic situation in Europe.

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Videos



The Generations and Gender Programme: A Survey About Modern Life Courses

This animated introduction to The Generations & Gender Programme (GGP) explains the purpose, function and value of a social science research infrastructure to the domains of public policy and research.

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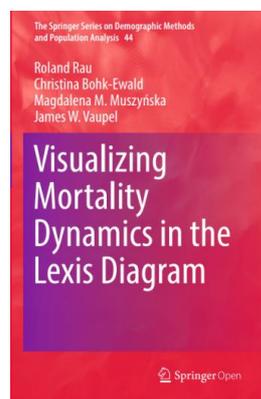
Books and Reports



Population Europe Report of Activities 2009-2018

This recent report shows the activities of the network Population Europe since its foundation in 2009. Through regularly updated information and face-to-face dialogue on the most recent research evidence, which is presented in an easy-to-access way at the highest level of scientific reliability, the partners seek to substantially contribute to policy debates and decision-making about the most important future challenges of our societies related to population change.

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Visualizing Mortality Dynamics in the Lexis Diagram

This book visualizes mortality dynamics in the Lexis diagram. While the standard approach of plotting death rates is also covered, the focus in this book is on the depiction of rates of mortality improvement over age and time.

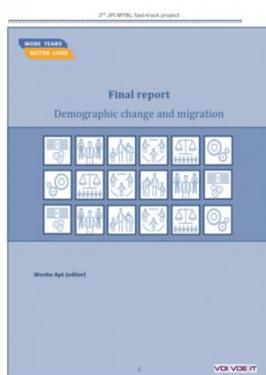
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Migration between Africa and Europe

This volume examines migration between Africa and Europe, rather than just from Africa to Europe. Based on a unique socio-demographic survey carried out both in origin and destination countries (MAFE survey), it argues that return migration, circulation, and transnational practices are significant. Policy design must also take these factors into account.

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Demographic Change and Migration

The work of CPC members Jane Falkingham, Maria Evandrou, Saara Hämäläinen, Maja Palmer and Athina Vlachantoni was included in a recent report 'Demographic Change and Migration', published as part of the Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) "More Years, Better Lives". Their contributions were included in chapters on "Migrants in the health and social care workforce"; "Migrants in the pension system"; and in the UK's country report.

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Events

BSPS Annual Conference 2018

10 – 12 September 2018, Winchester

In 2018, BSPS welcomes the participation in the Conference of the Netherland Demographic Society (NVD). There will be at least two sessions organised by NVD members, and Dutch and UK comparative papers will be particularly welcome across all strands.

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Second International Seminar on the Active Ageing Index

27 – 28 September 2018, Bilbao

The European Commission, UNECE, the University of the Basque Country, the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, with the support of the Government of Biscay (Spain), are organising a Second International Seminar on the Active Ageing Index (AAI) in Bilbao in September 2018.

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Migration, Environment and Climate: What risk inequalities?

22 – 23 October 2018, Paris

In partnership with the Centre national d'études spatiales (CNES) and with the support of the Agence française de développement (AFD), the French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED) and the French

Museum of Natural History (MNHN) are organising an international conference on the links between human mobility, climate and environmental changes.

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Call for Papers

Giornate di Studio sulla Popolazione (Population Days)

Deadline: 30/09/2018

The Giornate di Studio sulla Popolazione (Population Days), held every two years, is one of the most important initiatives of the Italian Association for the Study of Population (Sis-AISP). On that occasion, Italian and international leading experts and scholars, mainly from academia, the National Institute of Statistics (Istat) and other national and governmental agencies, come together to present completed, planned, and ongoing research on issues relating to the population and society with a multidisciplinary approach.

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Study & Career

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Full Professorship in Sociology, Population Studies

Observatoire sociologique du changement (OSC),
Sciences Po
Country: France
Deadline: 27 July 2018

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Individual Fellowships

Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research LIVES
Country: Switzerland
Deadline: 12 September 2018

Impact Evaluation Officer

IOM's Global Migration Data Analysis Centre
Country: Germany
Deadline: 15 August 2018

The Gro Harlem Brundtland Visiting Scholarship

The Centre for Fertility and Health
Country: Norway
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