

AYHD Newsletter

Welcome to our first issue

Your quarterly update from the Association for Young Historical Demographers. The AYHD newsletter keeps you up to date with current and forthcoming events in Historical Demography and related social science fields. It gives you a chance to publicise your new research and opportunities to the right audience. If you would like to contribute or subscribe to the newsletter, please contact Jeanne Cilliers who is the PR-Officer responsible for editing the newsletter. You can also join our Facebook group or like our Facebook page for more frequent announcements and updates.

— The AYHD Team

The first meeting of the association

by TIM RISWICK

The goal of the Association for Young Historical Demographers is to bring together junior scholars who investigate historical demographic processes. Young does therefore not refer to age, but more to a stage in one's academic career. We especially welcome BA-students, MA-students, PhD-students, post-docs, and other junior researchers to join this group. By offering a platform on which young historical demographers get the opportunity to exchange questions, ideas and their experience, we hope to strengthen the field of historical demography. Moreover, we hope this association will guarantee us having our own voice in the international community of Historical Demography.

On Tuesday 20 September 2016 the first meeting of the Association for Young Historical Demographers took place in Bar del Sol, Leuven: 18 PhD candidates and post-docs from all over Europe discussed the goals and future plans of the AYHD. The general conclusion was that the AYHD should be both a platform for exchanging knowledge on historical demography and an organisation which stimulates social events for junior scholars. Moreover, a first executive board and several ambassadors were elected to coordinate all future events.



FROM THE BOARD

A lot has happened during the last months after the official launch of the AYHD. A board was formed, ambassadors were elected and a website was created. This first newsletter is another initiative to strengthen the visibility of our association. But what can you expect from us now and in the future?

The goal of the AYHD is simple: being both a platform for exchanging knowledge and an organization which stimulates social events for junior scholars in the field of historical demography. To be able to achieve this goal we are first gathering information on workshops, summer schools, masterclasses, conferences and other interesting events to be able to offer an overview of the opportunities available to young historical demographers. This is information is distributed through our social media accounts, website and newsletter. Furthermore, because being as visible and transparent as possible is important, we are also publishing our board (and other) meetings on our website. Yet, in the next months we are also seeking support from international organizations and senior scholars for our mission statement to be more visible. We also believe this will improve the efficiency of our planned initiatives.

A first initiative is to organize panels and information sessions on conferences which are related to historical demography. By doing so, young scholars have a better chance to interact with each other on large conferences. An example will be the ESSHC in 2018 where we will try to organize a special event. A second initiative in the next period is to investigate and improve the education and the training possibilities for the historical demographers of the future. There are many initiatives, but the sources, methods and statistical programs differ a lot from institute to institute which makes choosing the right training sometimes difficult. We hope to be able to advice organizations on these issues when our investigation is finished. Lastly, we hope that you will follow news from our association and will spread this newsletter among your own networks. Moreover, we are always seeking support from other young scholars who would like to be an ambassador for our association. Let us know if you would like to help in some way or another.

NEWS ITEMS

New website launched

Following the success our the first meeting, we decided that the association would launch an official website. We are adding more content as soon as possible and if you have any suggestions or announcements let us know, or contact Edward Morgan who is the PR-Officer responsible for maintaining the website.

 www.younghistoricaldemographers.com

International Congress for Young Historical Demographers cancelled

Due to the low number of proposed panels the organizing committee has decided to cancel the congress.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

BSPS Conference 2017

Call for innovative session and strand proposals for the British Society for Population Studies Conference 2017. University of Liverpool 6-8 September 2017. The official call for papers will be issued after the council has met in mid-January 2017 and all submissions will be via the online submissions site.

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Nordic Demographic Symposium

The 20th Nordic Demographic Symposium will be held on June 14-16, 2017 in Turku, on the southwest coast of Finland. The biennial symposium brings together researchers, students and other experts especially from the Nordic and Baltic countries. The main theme of the NDS2017 will be Demography and Social Inequalities. The invited keynote speakers will address social inequalities from different perspectives, but contributions to the parallel sessions are welcome from all areas of demographic research (see themes). Abstract submission is now open. Deadline for submission of abstracts is **1 February 2017**.

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PopFest 2017

Stockholm University is pleased to be hosting the 25th Annual Population Postgraduate Conference, May 31 - June 2, 2017. Organized by PhD students for PhD students, PopFest is an annual Population Studies conference with the aim to bring together researchers from different Social Science disciplines such as Demography, Human Geography, Urban and Landscape Planning, Sociology, Social Anthropology, Social Statistics, Politics and other related fields. The Annual Population Postgraduate Conference provides a friendly, international environment for postgraduate students to present and discuss their work, chair sessions, and network. Theoretical as well as empirical topics include - but are not limited to: families, fertility, migration, mobility, inequality, health and methods. For the second time in its 24-year-long history, PopFest will leave the UK and take place in Stockholm, Sweden. PopFest 2017 will be hosted by Stockholm University's Demography Unit (SUDA), the Department of Sociology, the Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), and the Department of Human Geography. Abstracts for both oral presentations and poster sessions are welcome. Please note that the deadline is **3 February 2017**.

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International Union for the Scientific Study of Population

Call for papers for the II International Congress: Cities through History. Guimaraes, Portugal, 18-20 October 2017. The Congress is organized into sections that range from the Ancient, Medieval, Modern, Industrial City to the city of the Present. In addition to spontaneous communications, each section should have a presentation by a Portuguese researcher and another by a researcher from outside Portugal, in order to have a point of the situation on this theme in Portugal and internationally. Deadline for submission **3 February 2017**.

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War Hecatomb 2017

War hecatomb: effects on health, demography and modern thought (19th-21st centuries) Lisbon, 19th-20th June 2017. This conference aims to contribute to a deep reflection on the consequences of

wars on health of civil and military populations and the consequent demographic effects. We welcome proposals for papers or panels on health, demography and modern thought, namely on the following topics: Demographic effects and self-regulatory mechanisms, Wars and social policies, Families and communities' roles facing crisis, Armed conflicts and the modern thought, Health and public or private reactions. The working languages of this congress are English and Portuguese. There will be no simultaneous translation, and communications via Skype will not be accepted. Proposals should be sent to warandhealth@fcs.unl.pt before **15 February 2017**.

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EHES Conference

The call for papers for the twelfth European Historical Economics Society Conference, 1st and 2nd Sept 2017, Tubingen, Germany, is now open. The Conference Programme Committee invites proposals for individual papers on any aspect of European or global economic history covering a wide range of periods, countries and regions. The Society encourages submissions from young scholars. There will be at least 15 bursaries of 300-400 Euro each to help PhD students cover the costs of travel and accommodation. Requirements: For each proposed paper, an abstract not exceeding 500 words together with the institutional affiliation, the Email addresses of the authors and the keywords about the period, country/region and topic should be uploaded by **20 February 2017**.

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SSHA 2017

Call for Papers, 42nd Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association Montreal, Quebec Canada with the theme: Changing Social Connections in Time and Space. The SSHA is a multidisciplinary community of scholars interested in historical perspectives from all disciplines from across the social sciences. The Program Committee welcomes panels as well as individual papers on all aspects of social science history. The 2017 conference will be held November 2-5, 2017. The deadline for proposals for individual papers and complete sessions is **3 March 2017**.

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ESSHC Belfast 2018

The International Institute of Social History will organize the Twelfth European Social Science History conference in Belfast, 4-7 April 2018 at Queen's University. The ESSHC aims at bringing together scholars interested in explaining historical phenomena using the methods of the social sciences. The conference is characterized by a lively exchange in many small groups, rather than by formal plenary sessions. The Conference welcomes papers and sessions on any topic and any historical period. It is organized in a large number of networks: Africa, Antiquity, Asia, Criminal Justice, Culture, Economics, Education and Childhood, Elites and Forerunners, Ethnicity and Migration, Family and Demography, Health and Environment, Labour, Latin America, Material and Consumer Culture, Middle Ages, Oral History, Politics, Citizenship and Nations, Religion, Rural, Sexuality, Social Inequality, Spatial and Digital History, Science and Technology, Theory, Urban, Women and Gender, World History. The deadline for pre-registration is **1 May 2017**.

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INDEPENDENT COURSES

Barcelona Summer School

The Centre d'Estudis Demografics (CED) at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) is organizing a Summer School on Introduction to R and Data Visualization. The aim of this course is to provide an intensive introduction to R for researchers wanting to dive deep into this powerful and open source statistical software. The course is divided in two different modules, one for each week, covering 3 major strengths of R: Statistical analysis, data visualization, and spatial analysis. No previous knowledge in R is required to attend the course. Students are expected to bring their own laptops with R and RStudio installed. Both modules will be taught in English. The course is limited to 18 participants selected on a competitive basis. Priority will be given to researchers early-career (Master and PhD stu-

dents) but applicants from more advanced stages are also welcome. The deadline apply is **15 March 2017**.

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VACANCIES

- Research fellowship

Applications are sought for a research fellow to work on a project on the determinants and consequences of fertility (comparing low and middle income countries with those in a historical context - early 20th century Ireland). Applicants are expected to hold or be about to obtain a PhD in economics, demography, or a related discipline. Candidates with experience in development economics, economic history, and/or demography are especially welcome. The successful candidate will be based at Queen's Management School, working with the Centre for Health Research at the Management School (CHaRMS) and the Centre for Economic History (QUCEH). This is a 12 month position, with the deadline for applications **6 February 2017**.

- PhD position

PhD position in Sociological Demography at the Department of Sociology, Stockholm University. Closing date for applications **1 March 2017**.

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- AYHD ambassadors

There are currently still several vacancies for AYHD regional ambassadors. Ambassadors are the vital link between the executive board and the community of a certain geographical area. We are still looking for ambassadors in: Africa - Western Europe - North America - Latin and South America - and Oceania. For more information on how to become an AYHD ambassador contact our chairperson, Tim Riswick

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