

AYHD Newsletter

Your quarterly update from the Association for Young Historical Demographers. The AYHD newsletter brings 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 for more frequent announcements and updates.

— The AYDH Team

FROM THE AYHD BOARD

by TIM RISWICK

Behind the scenes a lot of things are happening in our association. And of course we would like to share the most important issues with you. Firstly, we are always trying to make contact with more young historical demographers by increasing our PR efforts. We are, for example, in the process of organizing an event later this year at the International Population Conference of the IUSSP in Cape Town, and a plan has been made to organize another meet-up at the European Social Science History Conference in Belfast 2018. In order to share our news items with people outside the AYHD, we have launched a public Facebook page, and in the near future we will launch a twitter-account to keep you updated. By undertaking these efforts, we hope to become a platform on which new ideas, experiences, and useful information are exchanged. Secondly, we are gathering information on the summer schools, workshops, and master-classes that provide the relevant skills to young historical demographers. Our goal is not only to create an overview of 'what is out there', but also to try to gather as much training material as possible to make available on our website. We hope that this will improve training opportunities for everyone and thereby also strengthen the field of historical demography in general. Lastly, we hope that you will keep following the news from our association and that you will spread this newsletter across

your own networks. Moreover, we are always seeking support from other young scholars who would like to be ambassadors for our association. Do not hesitate to let us know if you would like to help in some way or another.

SPOTLIGHT ON A NEW PUBLICATION

Genealogical Microdata and Their Significance for Social Science by Xi Song and Cameron D. Campbell. *Annual Review of Sociology* Vol. 43

Abstract: Despite long-standing recognition of the importance of family background in shaping life outcomes, only recently have empirical studies in demography, stratification, and other areas begun to consider the influence of kin other than parents. These new studies reflect the increasing availability of genealogical microdata that provide information about ancestors and kin over three or more generations. These data sets, including family genealogies, linked vital registration records, population registers, longitudinal surveys, and other sources, are valuable resources for social research on family, population, and stratification in a multigenerational perspective. This article reviews relevant recent studies, introduces and presents examples of the most important sources of genealogical microdata, identifies key methodological issues in the construction and analysis of genealogical data, and suggests directions for future research.

 [Read the full paper](#)

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 for: 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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IN OTHER NEWS

The "Young Demographers" Group at the Charles University in Prague organises an annual conference for young researchers in demography. The conference offers a great opportunity to meet fellow doctoral and post-doctoral researchers from all over the world and from various sub-disciplines of (historical) demography. The conference is well-organised and the jovial and small-scale atmosphere stimulates informal networking. The last conference was held in February 2017. Abstracts and presentations, as well as an online poster session can be accessed on the website.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

LIVES Workshop: *Family dynamics and the changing landscape of shared custody in Europe*

Herewith a call for abstract submissions regarding an international workshop that will take place at the University of Lausanne on December 14-15, 2017. It is open to social sciences researchers from all disciplines. We address this call to social sciences researchers (demography, sociology, social psychology, political sciences, economics, law) with an interest in the topic of custody arrangements. We particularly welcome empirical contributions (quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods) taking a national or international perspective on this domain. The deadline for abstract submissions is **15 June 2017**.

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Quetelet Conference 2017

The 2017 Quetelet Conference will be devoted to analysing the flows and demographic behaviours of refugee and displaced populations. The conference will take place from 29-30 November 2017, at the Center for Demographic Research (DEMO) Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. Papers can focus on theoretical or methodological issues (sources and quality of data, innovative sampling and analytical approaches). They may be comparative or focus on a specific region, country, or community, and be based on both quantitative and qualitative approaches. The deadline for submitting abstracts is **15 June 2017**.

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AGENTA FINAL CONFERENCE

The AGENTA Final Conference will be the annual conference of the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital. The conference will take place 20–22 November 2017 in Vienna, Austria, under the theme 'Economics consequences of population aging and intergenerational equity'. The guiding principle of the AGENTA project is to explain and forecast public transfers in Europe and provide evidence-based policy proposals to ensure the long-term sustainability of public finances. In the final conference, we shall bring researchers, stakeholders and policy-makers together to discuss the challenges and to develop strategies toward adapting the intergenerational transfer systems to demographic changes. We encourage theoretical contributions as well as empirical studies, in particular those based on National Transfer Accounts (NTA) and National Time Transfer Accounts (NTTA). Selected papers will be published in the 2019 issue of the Vienna Yearbook of Population Research. The deadline for submission is **30 June 2017**. 🌐 [Read more](#)

LIVES Workshop: Ambivalences, vulnerability and life course: potentials, gaps and challenges

On November 2-3, 2017 the University of Geneva will host a workshop which aim is to discuss the heuristic potential of the concept of ambivalence to study the accumulation of vulnerability over the life course. We welcome both empirical and theoretical papers discussing themes on the intersection of ambivalence, vulnerability and life course, to be distributed in advance among the participants. In the workshop we intend to stimulate interdisciplinary discussions on these topics and to potentiate research networks. The deadline for abstract submissions is **3 July 2017**. 🌐 [Read more](#)

EPC 2018

The European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) invites contributions to the next European Population Conference which will be held in Brussels, Belgium from 6-9 June 2018. EPC 2018 will convene at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and is a general scientific population conference where the topic 'Population, Diversity and Inequality' will receive special attention. Submissions should be made

to one of the conference themes, which will be developed into a series of sessions by the convener of each theme. At EPC 2018 only one submission as first (presenting) author is allowed. Participants may however co-author other papers or posters. Submissions may take the form of an abstract although full papers are preferred. Authors will be informed about acceptance of their submission by January 2018. Abstracts/papers for EPC 2018 can only be submitted at the [conference website](#). The deadline for submissions is **1 October 2017**.

EHS 2018

The Economic History Society Annual Conference will take place 6 - 8 April 2018 at Keele University. Please note the following deadlines: Call for academic and new researcher papers deadline: **4 September 2017**. Call for new researcher posters deadline: **20 November 2017**.

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WEHC 2018

This is the second (FINAL) call for papers, posters, and dissertations for the 18th World Economic History Congress in Boston, 2018. A first round of session proposals for the 18th gathering of the World Economic History Congress (to convene July 29 – August 3, 2018 in historic Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts) have been accepted and posted to the [WEHC2018 website](#). The Executive Committee of the IEHA encourages all individuals with an interest in participating to consult the list of accepted sessions, especially as many of them are still accepting additional paper presenters and other participants. The Executive Committee is also pleased to announce that it will consider additional session proposals submitted before **30 June 2017** from all members of the international economic history community, as it seeks to complete its program. We especially invite submissions that complement the sessions already in place with topics, regions, or time periods not yet well represented. This will be the last opportunity to propose sessions for the 2018 Congress. 🌐 [Read more](#)

Call for Dissertations

Students who have completed their dissertations between June 2014 and August 2017 are encouraged to submit their theses for the dissertation

panel/competition. Dissertation will be shortlisted and considered for awards in three separate categories: Ancient/medieval/early modern period; the long 19th century; and 20th century. The three finalists in each category will be invited to present their work in the dissertation panel. Theses written in languages other than English will also be considered, although the abstract needs to be in English. The deadline for electronic submissions of the theses, along with information on past and current affiliation of the student, advisor, 500-word abstract, and any other pertinent information is **1 December 2017**. All submissions will be acknowledged by a reply email. Selection of finalists will be announced by March 1, 2018. All materials should be sent by email to: ✉ iehaofficial@gmail.com.

Call for Poster Submissions

PhD students and junior postdoc researchers in economic history are invited to present their ongoing research to an international audience with a poster at the World Economic History Congress in Boston July 29 – August 3, 2018. We welcome historical applications in any field of economics or cognate social sciences, business history, demographic history, environmental history, global and world history, social history, urban history, methodological approaches to historical research, history of economics and economic thought, and other related fields. Digital posters will also be considered, pending space constraints. Posters will be selected on a competitive basis, and the best posters will receive an award (in three categories: ancient/medieval/early modern; the long 19th century; and 20th century). The deadline for submission is **31 January 2018**.

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INDEPENDENT COURSES

FAMILY, KINSHIP, AND HISTORICAL DATA WORKSHOP

An international workshop on recent developments in East-Central and Southeast Europe organized by the Centre for Population Studies, Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, will

take place from 25 - 26 August, 2017. This event is related to the ongoing research project: Rhythms and Patterns: The Quantitative Dimension of Family Life in Transylvania, 1850-1918. The deadline for applications is **15 June 2017**. Decisions will be announced by the end of June. The organizers will cover two nights of accommodation as well as meals. A limited number of travel grants will be available upon enquiry.

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HISTORICAL DEMOGRAPHY SUMMER SCHOOL

The Association of Historical Demography of Spain and Portugal will hold a summer school in Historical Demography in Barcelona from September 4th to 8th. The course aims at providing tools for the construction of Databases in both transversal and longitudinal designs, as well as teaching the main analytical techniques presently used. The school counts with the best researchers on historical and contemporary research as instructors and will also have a conference cycle with Anna Cabre (Autonomous University of Barcelona), Elisabeth Engberg (Centre for Demographic and Aging research at Umea University) and Anteiore Ferreira (History of Populations group from Minho University). The school will be taught in Spanish but any person that understands a little bit of Spanish can join it. The school accepts any kind of social scientists and statistical or demographic previous knowledge are not required.

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RESIDENTIAL TRAINING COURSE IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY

The Economic History Society offers 12 part-funded places on an intensive residential course designed to raise the quality and analytical rigour of doctoral dissertations in economic and social history; improve the communication skills of postgraduates; widen their approach to their subjects; and encourage them to form networks with established scholars and fellow students in their areas of expertise. The deadline for submission is **17 July 2017**.

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