

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 again in our association, and of course, we would like to share the most important issues with you before the Christmas Holiday. Firstly, we are proud to announce that we have filled most of the positions in our committee of recommendation with renowned dignitaries in the field of historical demography who will support and promote our association. We are happy that they have accepted to take on this responsibility as it will increase our influence and impact on the international scientific community.

Secondly, we have been asking ourselves what kind of information young historical demographers might need when trying to find their way in the field. Next to the information we provide about relevant conferences and training opportunities on our website, we have decided to gather information on all the organizations, networks, and institutes which are involved in historical demographic research and education. This page is still under construction, so if you know of any information that is missing, please let us know. In the future we are planning to make available a list of journals in which historical demographers frequently publish. In doing so, we hope that alongside being a platform for exchanging information, we can also offer direction to young historical demographers who find themselves lost in the vast amount of information on the web.

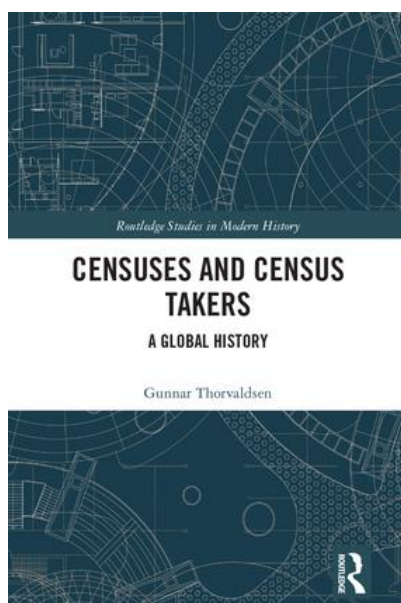
Thirdly, after an enjoyable informal event with 13 participants at the IUSSP International Population Conference in Cape Town, some important conferences are scheduled for the first half of 2018. Many of our members will be present at the following conferences and we will endeavour to organize (in)formal meet-ups: the Ninth Demographic Conference of 'Young Demographers' in Prague (February 15-16 2018), the European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC) in Belfast (April 4-7 2018), and the European Population Conference (EAPS) in Brussels (June 6-9 2018). Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for details.

Lastly, just as with populations, associations also change as the result of 'migration'. On the one hand, our secretary Christa Matthys has decided to leave academia, and therefore also resigns from her function on the AYHD board. We would like to thank Christa for everything: she was an enthusiastic and constructive contributor from the start, and was the driving force behind the collection of useful education materials now available on our website. This is still work in progress and something that she will still be involved with going forward. On the other hand, we are happy to welcome Yuliya Hilevych as the new ambassador for Western Europe, which you can read more about in this newsletter.

All that remains now is to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

SPOTLIGHT ON A NEW PUBLICATION

The new book by Gunnar Thorvaldsen, *Censuses and Census Takers. A Global History*, is now available.



This book analyses the international development of the census by comparing the history of census taking on all continents and in many countries. The timeframe is wide, from male censuses in the Bible to current censuses covering the whole population. There is a focus on the efforts and destinies of census takers and the development of methods used to collect information into the census questionnaires. The book highlights international cooperation in census taking, as well as how computerized access to census data facilitates genealogical studies and statistical research on both historical and contemporary societies. It deals with such questions as "Why did the French and British gentry block efforts at census taking in the 18th century?"; "What role did German censuses play during Holocaust?"; Why were the Soviet census directors executed as part of the Moscow processes?"; "Why did US states sue the Census Bureau in the 1970s?"; "How do wars and revolutions affect census taking?". The text ends by discussing whether the days of the population census as we know it are numbered, since countries exceedingly construct censuses by combining information from population registers rather than with questionnaires.

Gunnar Thorvaldsen is Professor at the Norwegian Historical Data Centre of the University of Tromsø, which has transcribed significant parts

of the censuses and collaborates internationally to make them available for research. He heads to the project to build a Historical Population Register for Norway. He has used censuses and church books for publications on migration, methodology and mortality.

[🌐 Buy it here!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPEN CALLS

WEHC 2018

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).

Deadline: **31 January 2018**.

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SOCIAL IMPACT OF EPIDEMICS

A workshop marking 100 years of the Great Flu Epidemic of 1918 September 3 – 5 2018, Oslo and Akershus University College, Oslo, Norway Organized by the Centre for Welfare and Labour Research, Oslo and Akershus University College, the Norwegian Demographic Society and the EAPS Working Group on Health, Morbidity and Mortality (HMMWG). Epidemics are the natural meeting ground between human civilisations and microscopic organisms. When they meet, some members of the human social group may die, others develop immunity, and the organism may subsequently mutate to the point where it can overcome that immunity. Neither human groups nor those of microorganisms are homogenous, however. For example, some sections of the human group will be more affected and others less, both immediately and over

time, as the result of going through the disease itself, or because of social adversities following bereavement and disruption. Consequently, major epidemics are likely to have major effects on the subsequent evolution of society. The purpose of this workshop will be to focus on these social consequences of major epidemics – the influenza epidemic of 100 years ago and others. We wish to address questions such as: What types of social groups were more and which less, affected by the epidemic? What are the most important factors that influenced the differential impact of the epidemic among groups? What effect, if any, did the epidemic have on social relations and future social developments? Specifically, did it have an impact on marriage, fertility and migration? How did the survivors of the disease and the bereaved spouses and children cope socially and economically later in life? Also, did the knowledge of differential social susceptibility during historical epidemics affect subsequent preventive actions? And how do these insights help us prepare for avoiding socially unjust epidemics in the future?

As in previous HMMWG workshops, there is no participation fee, but participants are expected to cover their own fares and accommodation.

Deadline: **15 March 2018**.

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VACANCIES

- PhD vacancy MPIDR

The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) is recruiting 1-2 PhD Students to work within the ERC-funded project "Lifespan inequalities: Why ages at death vary between countries and socioeconomic groups".

Deadline: **31 December 2017**.

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- PhD in demography LSE

Applications are invited for PhD studentships at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) for the 2018/19 session. We welcome applications on any topic in the fields of demography/population studies.

Deadline: **8 January 2018**

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- PhD studentships at the LSHTM

ESRC-funded PhD scholarships are available at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, to start in autumn 2018. We welcome any topic from excellent candidates in the fields of demography or reproductive and sexual health. The websites of the Population Studies Group (<https://psg.lshtm.ac.uk/>) and MARCH (Centre for Maternal, Adolescent, Reproductive and Child Health: <http://march.lshtm.ac.uk/>) have lists of staff who could potentially supervise projects, with their research interests. In the first instance, please contact a potential supervisor, including a CV and a description of research interests.

Deadline: **9 January 2018**

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- Masters in demography SUDA

Are you interested in questions about the population? Would you like to study important social trends relating to families, migration, and health? If so then choose to be a Master in Demography at Stockholm University!

Deadline: **15 January 2018**.

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- Two tenured researcher positions

INED is recruiting two tenured researchers (normal category) in 2018, with 2 profiles. Applications may be made either in French or in English.

Deadline: **18 January 2018**.

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- Funding for graduate study University of Oxford

Applications are invited for one fully funded 3 year PhD (DPhil) studentship based in the Department of Sociology to begin in October 2018. This studentship is available on Professor Christiaan Monden's ERC funded project on Family Size and Social Inequalities. The successful studentship applicant will be part of the ERC funded project FAMSIZEMATTERS, which studies questions about how family size affects the (re)production of social inequalities. This project team is led by Prof. Christiaan Monden and consists of a number of post-doctoral researchers and research assistants. The project sits at the intersection between Sociology and Demography. The geographic focus is Europe

and East Asia, though not all sub-projects have a comparative component. The PhD theses of the successful studentship applicant will focus on a particular sub-project within the larger project. Possible subject-matter of the studentship includes: only-children and socioeconomic inequalities; childlessness and socioeconomic inequalities; impact of children's socioeconomic position on their parents' well-being; high-fertility sub-populations in low fertility societies; and family size and gender inequality.

Deadline: **19 January 2018**

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- Scholarships for MSc demography and PhD social statistics and demography at University of Southampton

The South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership is now accepting applications for funding commencing in the 2018/19 Academic Year.

Deadline: **31 January 2018**

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- Faculty Position (Sociology) HKUST

The Division of Social Science at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology is multi-disciplinary, with faculty in political science, economics, sociology, psychology, geography, and other fields. In Fall 2017, we launched a new undergraduate major, Quantitative Social Analysis, to provide cross-disciplinary social science training that emphasizes quantitative analysis of social data. We would like to invite applications for a substantiation-track faculty position in Sociology at the rank of Assistant Professor. We seek candidates who will complement the Division's existing areas of strength and contribute to the teaching of quantitative methods in the Division's undergraduate and postgraduate programs. While the preference is for an Assistant Professor, an appointment at a higher rank may be considered. Competitive applicants will have a PhD degree from a reputable university and a record of research and publications with international impact (or demonstrated potential for such impact). A track record of successful competitive grant applications and/or excellent record on teaching at college level will be advantageous. Salary is highly competitive and will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Fringe benefits include annual leave, medical and dental benefits.

Housing benefits will be provided where applicable. Initial appointment at the Assistant Professor rank will normally be made on a three-year contract, renewable subject to mutual agreement. A gratuity will be payable upon successful completion of contract. Substantiation review normally takes place before completion of the second three-year contract.

Deadline: **1 February 2018**

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- ESRC postdocs

ESRC postdoctoral fellowships are now available and administered through the UBEL Doctoral Training Partnership at University College London, Birkbeck, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the School of Oriental and African Studies, and the University of East London. These fellowships are open to applicants who have completed their PhD at a research organisation that is part of an ESRC DTP or CDT and who are within 12 months of having completed their PhD.

Deadline: **23 March 2018**

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- PhD Scholarships at the University of Cologne

10-12 PhD Scholarships at the University of Cologne in the research areas: Design and Behavior, Behavioral Management Science, Digital Transformation, Demography and Social Inequality, Markets and Government, Value and Risk.

Deadline: **31 March 2018**

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AYHD AMBASSADORS

We would like to welcome our newest AYHD Ambassador for Western Europe, Yuliya Hilevych.



Yuliya Hilevych works on the study of reproduction, social relations, and public policy across time and space. She holds BA and MA degrees in Sociology from the University of Lviv, Ukraine, and a PhD in

Sociology from Wageningen University (joint degree with Radboud University), the Netherlands. Previously she held researcher appointments at Radboud University and the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demography Institute (NIDI). At present she is a Newton International Fellow of the British

Academy at the University of Cambridge, and a guest researcher at the Radboud Group of Historical Demography and Family History, Radboud University.

✉ [Get in touch with Julia](#)

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: North America - Latin and South America - and Oceania. For more information on how to become an AYHD ambassador contact our chairperson, ✉ [Tim Riswick](#)