

# AYHD Newsletter

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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

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## FROM THE AYHD BOARD

by TIM RISWICK

Over the last few months, we have focused on updating our website with relevant information and have started organizing a number of formal events. The result of the first is that the ‘conferences’ and ‘training & education’ pages on our website have been updated again, while the latter resulted in the *Day for Young Historical Demographers* as part of the 10th Conference for Young Demographers in Prague (6-8 February). More information can be found [here](#). It is already clear that it will be a great event featuring renowned historical demographers like George Alter, Michel Oris and Vlad Popovici, each of whom will be giving lectures and workshops. All of this was made possible thanks to the LONGPOP-INT project, the European Society for Historical Demography and the Young Demographers. Along with this formal event, we are also organizing an informal event during the European Society for Historical Demography Conference. More information will follow in our next newsletter.

The time has come for us to say goodbye to our vice-president Benjamin Matuzak and PR-Officer (social media) Stephanie Thiehoff who are leaving the board. Both were responsible for the official launch of the AYHD and have done considerable work ever since to strengthen our platform and improve the spread of relevant information to young historical demographers. Moreover, their positivity

and enthusiasm will be greatly missed. Luckily, we have found a new vice-president, Ryohei Mogi. He brings with him great ideas for CV building, tips and tricks about choosing the right journal for publishing your research, and how to deal with co-authorship as a junior researcher. Expect more on these topics soon and you can read more about Ryohei at the end of this newsletter.

## SPOTLIGHT ON A NEW PUBLICATION

Our newest recommendation comes from Ewout Depauw and Deborah Oxley and appears in the latest online issue of *The Economic History Review*.

Toddlers, teenagers, and terminal heights: the importance of puberty for male adult stature, Flanders, 1800–76

### Abstract:

Does adult stature capture conditions at birth or at some other stage in the growth cycle? Anthropometrics is lauded as a method for capturing net nutritional status overall the growing years. However, it is frequently assumed that conditions at birth were most influential. Was this true for historical populations? This article examines the heights of Flemish men born between 1800 and 1876 to tease apart which moments of growth were most sensitive to disruption and reflected in final heights. It exploits two proximate crises in 1846–9 and 1853–

6 as shocks that permit age effects to be revealed. These are affirmed through a study of food prices and death rates. Both approaches suggest a shift of the critical moment away from the first few years of life and towards the adolescent growth spurt as the most influential on terminal stature. Furthermore, just as height is accumulated over the growing years, conditions influencing growth need to be understood cumulatively. Economic conditions at the time of birth were not explanatory, but their collective effects from ages 11 to 18 years were strongly influential. At these ages, both health and nutrition mattered, to varying degrees. Teenagers, rather than toddlers, should be our guides to the past.

📄 [Read the full paper here!](#)

## SAVE THE DATE

### African Population Conference 2019

Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) announces their Eighth African Population conference Kampala, Uganda November 18-22, 2019. Theme: “Harnessing Africa’s Population Dynamics for Sustainable Development: 25 Years after Cairo and Beyond”. We’ll keep you updated as more conference information becomes available.

### EPC 2020

The next European Population Conference (EPC 2020) will convene in Padova, Italy from 24-27 June 2020. Make sure to reserve these dates and join us in Italy!

## OPEN CALLS

### 10th Demographic Conference of Young Demographers

The conference is planned for two days (7th and 8th February 2019) and will take place at the Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague. All participants will have the possibility to present their actual research and discuss it with colleagues from other countries or fields of study. Although the conference is focused mostly on Ph.D. students of Demography, all young (or a bit older) researchers (not only demographers – a section for non-demographers is planned) will be welcomed. The

working language will be English and except for a few online posters all presentations are expected to be in oral form. At least one section will be devoted to presentations of research based on usage of the SAS software. The SAS Institute of the Czech Republic and the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, partners of the conference, will award a prize of the best presentation using the SAS software or the best presentation with social context.

On 6 February 2019, a workshop on current research and modern methods in historical demography will be organized in cooperation with Association for Young Historical Demographers. The workshop capacity is limited. The workshop program will be specified during October 2018. If you are interested in participating, please submit the title of your proposed presentation, a short abstract in English (maximum 250 words) and 3–5 keywords via registration form before **November, 14 2018**. You will be informed about the acceptance before the 14th December 2018.

📄 [Register here](#)

### Baltic Connections

Conference in Social Science History at the University of Helsinki, Finland, March 22-23, 2019. This inaugural social science history conference will first convene in Helsinki in 2019 and next in Jyväskylä, Finland in 2020. We aim to bring together scholars working on comparative, economic, social, global, and other types of history and related social sciences to address various “East-West” historical processes and events as well as comparative and transnational analysis, including at the Baltic region, Europe, and the world. Potential topics for paper or panel proposals include but are not limited to trade, migration, comparative development, international political economy, and the diffusion and transplantation of institutions, ideas, and cultural influences. Moreover, we want to promote interdisciplinary encounters and discussions, with the goal of bringing together scholars working in Western, Nordic, Central and East European, Baltic, and Russian universities. Furthermore, we are open to proposals that incorporate new digital technologies in the presentations, including posters, as well as proposals for roundtables, including those focusing on teaching and pedagogy. Our first keynote speaker is Dr. James Robinson (University of Chicago, au-

thor of *Why Nations Fail*, among countless other publications), who will deliver the inaugural Riitta Hjerppe Lecture in Social Science History. The second speaker is Dr. Matthias Morys (York University), who is one of the leading experts in the economic history of Eastern Europe. And the third speaker is Dr. Heli Valtonen (University of Jyväskylä), who has published widely on business history topics. The deadline for proposals is **November 15, 2018**. Submitters will be notified of acceptance latest by December 1. Proposals can be submitted to: [balticsocsciencehist@gmail.com](mailto:balticsocsciencehist@gmail.com).

 [Read more here](#)

### ATINER CONFERENCE

The Anthropology and Demography Unit of ATINER will hold its 6th Annual International Conference on Demography and Population Studies, 17-20 June 2019, Athens, Greece sponsored by the Athens Journal of Social Sciences. The aim of the conference is to bring together academics and researchers from all areas of Demography and Population and other related disciplines. You may participate as stream leader, presenter of one paper, chair of a session or observer.

Please submit an abstract (email only) to: [atiner@atiner.gr](mailto:atiner@atiner.gr), using the abstract submission form by **November 19, 2018** to: Dr. Barbara Zagaglia. Please include: Title of Paper, Full Name (s), Current Position, Institutional Affiliation, an email address and at least 3 keywords that best describe the subject of your submission. Decisions will be reached within four weeks of your submission.

 [Read more here](#)

### CfP Women, Migration, and Aging in the Americas, 19th – 21st Centuries

This conference will be dedicated to the study of immigrant women's destinies in the Americas and their experiences of dependence or autonomy through aging, retirement, and/or widowhood in the 19th - 21st centuries. It will take place on September 26th – 27th, 2019 at Université de Cergy-Pontoise, France.

Proposals (a title, an abstract of 400 words maximum, and a short biography) in English should be sent by **November 30, 2018** to Marie-Pierre Arrizabalaga ([marie-pierre.arrizabalaga@u-cergy.fr](mailto:marie-pierre.arrizabalaga@u-cergy.fr)) Authors will be informed of the acceptance of their

proposal by the end of January 2019.

### Nordic Demographic Symposium

The 21st Nordic Demographic Symposium will be held on June 13-15, 2019 in Reykjavík. The symposium brings together researchers, students, and other experts in population studies from the Nordic region. The main theme of the NDS 2019 is the past 50 years of innovative research in Nordic demography. The sessions will include presentations from all main areas of demographic research (themes to be announced). The symposium is organized by the Swedish Demographic Association and Stockholm University Demography Unit (SUDA), in collaboration with the newly founded Icelandic Demographic Association and the University of Iceland.

Abstract submission for the 21st Nordic Demographic Symposium is now open. If you want to participate in the symposium, please submit your abstract to: [nds2019@su.se](mailto:nds2019@su.se) Abstracts of a maximum of 250-300 words should include information about:

- The study background
- Objectives and/or research question(s)
- Data and methods
- Results
- Main conclusions

Authors who wish to have their submission considered only for a poster session should make an indication of this when submitting the abstract. Proposals will be reviewed by the symposium's scientific committee and authors will receive a notification about the acceptance decision by January 15, 2019.

#### Important Dates:

- Deadline for submitting abstracts is **December 1, 2018**.
- Notification of acceptance will be made by **January 15, 2019**.
- Registration opens on January 15 and closes on **March 31, 2019**.

 [Read more here](#)

### ESHD 2019

The third conference of the ESHD will be held at the University of Pécs, Southern Hungary. The European Society of Historical Demography (ESHD), the Council of ESHD, Hungarian Demographic Research Institute, the Foundation for Demographic

Research, and the University of Pécs as the organizers of the conference have the pleasure to invite you to join the event in Pécs, Hungary, on 26-29 June, 2019. Pre-registration of paper and session proposals is now open on our website. With this call for sessions we would like to invite scholars to propose full sessions devoted to topics of historical demography in a broader sense including:

- Longitudinal and cross-sectional case studies,
- Comparative analyses on the population history of Europe and regions outside Europe both at the macro and the micro level, and
- Theoretical and methodological papers too.

We particularly encourage sessions devoted to regions and periods less studied to date and to comparative approach in analyses. The deadline for submitting a session proposal and pre-registration is **December 31, 2018**.

 [Read more here](#)

### 11th BETA-Workshop in Historical Economics

The 2019 BETA-Workshop in Historical Economics will be hosted by the University of Strasbourg from 13 to 14 May 2019. We welcome proposals in all aspects of cliometrics covering a wide range of periods and countries. For each proposed paper, please send us by e-mail, as soon as possible and before **January 10, 2019**, a short abstract of 400 words. Full papers are expected before the **April 15, 2019**.

A selection of papers presented at the 11th BETA Workshop will be considered for publication in *Cliometrica*. Speakers who submit a proposal to the Workshop should be able to obtain independent financial support for their travel and conference attendance.

 [Read more here](#)

### Population Young Author Prize

Submit your paper now! INED is accepting applications for the 2019 Population Young Author Prize (Award: 1,000 Euro).

Who is eligible to compete?

- Students enrolled in PhD or Master's programs

- Young researchers who have defended their PhD thesis in the last seven years

What types of paper are eligible to compete?

- Papers written under the researcher's own name
- Papers may also be co-authored by several young researchers.

What are the rules for submitting a paper?

- Compliance with the journal's editorial rules
- Paper written in English or French
- Proof of enrolment in a Master's or PhD program, or of PhD completion

What is the prize for the winner?

- Accelerated publication
- Immediate online open access to the newly published article
- One-year free subscription to *Population*

Deadline: **November 5, 2018**

 [Read more here](#)

### VACANCIES

- Post-doctoral fellow in economic history/demography (2 years)

Lund University is inviting applications for a post-doc position in economic history/demography starting January 1, 2019 (or by agreement). The tenure is limited to two years. The researcher will be employed at the Department of Economic History and affiliated with the Centre for Economic Demography at the Lund University School of Economics and Management. He/she will work in the research program "The Rise and Fall of the Industrial City: Landskrona Population Study" together with other post docs and senior researchers, doing demographic analyses using longitudinal individual-level data for the period 1900-2010. Candidates must have a PhD in a field related to economic history or demography (e.g. economic history, economics, history, demography, sociology), received no more than three years ago (unless the applicant has been on parental leave or leave due to illness). Applications will be accepted from persons who have not yet completed their PhDs, but this condition must be satisfied at the time of employment.

Deadline: **November 15, 2018**

 [Read more here](#)

- Positions in economic history

The Social Science Division of New York University in Abu Dhabi solicits applications for positions at all levels in economic history. For further information about the university and links to submit applications, please go to the following websites: For assistant professor, associate professor, and full professor, [read more here](#). For post-doc positions, [read more here](#).

- Research Fellowship

Dr. Jo Hale (Lecturer, U of St. Andrews) that the St Andrews Population Health Research Group (PHRG) is submitting an application for internal funding to fund a scholar (junior or senior) for a 3-4 month research fellowship to visit and collaborate at the U of St Andrews in Scotland. The PHRG team includes Prof. Hill Kulu (Human Geography and Demography), Dr. David McCollum (Senior Lecturer, Geography), Dr. Katherine Keenan (Lecturer, Epidemiology/Demography), and Dr. Albert Sabater (Research Fellow, Geographer/Demography).

This project will focus on migration and health in sub-Saharan Africa, and the fellowship to visit is aimed at supporting a researcher who currently resides in a low-and-middle income country. They have identified an appropriate data source in Malawi, so they would like to identify a candidate from that region, who might be interested in increasing their quantitative skills and/or perhaps learn or expand their GIS skills, while helping the PHRG familiarize themselves with the data, the context, etc. The fellowship would also provide an opportunity to network with other UK-based scholars.

The proposal is due in early November, and the fellowship would start this Spring (concluding by June 2019), so they'd like to identify a couple of good candidates who are available at that time should they secure the funding. Please email Dr. Hale directly ([Jo.Hale@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:Jo.Hale@st-andrews.ac.uk)) to express interest.

- 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](#)

- Vacancy as AYHD PR-Officer (social media)

If you are interested in joining our board please send us a message or contact our president Tim Riswick via e-mail.

[📧 Read about the position here](#)

## WELCOME RYOHEI

We welcome our new AYHD Vice-President, Ryoei Mogi, who is currently a PhD candidate at CED (Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and a former EDSD student in 2016/2017 in Rome. His research interest is first childbirth processes, especially childlessness, mate selection, and bridal pregnancy (premarital childbearing) comparing Southern European countries and Japan considering historical trends.



## NEW PUBLICATIONS BY YOUNG RESEARCHERS

1. Cilliers, J and Mariotti, M. (2018). [The shaping of a settler fertility transition: eighteenth- and nineteenth-century South African demographic history reconsidered](#), *European Review of Economic History*, hey019.
2. Junkka, J. (2018). [Membership in and Presence of Voluntary Organisations during the Swedish Fertility Transition, 1880-1949](#). *Historical Life Course Studies*, 5, 3-36.
3. van Wijhe, M. (2018). [The public health impact of vaccination programmes in the Netherlands: A historical analysis of mortality, morbidity, and costs](#) [PhD Thesis]: University of Groningen.