

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

SAVE THE DATE IN PÉCS

Date	Time	Topic (venues to be announced on social media)
26 June	14:00-15:00	Building an Academic Career: Tips & Tricks from Peers
26 June	15:00-16:00	Academic Publishing: Ask the Editors
27 June	19:00-21:00	Informal get together for association members
28 June	14:00-15:45	The Future of the Association for Young Historical Demographers

FROM THE AYHD BOARD

by TIM RISWICK

Since our last newsletter we have mainly focused on organizing formal and informal events to take place at the European Society for Historical Demography Conference in Pécs, Hungary. In the preliminary program of the conference, there is already a round table on *'The Future of the Association for Young Historical Demographers'* scheduled to take place on **Friday, 28 June, between 14:00-15:45**.

However, we will kick-off the conference with two one-hour informal sessions on **Wednesday 26 June, between 14:00-16:00**. The first session is *'Building an Academic Career: Tips and Tricks from Peers'*, in which a panel of post-docs will discuss ideas for CV building and answer any questions you might have. The second session is *'Academic Publishing: Ask the Editors'*, where several editors of academic journals introduce themselves and their journal, give tips and tricks about choosing the right journal for publishing your research, and answer

any other questions you might have regarding the publishing process. Lastly, on **Thursday 27 June, between 19:00-21:00** we are organizing an informal get together where we can to get to know each other better, exchange research ideas and more importantly have a nice evening with peers. More information on these events will follow soon on our website and social media.

Lastly, just as with populations, associations also change as the result of 'natural growth'. We welcome a new board member in the person of Sarah Rafferty who will be responsible for social media as our new PR-Officer. Next to a new board member, we welcome an ambassador for all the young historical demographers in Oceania, making our outreach ever more global. We are very happy to welcome Isabelle Cherkesly as part of our group of ambassadors. You can also read more about both of our new additions at the end of this newsletter.

SPOTLIGHT ON A NEW PUBLICATION

Our newest recommendation comes from Joël Floris and Kaspar Staub and appears in the latest online issue of *History of the Family*.

Water, sanitation and mortality in Swiss towns in the context of urban renewal in the late nineteenth century

Abstract:

The modernisation of water supply and sanitation in Swiss towns at the end of the nineteenth century contributed to a reduction in waterborne infectious diseases such as typhoid fever. We analyse the association between mortality rates and these large-scale urban infrastructure projects in 15 major Swiss towns between 1876 and 1901. During this period, Switzerland experienced a rapid economic development and modernisation as well as rising living standards. We used panel data regression models with fixed effects to estimate the effects of the sanitary reforms. In 1876, the average typhoid fever mortality rate was 87 deaths per 100,000 people. In 1901 it had decreased to 10 deaths. We find that the introduction of modern water supply reduced typhoid fever mortality rates by 22 percent. Finally, we show that the modernisation of this central urban infrastructure was a complex, step-by-step process.

 [Read the full paper here!](#)

OPEN CALLS

AEHN Annual Meeting

The African Economic History Network, in association with the Economic History Department at the University of Barcelona, announces a Call for Papers for the 14th Annual Meeting of the African Economic History Network. The conference theme is 'Global Dimensions of African Economic History'. The conference will be held 18-19 October 2019 in Barcelona, Spain.

Papers on all aspects of African economic history are welcome, but preference will be given to those that pertain to the conference theme. Although the conference working language will be English, papers in French will also be accepted for some specific sessions. Abstracts no longer than 500 words should be submitted to aehn2019@ub.edu. Some bursaries will be available for graduate stu-

dents and faculty from Africa. If applicable, please indicate this need in your submission.

Deadline for abstracts: **May 15, 2019**

 [Read more here](#)

Economic History sessions at ASSA

The Economic History Association will sponsor two sessions at the ASSA meetings in San Diego, January 3-5, 2020. The program committee includes Simone Wegge and Marianne Wanamaker. Authors interested in presenting a paper should upload a 2-3 page summary [here](#) by **May 18, 2019**. Be sure to include contact information for all authors on the first page of the submission. At least one author must be a member of the Economic History Association.

ESTER Research Design Course

The European graduate School for Training in Economic and social historical Research (ESTER) is a European platform for postgraduate teaching. ESTER announces its annual Research Design Course (RDC) for economic and social historians on 28-30 October 2019, in Lyon (France) The Research Design Course (RDC) is a format promoted by ESTER since the late 1990s. The RDC assists PhD students in social and economic history in setting up a high-quality and well-designed plan for their dissertation under the guidance of a team of leading senior researchers whose task it is to provide comments and feedback. The RDC consists of a 3-day workshop. Prior to the workshop, PhD students will prepare a paper (of around 25 pages) according to a set of guidelines. During the workshop, each paper will be examined in separate 70-minute sessions. Each session will begin with comments prepared by one of the participating PhD students, followed by comments by one of the senior commentators, after which a general discussion among all participants will take place. PhD students should apply online [here](#) and submit an 800-word abstract of the content of their dissertation project. A first selection of students will take place on the basis of the abstract. After this stage, students who are accepted will be asked to follow a set of guidelines in order to write their research paper.

Deadline for abstracts: **June 10, 2019**

 [Read more here](#)

WEHC 2021

The 19th gathering of the World Economic History Congress will convene July 25 – 30, 2021 in Paris, France. The Executive Committee of the IEHA welcomes proposals from all members of the international economic history community, whatever their institutional affiliation or status, as well as from scholars in related disciplines.

First call for Sessions closes on **June 30, 2019**

EPC 2020

The European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) invites submissions to the European Population Conference 2020 which will be held in Padova, Italy from 24-27 June 2020. EPC 2020 is organized by EAPS in collaboration with the Department of Statistical Sciences of the University of Padova, and will convene at Padova Fiere. 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.

Deadline for submissions: **November 1, 2019**

Poznan 2020

In August 2020, the 23rd International Congress of Historical Sciences will be organized in Poznań, Poland. At the Adam Mickiewicz University hundreds of scholars will present and share their latest results on various topics. Within the program, on 27 and 28 August, the International Commission for Historical Demography organizes several sessions in which scholars present their research. Please check the [Call for Papers](#) within the proposed sessions.

Deadline for submissions: **May 30, 2019**

VACANCIES

- Postdoctoral/Postgraduate Associate Positions CEAS Digital Tokugawa Lab

The Council on East Asian Studies at Yale University invites applications for postdoctoral associate and postgraduate associate positions in the CEAS Digital Tokugawa Lab. The appointment period for both positions is from July 1st, 2019 – June 30th, 2020. The Digital Tokugawa Lab is a working group of one faculty member (Fabian Drixler) and up to three postdoctoral or postgraduate associates who will collaborate on one or more shared projects for

one year. The highest priority in 2019/20 will be the creation of a series of digital maps for Tokugawa Japan's territorial structure, based in part on the results of text mining. The maps are likely to be widely used by historians and other scholars, as they address a longstanding need: at present, the territories of Tokugawa Japan have been fully mapped for 1664 and ca. 1868 only, and even for those two years, there is considerable scope for improvement. Postdoctoral associates are expected to devote at least 28 hours per week to the collaboration, and are free to spend the remainder of their time on their own research. Time permitting, the lab may undertake other projects in which text mining, data analysis, GIS, and Tokugawa history come together. The lab is looking for several skillsets: fluent Japanese, Japanese history, GIS, programming / computer science, statistics, data analysis, and text mining (esp. information extraction) as well as other Digital Humanities methods. There is no expectation that individual applicants have expertise in all these areas, or even in both digital methods and Japanese history; but an interest in both the methods and the content is highly desirable. One goal for the program is to give postgraduate associates opportunities for developing new skills. For questions, please contact [Fabian Drixler](#)

 [Read more here](#)

- Assistant Professor (tenure track), Wageningen University

Wageningen University is looking for an ambitious historian devoted to research and education in social science history. As an Assistant Professor you will participate in our research program on global history. Within this context you will develop your own research line and you will lecture BSc and MSc courses (e.g. Globalization in Historical Perspective, Demography, Food History) to students both in social and natural sciences at Wageningen University and co-supervise PhD-students. In addition, you are expected to contribute actively to the acquisition of research grants and research projects. Candidates should hold a PhD in the field of economic, social or demographic history is familiar with social science theories on long-term development has published in internationally refereed scientific journals has strong didactic and presentation skills and enthusiasm for teaching and working with (international) students in a broad range of programmes holds a Univer-

sity Teaching Qualification (Basis Kwalificatie Onderwijs) or is prepared to obtain one has an international scientific network has the ability to acquire externally financed projects has good organisational skills. For further information please contact Prof. [Ewout Frankema](#) or read more [here](#).

- 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
- South America

For more information on how to become an AYHD ambassador contact our chairperson, [Tim Riswick](#)

WELCOME SARAH AND ISABELLE

We welcome our new PR Officer Sarah Rafferty. Sarah gained a Geography BA(Hons) from the University of Nottingham in 2016, specialising in Medical Geography. Her undergraduate dissertation was awarded the Royal Geographical Society's Historical Geography Research Group 'Highly Commended' Prize for research into smallpox during the inter-war period. She has since published two academic papers on historical smallpox. Over the course of her MSc in Demography and Health at the London School of Hygiene and Medicine, her research interests developed with a distinct demographic focus. Her Masters thesis entitled "Infant mortality and its decline in London, 1891-1911: an exploratory spatial analysis of patterns and determinants" was awarded the Selwyn-Clarke Demography Prize. In September 2018, Sarah started an AHRC funded PhD at the University of Cambridge in the Geography Department, supervised by Dr Alice Reid. Her project continues to explore the variations in infant mortality decline in London, 1870-1929 and focuses on demographic, political and social reforms and how they influenced this health outcome. She is also working on the historical demography of Tanzania in a Research Assistant capacity; and is the Early Careers Trustee of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.



We also welcome our new ambassador for Oceania. Isabelle Cherklesly is undertaking a PhD at Monash University (Clayton Campus) in Australia. Her research concentrates on female convict marriages in 19th century Van Diemen's Land. This research is being completed with the database collected by the Founders and Survivors project (FAS) and the Female Convicts Research Center (FCRC) in Tasmania. She has previously completed an MA in demography at Université de Montréal (SSHRC scholarship), during which she studied French Canadian marriage patterns in 19th century Canada (1852-1921). This Master's research was completed with the NAPP (North Atlantic Population Project), CCRI (Canadian Century Research Infrastructure) and CFP (Canadian Families Project) data, and with the help and resources of the Programme de Recherche en Démographie Historique (PRDH). This previous research has awarded Isabelle with an expertise in using Canadian historical census

