

International Cyberseminar:

Family demography: Advancing knowledge about intergenerational relationships and exchanges in low and middle-income countries

IUSSP Scientific Panel on Family Demography in Developing Countries

International Cyberseminar: Online Thursday 9th and Friday 10th Jan 2014

Call for papers

Organized by:

The IUSSP Panel on Family Demography in Developing Countries, in collaboration with the University of Southampton.

Deadline for abstract submission: 12pm (GMT), 30 September 2013

The goal of the IUSSP Panel on Family Demography in Developing Countries is to promote exchange between professionals and students interested in demographic and health issues related to intergenerational relationships and exchanges in low- and middle-income countries.

The IUSSP Panel on Family Demography in Developing Countries, in collaboration with the University of Southampton, will be organising three cyberseminars in 2014-2015. Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK, the overarching aim of the cyberseminars is to facilitate policy relevant research and extend the contribution of demography to understanding intergenerational relationships and support in low- and middle-income countries. The committee members are: Co-chairs: Vicky Hosegood (Southampton University/Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies) & Kathryn Yount (Emory University). Members: Jacques Alioune (University of Kinshasa), Solveig Argeseanu Cunningham (Emory University), Brigida García (El Colegio De Mexico), Sureeporn Punpuing (Mahidol University), Sabu Padmadas (Southampton University) and Sara Randall (University College of London). Advisor: Shireen Jejeebhoy (Population Council, Dehli)

Intergenerational relations involve the exchange of material, instrumental, and emotional support across the life course and family life cycle. Parents are sources of support to their children but can become recipients of support, especially at the oldest ages. Older parents around the world rely most often on their adult children for financial support and care, and adult children increase contact and even become co-resident when parents experience losses, such as widowhood, or declines in health. Amidst dramatic changes in family structure and residential mobility, the extent to which this family lifecycle of intergenerational support is realized is uncertain. Economic uncertainty and the relative absence of public safety nets in poor settings in the global south heighten the policy relevance of understanding and addressing these issues.

This call is for papers relating to the first of these cyberseminars. Seminars 2 & 3 will be convened in late 2014 and early 2015.

CYBERSEMINAR 1 - 'Family demography: Advancing knowledge about intergenerational relationships and exchanges in low and middle-income countries'

9th and 10th January 2013

Format

The first cyberseminar is arranged around three broad strands:

Strand 1: Concepts and methods

Advancing demographic studies of intergenerational relationships and support

We especially welcome submissions that address:

- *Critical interrogations of concepts and typologies used in family demography and intergenerational research.*
- *Explorations of the theoretical underpinnings of demographic studies and methods in the area of intergenerational research.*
- *Systematic reviews or strong conceptual reviews that advance theory.*

Strand 2: Family demography

Contributing to understanding intergenerational relationships and support in contemporary low and middle-income countries

We welcome country-specific or comparative, quantitative and/or qualitative empirical studies of intergenerational relationships and exchanges. Authors of papers presenting empirical findings are encouraged to discuss critically the conceptual and methodological challenges and innovative solutions that can enhance future demographic data collection methods and analyses.

Strand 3: Demographic datasets

Highlighting existing data and ongoing studies that can be used to understand intergenerational relationships and support in the global south

The organizers welcome papers that summarize information about existing datasets or ongoing studies intergenerational relations and support. Data need not be publicly available but please describe the procedures for data access and scope for potential collaboration.

Guidelines for authors:

- Submissions of papers to all strands should include a short abstract (of no more than 250 words) along with an extended abstract of 2 – 4 pages. The same author(s) may submit more than one paper to any combination of strands . Submissions are due by Monday 30th September 2013, 12pm (GMT)
- We also invite submissions of poster presentations to all strands. If you would like to submit a poster or short presentation, please submit **ONLY** a short abstract (of no more than 250 words) by Monday 30th September 2013, 12pm (GMT)
- Authors of selected papers and posters will be notified by 21st October 2013
- Complete versions of selected papers must be submitted online by 2nd December 2013, 12pm (GMT)
- Cyberseminar online will be activated on 9th and 10th Jan 2014

All abstracts and complete papers and posters must be submitted via the IUSSP website. Abstracts may be submitted in English, French, or Spanish. However, the working language of the cyberseminar discussions and of final submitted papers will be English. Details of the submission process can be found here: www.iussp.org/en/panel/panel-family-demography-developing-countries

Cyberseminar format

A relatively simple online format will be used for the cyberseminar to ensure that participation is not limited by poor internet access or time zones. All keynote presentations, selected papers and discussant comments will be available to registered participants during the two-day seminar on the 9th and 10th January 2014. Participants will be able to read, watch, post responses and contribute written responses to moderated discussion forums. Keynote video presentations will be pre-recorded for viewing at any time. Authors of papers and posters posted as documents are not required to present their paper but will be asked to respond to questions and comments during the seminar. After closing the seminar the posted materials will be edited and made available for viewing for non-registered participants.

Dissemination

An online collection of selected papers, posters, commentaries and other materials from the cyberseminar will be co-hosted by the INDEPTH Network and the Centre for Population Change. Dependent on the submissions, the organisers are in discussion with journals about publishing selected content from the cyberseminar as a journal special issue.

Mailing list and cyberseminar registration

There are no registration fees. A 'virtual' format was chosen for the seminar to maximise international participation. Although it is necessary to limit the number of papers selected for discussion, viewing the online materials and participating in the discussion boards is open to all researchers, students from demography and allied disciplines, as well as practitioners in family-centered programmes or involved in the collection of data on families in low- and middle-income settings. We welcome people to register for all or some of the seminars.

Registration and submissions will open on 1st August 2013. All details about registration and submission will be available on the Cyberseminar website: <http://blog.soton.ac.uk/intergen> and the IUSSP website: www.iussp.org/en/panel/panel-family-demography-developing-countries

Mailing list and contacts

If you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates about the cyberseminars, please send an email to intergen@soton.ac.uk

Informal enquires can be addressed Dr Vicky Hosegood (v.hosegood@soton.ac.uk) or Professor Kathryn Yount (kathryn.yount@emory.edu)

Technical assistance

We have some funds to assist the authors and keynote presenters who may experience difficulties accessing the internet during the two-day seminar or technical support for recording a keynote presentation. Please email the organisers via the mailing list to find out whether we are able to assist.