

Coming of age. The 21st PopFest conference

Call For Papers

The 21st Annual Postgraduate
Population Studies Conference

University of Southampton

8-10th July 2013

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The Division of Social Statistics and Demography at the University of Southampton

We are very pleased to announce that the Division of Social Statistics and Demography at the University of Southampton is hosting PopFest2013. The Division is known for its expertise and the international scope of its research and is currently home to 45 postgraduate research students. The focus of research in the Division includes demographic issues surrounding health and well-being, sample survey methods, statistical modelling, and policy and evaluation. Collaboration across disciplines as well as with government and agencies around the world ensures the impact of research findings in the academic and policy arenas. We hope that this conference will therefore provide excellent networking opportunities with others in the field.

Conference Overview

PopFest is an annual population studies conference for postgraduate students, organised by fellow postgraduates. It is a great opportunity for postgraduate research students from a wide range of disciplines including Demography, Economics, Social Policy, Health Sciences, Sociology, Human Geography, Historical Demography, Anthropology and Social Statistics to present their work relating to human populations and develop their networks.

This year's theme, 'Coming of Age' marks PopFest's 21st birthday and return to its birthplace, as the University of Southampton also hosted the very first conference in 1992. In order to celebrate the return of PopFest to Southampton, the committee will be expanding the remit of the conference through the inclusion of a training day designed to equip delegates with valuable skills for establishing their careers. The programme of oral presentations will cover a wide range of topics, within the field of population studies, and a poster session will also be held during the conference reception.

We are very pleased to announce that Professor David Martin, co-Director of both the ESRC UK Data Service and the ESRC National Centre of Research Method, will be our conference keynote speaker. Professor Martin will open the conference discussing the census, looking back at the past and looking forward to the future, taking a multidisciplinary perspective. We also look forward to welcoming Doctor Diana López-Falcón who will deliver the conference plenary which will focus on policy issues in contemporary population studies, and the challenges and opportunities for researchers in the future. As a Research Scientist at Population Europe, this plenary offers delegates the unique opportunity to gain an understanding of a post-graduate career in the context of a leading international research institution.

Call for Papers and Posters

The PopFest programme offers delegates the opportunity to present their work in oral presentation sessions or at a poster reception. Oral presentations will be allocated to sessions with others of a similar theme. Sessions will be 90 minutes long allowing presentations to last for 15 to 20 minutes followed by time for questions. A poster session will be held on the Monday evening during the Conference Reception and it is anticipated that posters will remain on display throughout the conference.

PopFest also provides post graduates with the **opportunity to chair sessions**. If you are interested in chairing a session please contact us.

Instructions for submitting an oral or poster presentation

All abstracts must be submitted by email to:
popfest2013@southampton.ac.uk.
The deadline for submissions is 1st March 2013.

1. Abstracts should be up to 500 words and must include a description of the topic to be presented, data and research methods as well as results if already known. Participants should indicate whether they will be expecting to present findings or just ideas.
2. Abstracts should be submitted in pdf format and include the author's name, institution and email address.
3. Authors should indicate whether they wish to submit their paper for an oral or poster session. Authors who are submitting oral presentations should indicate whether they would like their paper to be considered for a poster if it is not accepted for a regular session. Authors can submit and present for both poster and oral presentations.
4. Authors will be informed whether they have been accepted by 31st March 2013.
5. If the submission is accepted, a draft oral presentation or poster should be emailed in pdf format by 31st May 2013. Final presentations should be emailed at the latest one week before the conference.
6. Authors accepted need to register and pay for the conference before 31st May 2013.

Registration

Registration is open on the conference website: www.southampton.ac.uk/popfest

The registration fee of the event will be £75 for the three days and is non-refundable. This price will include three lunches, refreshments throughout the conference, a wine reception and BBQ Buffet on the first evening and a conference evening meal. The deadline for registration is 31st May but delegates are encouraged to register early as reserved accommodation at the University is limited.

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