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BSPS Annual Conference 2016

Monday 12 - Wednesday 14 September 2016, University of Winchester

CALL FOR PAPERS: DEADLINE TUESDAY 12 APRIL (Midnight).

The 2016 BSPS Conference will be held at the University of Winchester, 12-14 September. All Conference sessions will be held on site, where Conference catering and high-standard accommodation will also be available at very reasonable rates. Booking forms will be available from early May, together with a provisional timetable.

There will be a full programme of simultaneous strand sessions of submitted papers. Proposals or abstracts for papers and posters are invited across the **entire demographic and population studies spectrum**. Presenters are requested to submit ongoing work with incomplete analyses and findings as posters rather than papers. **Oral presentations should include results**. For organisational purposes, strand organisers have been allocated to specific themes: email queries may be addressed to the strand or session organiser shown below. **Submissions of both quantitative and qualitative papers are welcome.**

Some sessions within strands have been suggested and these will be organised by the person named as session organiser, within an overall strand and in conjunction with the overall strand organiser. Sessions within strands are shown beneath the overall strand title.

Training sessions & workshops: Suggestions for and offers to organise would be very welcome.

There will be two plenary sessions on the theme of *Demography & evidence-based policy*.

Papers on policy issues & implications & evidence-based policy would be particularly welcome in 2016, across all strands, & to fit with the plenary theme. BSPS anticipates either sessions within strands or cohesive sessions on this theme.

Information updates on the Conference will be posted to the BSPS website as available. See:

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/socialPolicy/Researchcentresandgroups/BSPS/annualConference/Home.aspx>

Presenters of posters will be expected to attend the scheduled poster session on the first evening of the Conference, but posters will remain on display for the duration of the Conference.

Submissions for oral presentations and posters should be made online by midnight on **Tuesday 12 April, 2016**. Presenters are required to submit a short abstract of up to 250 words, including the research question, methods, data and any preliminary results & potential applications. Extended abstracts are optional but will be used to help selection of papers: up to a maximum of 4 double-spaced A4 sheets & in PDF format only emailed directly to pic@lse.ac.uk, with '**BSPS extended abstract**' in the subject line. Strand organisers may request further details of a potential presentation or an extended abstract before decisions are made on acceptance. Short abstracts of all papers will appear in the printed Conference programme.

Choose an appropriate strand and submit online at:

https://lse.ut1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5Bw4plawcXArrox

If you are unable to submit online, please contact pic@lse.ac.uk for alternative arrangements.

All online submissions are collated by the BSPS Secretariat, then passed on to individual strand organisers for assessment. Oral and poster presentations are given equal weight. Final decisions on papers and posters accepted for presentation will be made by the beginning of May 2016, with the person who submitted advised of the decision at that time.

BEFORE PREPARING YOUR SUBMISSION YOU ARE ADVISED TO READ THE NOTES AT THE END OF THIS CALL FOR PAPERS.

Strand & sessions, with organisers are as follows:

Ageing & the life course:

This strand welcomes submissions of papers relating to the process of ageing over the life course; intergenerational relations and exchange of support; the consequences of ageing for the (physical, mental, emotional, financial) wellbeing of individuals and their families; qualitative or quantitative research methodology.

Including session(s): Wellbeing in later life using the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA): This session invites empirical applications using ELSA on wellbeing, specifically the bi-directional relationship between wellbeing and later life outcomes. The aim of the session is to exemplify the breadth and depth of investigation possible with these data, including associations between wellbeing and working after pension age, self-perceived age, and disability.

Strand organisers: Dr. Athina Vlachantoni, University of Southampton & Dr. Stephen Jivraj, University College London: a.vlachantoni@soton.ac.uk, stephen.jivraj@ucl.ac.uk.

Demography & policy: the local dimension

The strand will look at how demographic data is used to formulate local policy and aims to bring in contributions from the wide range of bodies making policy decisions for local areas in the UK or overseas; Local and Central Government, Police, Health, Local Enterprise Partnerships, Transport, Environment Agency.

Under this Strand (or elsewhere if a better fit) we are looking at Sessions on

1. **Infographics** - Presenting demographic data – this session will look to showcase innovative ways to present data through a range of techniques including infographics, as well as some basic guidance on how to present demographic data to a range of users.

2. **Devolution** - how is this impacting on local policy decision making (impact on demographic data, sharing information, combining data.)

3. **Demographic Projections**

- Secondary School Projections : as the larger cohort of children hit secondary age how are Local Authorities responding?
- Scenario building for Local Plans : Households, Jobs, Commuting, transport investment – impacts on/of sub-national migration.
- Projecting Electors for Ward reviews
- Impact of ageing on Local Services: Housing, Social Care, Public Health

4. **Use of Administrative data to help inform policy** - is it becoming more important?

Examples of how local data is being used to help inform policy decisions.

5. **Training Session offers** – do you have a PC based application or methodology that you would be happy to share with others? Using GIS for planning/projection work, Infographics, use of the Popgroup software e.g. small area population projections, modelling sub-national migration. For further information on this, contact Piers.

Strand & session organisers: Piers Elias, Greg Ball, Gemma Quarendon:

piers.elias@gmail.com, gregball@orangehome.co.uk and gemma.quarendon@hants.gov.uk

Ethnicity & religion:

This Strand encompasses paper-sessions on ethnicity and religion. The sessions explore ethnic and religious identities, their interplay and change over time, ethnicity and inequalities, attitudes towards ethnicity and religion. Papers addressing topics on either ethnicity, religion or a combination of both can be submitted.

Further Details:

Depending on the themes of the submitted papers, we anticipate sessions addressing topics on:

- Ethnic and Religious identities, their interplay and change over time
- Ethnicity and socio-economic inequalities
- Attitudes towards ethnicity and religion (e.g. out-group attitudes and prejudice)
- Secularization and religious change in Europe and the World
- Place- Neighbourhood and Segregation
- Ethnicity, Health and Mortality

- Inequalities in education, health etc.

Including session(s): Longitudinal perspectives on migration & ethnicity - Using longitudinal perspectives to look at ethnicity and migration. For example, sending/receiving country analysis, or looking at processes over time through which ethnic differences in outcomes evolve.

Strand organisers: Dr. Stefanie Doebler, Dr. Ian Shuttleworth: s.doebler@qub.ac.uk
i.shuttleworth@qub.ac.uk

Session convenor: Nicola Martin: nmartin@essex.ac.uk

Families & households:

This strand welcomes papers which measure and/or explore the effects of the diversity of family or household structures. Examples of relevant topics include (but are not limited to) the trends, causes and/or consequences of patterns of union formation and dissolution, the organization of kin relationships, and intra-household divisions of labour.

Strand organiser: Professor Wendy Sigle, London School of Economics:
W.Sigle@lse.ac.uk

Fertility & reproductive health:

This session welcomes papers covering any aspect of fertility and reproductive health in any geographical setting. We particularly encourage papers that introduce innovations in the examination of these topics.

Papers can examine any substantive topic and/or measurement and modelling aspect related to fertility and reproductive health and behaviour. Topics that relate fertility behaviour with other life course spheres such as education, employment or health are likewise welcome. Reproductive health can include issues related to sexual and reproductive health, contraception and assisted reproductive technology.

Strand organizers: Prof. Melinda Mills, University of Oxford and Dr. Nicola Barban, University of Oxford: melinda.mills@sociology.ox.ac.uk
nicola.barban@sociology.ox.ac.uk

Health & mortality:

Submissions to this strand can address any aspect of health and mortality. Papers can be on innovative approaches to the study of health behaviours, inequalities between population groups as well as determinants of poor health. However we particularly encourage the submission of studies which look at the interaction between health/mortality and demographic and social factors. Both quantitative and qualitative methods approaches are welcome. This session hopes to provide a global approach to understanding health and mortality by welcoming papers based on data from a variety of settings as well as multi-country comparative studies.

Strand organiser: Dr. Alan Marshall, University of St. Andrews: alan.marshall@st-andrews.ac.uk

Historical demography:

Submissions to this strand may address any aspect of historical demography, or the history of demography as an academic discipline. Papers on the history of medicine & public health are also welcome, as well as the history & philosophy of science where presented in the context of historical populations.

Including session: African historical demography: High fertility and rapid population growth are persistent features of many African societies, with long historical roots. However the continent is also characterised by extreme diversity in demographic behaviours. This call invites proposals that address any aspects of historical demography in an African context.

Strand organiser: Dr. Romola Davenport, University of Cambridge: rjd23@cam.ac.uk

Innovative data, methods and models:

This strand welcomes high-quality papers on innovative data, models and methods of analysis, and their applications in population studies. Particularly encouraged are original submissions related to mathematical, statistical, and computational demography

Including session(s): Probabilistic population forecasting. The focus of the session will be on recent advances in modelling and forecasting of the components of population change using probabilistic approaches, and on how they can aid policy and decision making. We welcome both methodological and substantive submissions.

Including session: Administrative Data Research Network. This session will focus on new uses of administrative data, linking methodology and its applications based on the wide range of research being led by the four UK Administrative Data Research Centres.

Strand & organiser: Dr. Jakub Bijak, University of Southampton:

j.bijak@soton.ac.uk

ADRN session convenor: Emma White, University of Southampton:

e.e.white@soton.ac.uk

Latin America & the Caribbean

Any aspect of population studies in the continent. Papers with analytic results comparing more than one country will be favoured.

Strand organisers: Professor Ludi Simpson, University of Manchester; Dr. Tiziana Leone, London School of Economics: ludi.simpson@manchester.ac.uk; T.Leone@lse.ac.uk

Migrations & mobilities:

We invite papers in the following interlinked research areas:

- 1.The analysis of the patterns, processes and impacts of migration, both international and intra-national movement. The results of empirical analysis are especially welcome, but topics may also include discussions of conceptual challenges, migration terminologies, data sources and methodological issues.
- 2.The study of fertility, family, health and mortality of migrants and their descendants.
- 3.The analysis of spatial aspects of population processes ('spatial demography'). Studies could apply any of the techniques of spatial analysis to describe spatial patterns of population or to analyse contextual effects on demographic processes (e.g. geostatistical models, spatial econometrics, multilevel models, regional / fixed-effects analysis, spatio-temporal analysis, spatial microsimulation, geodemographics etc).

Strand organiser: Professor Hill Kulu, University of Liverpool: hill.kulu@liverpool.ac.uk

Posters:

Poster submissions are invited across the spectrum of population studies & methodological approaches to demography. We encourage researchers to present results from completed papers and also from research in progress. Papers without final results are particularly well-suited to this session. Presenters are welcome to submit more than one abstract for consideration as a poster, possibly in addition to a paper submission. Recent Conferences have benefited from very full and lively sessions & we are hoping to continue this success this year.

Strand organisers: Nele Van Der Wiele & Bernice Kuang, University of Southampton: n.van-der-wielen@soton.ac.uk; bk2g14@soton.ac.uk

General & administrative enquiries: BSPS Secretariat - pic@lse.ac.uk -- 020 7955 7666 (phone). Website: www.bsps.org.uk

Notes:

- Submissions should be made online at:

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- Presenters must confirm on the submissions form that they will attend the Conference at their own expense to present the paper or poster, if accepted. **Please note that attendance at the BSPS Conference to present a paper or poster cannot be subsidised by BSPS - this applies to BSPS members and non-members.** (Except for bursaries – see bursary details & conditions below.) **BSPS regrets no exceptions.**
- Strand organisers may allocate papers to a different strand from that to which the paper was submitted, if appropriate, but potential presenters will be advised.
- A maximum of two submissions as first author, please, although additional poster submissions would be welcomed.
- **Presenters are requested to submit ongoing work with incomplete analyses and findings as posters, rather than papers. Oral presentations should include results.** Poster submissions are considered as having equal weight to oral presentations.
- Submissions from non-members are very welcome.
- Authors of accepted presentations may change their abstract up to the end of July, when the final version will be used in the printed programme.
- Presenters of papers will be required to register for the Conference before the paper is included in the final programme.
- Papers are organised into strand sessions. Each presenter will have 20-30 minutes in total with 15-20 minutes for presentation and 5-10 minutes for discussion/questions, unless the strand organiser advises a different format for the session concerned.

Poster Competition at the BSPS Conference

- A prize fund of £100 in book tokens is offered for the poster(s) judged to be the best on display.
 - At least 50% of the value of the Prize will be awarded to the best student poster.
 - All posters accepted for the Conference will be entered automatically for the Poster Prize.
 - The invited judges will be announced later.
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Student & local government employee bursaries for BSPS Conference 2016

- Bursaries are available **only to BSPS student members presenting a paper or poster & to local government member employees presenting a paper or poster, whose employer will not cover the costs of their attendance.**
 - **Subscription dues for student or local government members applying must be up-to-date at the time of submission ie 2016 subscriptions paid.** Memberships activated or reactivated after submission are NOT eligible for bursaries.
 - Bursaries are expected to cover the cost of accommodation & meals, where required, and registration. Bursaries to cover the costs of a single day's attendance will be considered.
 - As the number of bursaries available may be limited, applications **must be received by the paper submission deadline.** An application for a bursary does not guarantee that a bursary will be awarded.
 - **Application for a student or local government bursary is via the online submissions form, which MUST have the relevant bursary application button checked.**
 - Recipients of bursaries will be expected to contribute to Conference preparation or assist at the Conference itself (e.g. write a report for the BSPS Newsletter).
 - Enquiries: BSPS Secretariat, POR.2.01, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE. Email: pic@lse.ac.uk Telephone 020 7955 7666.
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