

## BSPS MEETINGS

### Household Projections and Estimates Friday, January 26 2007 starting at 1pm City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA

The meeting will focus on the DCLG (Department for Communities & Local Government) 2003-based household projections, the first to incorporate results from the 2001 Census. Presentations will cover the details of the construction of the new projection; differences in methodology from the 1996-based projections and key areas of change. Experienced users will offer views on how these projections are being used in local planning. There will be an opportunity to hear DCLG plans for future projections and the development of a projections service as well as proposals for improving the annual estimation of households using the Integrated Household Survey.

#### Speakers:

Dave King - Anglia Ruskin University  
Alan Holmans - Cambridge University  
Bob Garland - Department for Communities & Local Government  
Roy Lewis - Essex County Council  
Robin Edwards - Hampshire County Council

Please note: this half-day meeting will be held at City Hall. As places are limited to the capacity of the room, pre-registration is required, by emailing [pic@lse.ac.uk](mailto:pic@lse.ac.uk) to book a place. (Telephone 020 7955 7666. Fax 020 7955 6831.) At the time of writing, there are approximately ten places left for this meeting.

Full details will be sent out later to those who have registered.

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### BSPS Less Economically Developed Countries Initiative Final Call

This is the final call for proposals for the 2007 LEDC initiative. The BSPS *Developing Countries Initiative* has reserved £1,500 for each of three years for activities that encourage collaboration between population demographers in the UK and developing countries.

Suggestions for the use of part or all of this fund for the year

2007 should be made by **19 January 2007**, to [pic@lse.ac.uk](mailto:pic@lse.ac.uk), for consideration by Council at their next meeting. Suggestions would be best supported by a single typed sheet describing how the money might be budgeted and spent and in what ways this would encourage collaboration.

In 2005 the initiative financed a visit by Sonia Catusos Cervera, president of the Cuban Population Studies Society, to attend and contribute a paper at the 2005 BSPS conference, and to stay a further four days to discuss common interests with colleagues at LSE, Manchester, ONS, UCL, and the Royal Statistical Society. A similar visit by a Cuban demographer, Consuelo Martin, was supported in 2006. Suggestions need not use the whole budget. The future of the initiative will be reviewed in 2007.

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## OTHER MEETINGS

### Applied Demography Conference in San Antonio, Texas (January 7th to 9th, 2007).

For further information, see the Conference Website, <http://idser.utsa.edu/ad/>.

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### The 4th International Conference on Population Geographies 10-13 July 2007, Hong Kong

#### Event

The 4th International Conference on Population Geographies will be held on 10-13 July 2007 in Hong Kong, hosted by the Department of Geography and Resource Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Conference registration will take place in the afternoon of 10 July 2007 and the conference sessions will be scheduled on 11-12 July 2007.

The 4th International Conference on Population Geographies is sponsored by RGS/IBG Population Geography Research Group and co-sponsored by AAG Population Specialty Group, IGU Commission on Population and Vulnerability, United College and Chung Chi College of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. It was agreed that the conference should become a biennial event and the 5th meeting will be held in 2009.

## Participants

Although designed for geographers, contributions are welcome from those who would not regard themselves as population geographers, but are working in pertinent research areas. For example, we would welcome speakers from other disciplines including Demography, Sociology, Economics, Social Anthropology, who are interested in broadly geographical aspects of population. Postgraduates are also encouraged to attend and offer papers.

## Papers

The remit for papers is intentionally broad and papers should be submitted on any topic relevant to population geography. Please ensure that you send abstracts of papers to Chloe Li (see below) **before 20 December 2006**. The abstract should be within 400 words and include name of author(s) (first name followed by last name, underline the presenter of the paper), affiliation and e-mail address. Those who wish to organise themed sessions are encouraged to contact Jianfa Shen (see below). The organising committee will decide the strands of the conference after receiving the abstracts. Paper presentation will be 20-25 minutes long, allowing for 5-10 minutes discussion in half hour slots.

## Hong Kong

Hong Kong is a dynamic world city in Asia. Situated at the southeastern tip of China, Hong Kong is ideally positioned at the centre of rapidly developing East Asia. It is a compact city with rich natural and cultural heritages. Chinese and English are official languages. The city is a major international aviation centre with direct flights to some 130 major cities in the world. For more information, please visit the following web sites:

Hong Kong tour: <http://www.vectormap.com/tour/tour.htm>

Hong Kong tourism board:

<http://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/index.jsp>

Hong Kong government:

<http://www.info.gov.hk/info/hkbrief/eng/ahk.htm>

## Registration

The deadline for registration is 20 December 2006. A copy of the registration form and other conference information are available in the conference website:

<http://www.grm.cuhk.edu.hk/en/4ipgc.htm>. Booking form for accommodation will be available in due course in the website. This site will be updated regularly as more details about the programme become available.

## Further Information

For further details about the academic content of the meeting, contact:

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For further information about paper abstract, registration, accommodation and travel, contact:

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**Conference website**

<http://www.grm.cuhk.edu.hk/en/4ipgc.htm>

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**POPFEST  
POPFEST 2007  
25-26 June**

The POPFEST 2007 conference will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June at the University of Southampton.

POPFEST is a population studies conference organised by postgraduates for postgraduates with the aim of providing a relaxed, supportive environment for students to come together to present work and discuss ideas. This is a great opportunity to meet other students studying in the same area, practice your presentation skills and get some useful feedback from your peers.

The conference provides a forum for postgraduate students studying any aspect of population in disciplines including Social Sciences, Demography, Human Geography, Social Anthropology, Social Statistics, Health, Development, Social Policy and other related fields. Presenters have an excellent opportunity to discuss their work in front of their peers and have a chance to get feedback and ideas from fellow researchers. Those not wishing to present can get an idea of the sort of research being conducted by their peers and make valuable contacts for the future.

POPFEST is an ideal spring-board for all postgraduates regardless of their stage of research providing an opportunity to practice ones presentation skills, whether as a paper or poster display, before facing more demanding academic conferences.

**For information please go to the POPFEST website at:**

<http://www.socstats.soton.ac.uk/popfest2007>

**Or email: [popfest@socsci.soton.ac.uk](mailto:popfest@socsci.soton.ac.uk)**

POPFEST has survived over the past 14 years due to the support and good will of the postgraduate community and the BSPS. For POPFEST to continue this support and enthusiasm is essential. The BSPS is very keen to ensure the development of postgraduate population research through POPFEST and has confirmed its continuing support to the conference.

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## JOB VACANCIES

### LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE & TROPICAL MEDICINE University of London

#### ADVERTISEMENT

##### Lecturer in the Centre for Population Studies

The Department of Epidemiology and Population Health seeks a Lecturer able to make a strong contribution to its research programme on population, ageing and health in the UK and other more developed countries, including work based on analyses of the ONS Longitudinal Study. Applicants should have a higher degree in demography or a closely related field and be able to teach at postgraduate level.

The appointment will be made on the School's Lecturer scale (Grade 7 Academic Pathway £36,536-£41,844). The post is currently funded for a three year period and is available from early 2007.

For details of how to apply please contact the Personnel Office at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT (tel 020 7927 2203; email [personnel@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:personnel@lshtm.ac.uk)). Please quote reference **EG12**. The closing date for applications is **13 December 2006**.

*The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is committed to being an equal opportunities employer.*

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**Demography and Population Studies**  
**University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg,**  
**South Africa**  
**Senior lecturer / Lecturer appointment**

The Demography and Population Studies Programme at Wits was initiated in 2003 as an active partnership between the Schools of Social Sciences, Public Health, Statistics, Economics, and Computing and Applied Mathematics. The honours-masters-PhD programme, with unique interdisciplinary and multi-method strengths, and a growing methodological/technical emphasis, has expanded rapidly and seeks to appoint a senior lecturer or lecturer on a 2-year renewable basis beginning as early in 2007 as possible. The programme offers opportunity to participate in highly productive rural and urban longitudinally-based research initiatives and enjoys close ties with African and international centres of excellence.

The successful applicant will join a hard-working interdisciplinary team in one of sub-Saharan Africa's leading academic centres. S/he will be expected to contribute to excellence in teaching, course development and postgraduate

supervision, while also developing a productive programme of research and publication. Ample opportunity exists to network and build collaborations in South Africa, the region and internationally.

**Requirements:** PhD and advanced training in demography, preferably with educational background and research experience in another measurement or social science discipline; strong research and publication record; relevant academic / field research experience desirable

**Remuneration:** a competitive academic package with generous leave, depending on qualifications, achievement and experience

**To apply please submit:** Full CV with certified academic transcripts; a detailed letter of motivation; two writing samples (preferably journal publications); three confidential referee reports to Mrs Linda Oldert, Demography & Population Studies, Private Bag 3, Wits, 2050, South Africa.

Enquiries to: Linda Oldert, programme administrator, on +27-11-717 4055 or [oldertl@social.wits.ac.za](mailto:oldertl@social.wits.ac.za)

**Closing date: 31 December 2006**

Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered; the University reserves the right not to make an appointment and to continue searching after the closing date.

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## NOTICES

### Membership subscriptions

BSPS members are respectfully reminded that subscriptions for 2007 will be due in January. The renewal form can be downloaded from the BSPS website at [www.bsps.org.uk](http://www.bsps.org.uk).

There is no need for action if you have a standing order in operation, but please ensure this is for the correct amount. Membership dues for 2007 are:

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| <b>Full membership</b>   | £25.00 |
| <b>Country membership</b> (members living outside the limits of the Network SE train region, or <b>overseas</b> )                      | £20.00 |
| <b>Full-time students</b> , overseas members in <b>developing countries</b> , and <b>retired</b> members                               | £7.50  |
| <b>Corporate membership</b> , for institutions or organizations, with one named representative who may be changed without prior notice | £40.00 |

Please remember to tell BSPS if you change your address or email. Cheques should be made payable to BSPS, and sent to BSPS Secretariat, PS201, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE. Please advise which membership rate you are paying, and confirm your current email address with the payment. For future reference, we would also like to know of any members with reasonably

fluent foreign language skills. Occasionally, BSPS has need of someone who can communicate in a specific language, and it would be useful to have the information on file.

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## SHORT COURSES/WORKSHOPS

**Launching the Scottish Longitudinal Study: A New Resource for Research in Scotland.**

University of St. Andrews, Lower College Hall, 26 March 2007.

**An Introductory Training Workshop for the Scottish Longitudinal Study**

University of St. Andrews, 27-28 March 2007.

Further information and registration form can be downloaded from the LSCS website at

<http://www.lscs.ac.uk/>

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**Short Course (16-20 April 2007)**

**Ageing, Health & Well-being in Older Populations  
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**

Older people aged 65 or more will soon comprise a quarter of the population in many developed countries and numbers of very old people are increasing particularly rapidly. Older people are the main users of health services in these countries and the burden of ill health is increasingly deferred to later life. This means that knowledge about ageing processes and planning and delivering good quality services is essential for those working in, or planning, health and social care sectors. This multidisciplinary course on ageing and its implications at both the population and individual level will provide participants with up to date research-based training on this important topic.

### *Course outline*

*Topics covered will include:*

The demography of ageing  
Preventive health care and health promotion  
Planning and financing of services  
Social influences on ageing  
Ageing in minority ethnic groups  
Family and community support for older people  
Nutrition and health in older age groups  
Models of health and welfare provision in ageing populations  
Mental health in later life  
Environmental influences on healthy ageing

*Key questions addressed will include:*

What are the challenges posed by population ageing?  
What policies and interventions promote healthy ageing?  
How does the experience of ageing vary by gender, ethnicity and socio-economic status and how can the health and welfare needs of disadvantaged groups best be addressed?  
How does family and community support influence the health

and well-being of older people and how can this support be fostered?

What are the best methods for assessing health care needs?  
What data are available to help with planning for older populations?

What are the implications of population ageing for health care financing?

### *Who should apply for the course?*

The course is suitable for professionals working with and for older people, including those from nursing, medical, social work, and therapy backgrounds; policy makers, planners and providers of services; and researchers who wish to broaden or update their knowledge and skills.

### *Accreditation*

The course has CME approval.

### *Teaching Methods and Course Materials*

The course will include overview keynote lectures; seminars and workshops in which participants will work together on developing skills. A course manual and course notes will be provided and a certificate of attendance issued to those completing the course.

The course will be led by staff from the Centre for Ageing & Public Health whose members include leading academics from a range of relevant disciplines.

### *Methods of assessment*

There will be no formal examination or assessment, but a Certificate of Attendance will be issued to those completing the course.

For an application please go to:

<http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/short/sahwop.html>

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**Demography of Adult Morbidity and Mortality:  
A 3-day Course Wednesday 18-20 April 2007.  
University of Southampton, UK**

### *Overview*

Southampton Statistical Sciences Research Institute (S3RI) is organising a 3-day short-course on the demography of adult morbidity and mortality to be presented by Professor Richard Rogers, Director of the Population Program and Professor in the Department of Sociology, University of Colorado at Boulder, USA.

The course will tackle such crucial questions as: Are health disparities widening over time and place? Are individuals really living longer and in better health? How does socioeconomic status operate to improve health and reduce mortality? Will life expectancies in more developed countries continue to increase over time and, if so, by how much?

We will combine lectures and assigned readings with lively participation, discussion, and exercises to provide an in-depth understanding of substantive, theoretical, and methodological issues related to morbidity and mortality. We will begin by

discussing and expanding upon the Epidemiologic Transition Theory to provide a framework to better understand past, present, and future trends in health and longevity among individuals in both less and more developed countries. We will also present additional theories and perspectives, including theories of cumulative (dis)advantage.

We will examine such factors on the effects on morbidity and mortality as risky behaviors, including cigarette smoking; health status, including functional limitations, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, obesity, and cholesterol; cultural differences, including religious attendance, race/ethnicity, and nativity; and socioeconomic status (SES). Part of the discussion will focus on disparities in health and longevity, which may be widening over time for some subpopulations.

And we will devote particular attention to future mortality trends, identifying factors that can either improve or deteriorate mortality risks, discussing whether the factors will affect both life expectancy and life span, and considering whether these changes are likely to occur in the near or more distant future.

Demographic techniques covered will include unistate, cause-elimination, and multistate life tables, statistical tests, model schedules, such as the Heligman-Pollard model, and multivariate statistical analyses, including Cox proportional hazard models. The in-class exercises will illustrate a number of demographic trends and basic, as well as more advanced, techniques that can be explored and employed to better understand morbidity and mortality patterns.

Overall, we will endeavor to understand ways to improve health and lengthen life.

The number of places on this course is limited and hence early application is advised.

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### Segregation or integration - what's going on? Find out at the University of Manchester May 16-18 2007

The 3 day event presents **demographic perspectives** and contributions to debates on **segregation, diversity and integration**. The event comprises a one-day conference and two days of workshops and you are invited to participate in one or all of these days.

The **conference** will showcase recent methods and results on population change and diversity and will review the contribution of demographic work to debates on diversity and integration.

The **workshops** will provide hands-on training in the use and

interpretation of measures of diversity, segregation and integration and in methods for monitoring population change for small areas.

The event is organised by the Population and Places (POPLA) research group at the Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research (CCSR). Contributors to the events include Ludi Simpson, Ron Johnston, David Coleman, Debbie Phillips and Phil Rees.

#### Further details and online booking can be found at:

<http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/events/segint/index.html>

A poster for the event can be downloaded at:

<http://www.ccsr.ac.uk/events/segint/documents/poster.pdf>

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### Workshop on Urban Population, Development and Environment (PDE) Dynamics In Developing Countries Nairobi (to be confirmed) on 11 - 13 June 2007

The Committee for International Cooperation in National Research in Demography (CICRED), in collaboration with the Population-Environment Research Network (PERN) and the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) of Columbia University, is organizing a.

This workshop will be sponsored by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs through its [PRIPODE](#) Programme coordinated by CICRED.

For further details please visit the conference's website:

<http://www.cicred.org/Eng/Seminars/Details/Seminars/PDE2007/IndexPDE.htm>

or contact the organizer: Alex de Sherbinin (PERN / CIESIN),  
Email: [pde0607@cicred.org](mailto:pde0607@cicred.org)

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### Short Courses in International Health - Schedule 2007 At the University of Heidelberg, Germany

We would like to announce again the following short courses offered by the Department of Tropical Hygiene and Public Health of the University of Heidelberg:

- Reproductive health services and HIV/AIDS: New Evidence and Strategy
- Using Research for better Practice in International Health (*New!*)
- Disease Control: Policies and Strategies (*New!*)
- Improving the Quality of Healthcare Services (*New!*)
- Leadership and Change Management
- Medical Anthropology as a Tool for Public Health
- Financing Health Care – Principles of Insurance
- Consultancy Skills in International Cooperation in Health Part I: Evaluation of Health Projects and Programmes

- Consultancy Skills in International Cooperation in Health Part II: Proposal Development targeting international donors
- Quality Management in International Health
- Health and Human Rights
- Health of Unstable Populations
- Climate Change and Health: Impact and Adaptation Policies (*New!*)

We have again been able to add new courses to broaden the range of our programme to address current issues in International Health. Most courses are organised as two-week intensive courses which cost EUR 1.500. Our target group includes MDs, nurses, pharmacists, policy makers, project / programme planners, managers, social scientists, educators, consultants, health workers, etc. Participants have been sent e.g. by GTZ, Medair, Doctors without Borders, MOHs, etc. Using current theories, case studies and practical exercises, we continue to put stress on enhancing skills and abilities of participants which they can put into practice in their daily work. Lecturers usually have both an academic background and international work experience.

All courses are accredited within the international network of higher education called "tropEd", which offers a master programme in International Health, but the courses are open for individual further training. The diversity of disciplines, experiences and countries represented in class, adds to the rich learning environment. Upon successful completion of the course, participants receive a certificate of attendance by the University of Heidelberg.

The course fee includes course materials, but not the accommodation, insurance or other personal costs during the stay. Unfortunately, we cannot offer any scholarships at present. Early registration is advisable to ensure a seat in the courses as well as to allow time for all organisational matters. For further information & application forms please inquire at [petersen@uni-hd.de](mailto:petersen@uni-hd.de). You can also consult the web site <http://www.ukl-hd.de/athoeg> under "teaching".

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**Individual, area and group variation in morbidity and mortality**  
**Monday 17-19 September 2007**

On behalf of The European Association for Population Studies Working Group on Mortality and Morbidity, and the local organising committee in Rome, we are pleased to announce a workshop on "Individual, area and group variation in morbidity and mortality", to be held Monday 17th September - Wednesday 19th September 2007. The workshop is being organised by the Dipartimento di Scienze Demografiche of the Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza" and IRPPS-CNR (the Italian Research Institute on Population and Social Policy of the National Research Council) and will be hosted by IRPPS. The local organising committee is chaired by Viviana Egidi and Frank Heins. As in the past, there will be no registration fee, but participants will need to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Further information, especially regarding the local arrangements will be published

in due course on [www.irpps.cnr.it](http://www.irpps.cnr.it).

As we search for ever more complete explanations of differences in health and longevity, mortality research is expanding its gaze. We are no longer satisfied just to look at current conditions of the individual: the physical and social environment or the quality of public health and medical assistance. Without denying the importance of these, we are now looking backwards, at genetic, childhood and even prenatal influences; we are looking at household structures and the social environment, the effects of local-area averages, inequalities and social heterogeneity, and the way these all interact with individual characteristics. In a way, the question remains the same: what are the requirements of the human organism if it is to survive and stay healthy, and how do these needs vary with age and sex? At the same time, however, we appreciate that the answers need to be sought at many different levels and over a long period of time. The workshop will look at work being done at these different levels, juxtaposing them, and seeking new, synthesising formulations.

It is anticipated that there will be about 20 participants in the workshop, giving each participant a good half hour to present his/her work and then have it discussed by the whole group. Researchers interested in presenting their work at the workshop are invited to contact Jon Anson at [anson@bgumail.bgu.ac.il](mailto:anson@bgumail.bgu.ac.il) (fax: +972 8 647 2933) with an abstract or preliminary conceptualisation. Please also send a copy to Viviana Egidi at [viviana.egidi@uniroma1.it](mailto:viviana.egidi@uniroma1.it) (fax: +39 06 8530 3374). The deadline for submission of abstracts is Friday, 30th March, but please contact us sooner, if possible.

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