



**2026 BSPS Conference
8-10 September 2026
University of Kent, Canterbury
CALL FOR SESSIONS AND STRANDS
[Submit here](#)**

The British Society for Population Studies welcomes **proposals for sessions or strands** at the 2026 Conference, which will be held in person. Sessions should last 60 or 90 minutes. A strand is a series of themed sessions.

[See previous Conference programmes here.](#)

Topic areas might include, and are not limited to:

- Population & the environment/climate change
- Families and households
- Demography of crisis
- Historical demography
- Ageing
- Health and mortality
- Migration
- Ethnicity
- Sexual and reproductive health
- AI and automation
- Data and methods
- Demographic challenges
- Official population statistics
- Influencing policy
- Disability studies
- Philosophical aspects of demography
- 2021/22 Census outcomes
- Qualitative population studies

Format variations are welcome:

- Networking/conversation/meet-up sessions
- Workshops or panel sessions with convenor
- Sessions with discussant (discussions with a convenor and moderator or with invited discussants)
- Conversation formats – which have proved popular as a plenary & could be extended to session formats
- Training sessions

BSPS welcomes sessions aimed at early-career researchers or other constituencies where BSPS can widen understanding of and participation in population studies, such as local authorities/NGOs/policy makers.

Session suggestions can be submitted as stand-alone or as part of a strand with a specific focus in mind: a single session could focus on a particular methodological or substantive topic or a specific data set. Each session would need to attract at least 3 to 4 high-quality submissions to be viable.

Organizers of strands and sessions will be expected to:

- Actively solicit papers outside of the regular call for papers, with international perspectives in mind
- Assess submissions and allocate accepted papers into a session or sessions
- Invite presenting authors to participate once accepted and manage replacements if needed
- Identify session Chairs and ensure Chairs and presenters have the information required for their session

You may also be called upon by Council to assist with assessing submissions' priority for bursary funding, if needed.

Strand and session suggestions will be considered by BSPS Council at their first meeting following the deadline, after which BSPS will let you know the outcome and the call for papers will be issued.

Please submit suggestions by 16 January 2026 at:

<https://forms.office.com/e/xybKz4akGi>