



AYHD Newsletter

September 2025

Welcome to our monthly newsletter series providing you with all updates from the Association for Young Historical Demographers! The AYHD newsletter keeps you up to date with events, conferences, and vacancies in Historical Demography and other related fields. It also gives you a chance to publicize your research or events to a diverse audience. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, you can email Emma (egd28@cam.ac.uk). Visit [our website](#) to sign up for future newsletters and get further information about the association. You can also find us on Twitter and BlueSky.

From the AYHD Board

Recruitment Board Members

The Association for Young Historical Demographers is looking to recruit two new board members to replace members who are rotating off the board at the end of the year. We would particularly welcome expressions of interest from PhD students and early career historical demographers from Universities and regions that are not currently represented on the board. If you're coming to the ESHD Conference in Bologna, that would be a great time to get to know what we do by coming to one of our panel sessions or catching up with us at a social event. The activities of the board are focused on writing our newsletter and maintaining our website with resources for young historical demographers as well as organising sessions and networking events at relevant conferences - we're always open to new ideas, so tell us yours!

Website temporarily down

As some of you may have noticed, our website is temporarily down. We are working on fixing this problem and expect the website to be up again shortly. In the meantime, feel free to email one of us for any information you are looking for!

Activities at the ESHD Conference

The ESHD conference is right around the corner and we are excited to share that we are organising multiple events. You can find us here:

‘Meet the Editors’ session



Date: 10 September 2025 (11:00-12:00)



Location: Room H



Speakers: Alice Reid (*Population Studies*), Hilde Sommerseth (*Historical Methods*), Joana Maria Pujadas-Mora (*Historical Life Course Studies*), and Jan Kok (*The History of the Family*)

Flash session for Early-Career Researchers



Date: 10 September 2025 (13:00-14:45)



Location: Room H



There will be 9 presentations of 6 minutes each with room for discussion

AYHD Social event



Date: 11 September 2025 (19:00-21:30)



Location: Scuderia Future Food Living Lab ([Google Maps](#))



Join us and meet other young historical demographers at our social event! We will be at Scuderia, a bar in walking distance from the conference venue.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Spotlight Article

Every newsletter we will spotlight one article or working paper by a young historical demographer or researcher in an adjacent field. Would you like to have your work shared or do you know a recent paper that deserves to be spotlighted? Send an email to Joris (joris.kok@iisg.nl) with information on the research you would like to see shared.

This newsletter's spotlight article is:





**Mortality, Morcellation, and the Market:
The Impact of Epidemic Disease Mortality on Land
Distribution in a Seventeenth-Century-Holland Village**

Published in *The History of the Family* by Bram Hilkens (Erasmus University Rotterdam).






You can read the full article here: <https://doi.org/10.1080/1081602X.2025.2521526>.

Upcoming events and deadlines


EHS Residential Training Course

-  Location: University of Warwick
-  Date: 3-6 December 2025
-  Application deadline: 12 September 2025
-  More information: [EHS website](#)





2026 Centenary Conference of the Economic History Society

-  London, UK
-  10-12 April 2026
-  15 September 2025 (New Researcher Papers)
-  17 November 2025 (New Researcher Posters)
-  [EHS website](#)

“Topics in Digital and Computational Demography” (IMPRS-PHDS 5-day doctoral course)

-  Rostock, Germany and Online (Hybrid)
-  3-7 November 2025
-  28 September 2025
-  [MPIDR website](#)

GreatLeap Workshop: “Workshop Socio-Economic Inequalities in Mortality over Time” (with keynote by prof. Sean Clouston)

-  Ede, the Netherlands
-  27 February 2026
-  1 October 2025
-  [GreatLeap website](#)





Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA)

-  St. Louis, USA
-  6-9 May 2026
-  5 October 2025
-  [PAA website](#)

European Population Conference 2026

-  Bologna, Italy
-  3-6 June 2026
-  1 November 2025
-  [EAPS website](#)




GreatLeap Workshop: “Transcribing the Past: Citizen Scientists”

-  Online
-  29 January 2026
-  15 November 2025
-  [GreatLeap website](#)




GreatLeap Workshop: “Automation in Historical Demography”

-  Ghent, Belgium
-  26 March 2026
-  15 November 2025
-  [GreatLeap website](#)

GreatLeap Workshop: “Accuracy of Cause-of-Death Registration: Everyday Conditions & Epidemics”

-  Barcelona, Spain
-  18-19 March 2026
-  10 December 2025
-  [GreatLeap website](#)





GreatLeap Call for Project Proposals for Short-Term Scientific Missions

-  January-October 2026
-  1 January 2026
-  For more information, email Tim Riswick (tim.riswick@ru.nl)

LSE Workshop: “One Epidemic, Many Estimates. Bridging Methods to Measure Excess Mortality”

-  London, UK
-  21-22 May 2026
-  15 March 2026
-  [LSE website](#)

Biennial Conference of the Society for the Social History of Medicine

-  Leeds, UK
-  30 June – 3 July 2026
-  TBA
-  [BlueSky post](#)

Vacancies

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships



Application deadline: 10 September 2025



More information: [MSCA website](#)

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships



1 October 2025



[BA website](#)

Postdoctoral Researcher in Demography in the project “DIVREP: Diverging Patterns of Reproductive Behaviour within Countries Across the Globe”



University of Oxford



30 September 2025



[University of Oxford website](#)

Postdoctoral Researcher (or Research Scientist) positions in Migration, Population Dynamics, or Computational Dynamics



Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock



10 October 2025



[MPIDR website](#)

Research Assistant/PhD position in Mortality and Inequalities Research



London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Max Planck Institute for
Demographic Research



25 September 2025



[LSHTM website](#)

Would you like to contribute?

The AYHD welcomes suggestions for collaboration or cross-promotion with researchers and institutions across the landscape of historical demography and its allied fields! Whether you are looking to promote your own research, suggest a conference social, or volunteer time on our Board, please get in touch!