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1. Message from the Chair of the Commission

Dear fellow population geographers. As we are heading toward the 7th International Conference on Population Geographies in Groningen and toward the IGU – Regional Conference in Kyoto, I realize how diverse our commission is and how truly international is the whole Geographical Union! The statistics published after the IGU world congress last year did strike me: geographers from more than 80 countries met in Köln! In good accordance with one of geography’s central postulate – the gravity model - the distance to Germany partly explains the origins of the most numerous nationality groups but despite this, it is impressive that many colleagues came from regions as far away as Japan, China, United States, India, Australia or Brazil!

In a world that is becoming more multipolar every day, this confirms the necessity to complete the – by the way excellent – work of the major national associations of geographers by offering a truly international platform. At the modest level of the commission on population geography, we try to reflect this diversity in the composition of our steering committee with distinguished representative of nearly all continents. I also encourage you to recruit new members in all part of the world! Remember that all geographers can register to become a corresponding member of the Commission and that the affiliation is free!

In that context, the steering committee is happy to announce that – thanks to the great job of prof. Graeme Hugo and his team at the University of Adelaide - the updated website of the Commission is now online:

<http://www.hss.adelaide.edu.au/socialsciences/igu/>

The name of the Commission has also been translated in some of the most spoken languages worldwide.

Commission on population geography
Commission de géographie de la population
人口地理委員会
Comisión de geografía de la población
لجنة الجغرافية السكانية
Комиссия по географии населения
人口地理学コミッション
Kommission für Bevölkerungsgeographie

May this symbolic measure exemplify our aim to reflect on the work of population geographers in all its richness and diversity!

Etienne Piguet

2. Conference Reports: The 2nd Workshop on Climate Change and Migration in Mountain Areas



The workshop was hosted by the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland) and co-organised with the University of Sussex (UK). It was supported by the IGU Commission on Population Geography.

The workshop brought together PhD student as well as confirmed researchers working in the main mountain regions of the world: Andes (Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Colombia), Himalayas (Nepal and India), Africa (Tanzania) and Europe (Italy, Portugal). Here are some of the questions that were addressed:

- *What is the role of the environmental factors in past, current, and future migrations in mountain areas?*
- *Does existing migration in mountains hold out a prospect for greater resilience (for those left behind)?*
- *Is a climate-resilient mountain community more mobile, or is it one with more migration options?*
- *What role do urban areas play – as migration destinations but also as vulnerable places themselves - in a context of migration in mountain areas in the context of climate change?*

The full report is available here:

http://www2.unine.ch/cms/site/inst_geographie/op/edit/migration_climate_change_1

3. The CliMig Project: Bibliographic Database on Migration & Climate Change

Compiled at the Institute of Geography of the University of Neuchatel, the CLIMIG database is the first comprehensive collection of resources which specifically concentrates on migration, the environment and climate change. Books, journals, scientific papers, case studies and reports are all included, which are useful for those who want an introduction to this topic and also for those requiring more detailed resources in specific areas of the

migration–environment nexus. The bibliography has various subheadings to make it user-friendly. This publication is a first step, which will soon be followed by a book entitled *People on the Move in a Changing Climate* (Springer and IOM).

The CLIMIG database will also be continuously updated with future publications and will be put online within a few months. We hope that this bibliography will serve as a valuable resource for all those interested in learning more about the migration, environment and climate change nexus.

This project is sponsored by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), IGU Commission on population geography and the University of Neuchâtel.

Access to the PDF:

http://publications.iom.int/bookstore/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=41_7&products_id=895

4. 2013 Supplement of the Institute of Migration, Turku, Finland

The theme of the 2013 Supplement is “**Unaccompanied Refugee Minors**”. The document is available for download at:

http://www.migrationinstitute.fi/art/pdf/SM_1_2013_Supplement.pdf

5. News from the “Australian Population and Migration Research Centre” at the University of Adelaide

The Australian Population and Migration Research Centre (APMRC) was formally established in early 2012 but includes a research group who have established a global reputation as a leading research group on migration and other population issues in the Asia-Pacific-Australia region. The APMRC is located within the Discipline of Geography, Environment and Population at the University of Adelaide and has a strong multi- and interdisciplinary orientation under the leadership of Professor Graeme Hugo. The Centre currently has a number of national competitive grants including an ARC Australian Professorial Fellow, a Queen Elizabeth II Research Fellow and an ARC DECRA recipient.

Some of our recent publications and activities:

UN Address: In April 2013 Professor Hugo gave the opening address to the 46th Session Commission on Population and Development at the United Nations in New York. The keynote address examined new trends in global migration. For a copy of the presentation: www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/commission/previous-sessions/2013/index.shtml

Report on Climate Change: Sevoyan, A, Hugo, G, Feist, H, Tan, G, McDougall, K, Tan, Y, Spoehr, J 2013 'Impact of climate change on disadvantaged groups: Issues and interventions', National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility, Gold Coast, pp. 192.

There is an emerging concern that the negative effects of climate change will be disproportionately experienced by those who are economically and socially disadvantaged, further widening the gap between them and more advantaged population groups. However, the relationship between climate change impact and social disadvantage remains little investigated. This study has sought to contribute to this gap by adding to the small body of empirical knowledge of the vulnerability and adaptive capacity of disadvantaged groups in Australia in the face of impending adverse impacts of climate change. The full report is available at www.nccarf.edu.au/publications/disadvantaged-groups-issues-interventions

New Book: 'Migration and Climate Change' Professor Graeme Hugo (Ed) 2013, in association with the International Migration Institute, University of Oxford; Edward Elgar Publishing. In this important collection of 44 articles, Professor Hugo draws together key articles and papers by leading scholars and agencies which investigate the current and future effects of climate change on migration. Topics covered include the impact of climate change on the movement of people within and across countries, the economic and social effects of the forced displacement and resettlement of migrants, the flows of migration resulting from environmental disasters, the risks of conflict and the implications of climate change for vulnerable areas e.g. deltas, atolls and coastal regions.

Sustainability Commission Report Released: 'Sustainable Australia 2013: Conversations with the Future' provides the evidence behind the trends, issues and challenges affecting Australia's environment, society, economy and collective wellbeing. It is the first report of its kind in Australia, and Professor Graeme Hugo has been one of the contributors to the report and the work of the Sustainability Council. The Sustainability Council intends to use the report as a starting point for a national conversation about our future. This report provides the evidence base we need for this conversation. You can download the report at: www.environment.gov.au/sustainability/measuring

Further information about the APMRC at: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/apmrc/>

6. Forthcoming Conferences

1. Population Geography sessions at IGU 2013 Kyoto Regional Conference, August 4–9, 2013

Here is the programme of the Population geography sessions: <http://oguchaylab.csis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/IGU2013/programme.html>

Wednesday 07 August 10:00-11:30 RoomK

Transnational migrants and the cosmopolitan possibilities of the city Chair(s): Prof. B. Yeoh

Dr. Tabea Bork-Hueffer (National University of Singapore)

Migrants, the New Media and Notions of the City

Dr. Junjia Ye (The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity)

Everyday encounters: living with diversity in Singapore

Ms. Seonyoung Seo (National University of Singapore)

Spatial Politics in Dongdeamun Nepal Town: low-income migrant workers and multiculturalism in South Korea

Wednesday 07 August 14:00-15:30

Population migration and climate change (1) Chair(s): Prof. Hugo

Dr. Douglas K Bardsley (University of Adelaide)

Researching thresholds of socio-ecological vulnerability to inform in situ and ex situ adaptation to environmental change

Dr. Qing Pei (The University of Hong Kong)

Migration under the Driving force of Climate Change in Agrarian China during the Past Two Millennia

Prof. Etienne Piguet (University of Neuchatel)

People on the Move in a Changing Climate

Wednesday 07 August 16:00-17:30

Population migration and climate change (2) Chair(s): Prof. Piguet

Ms. Emilie Chevalier (University of Limoges)

Questioning the image of an exodus: factoring climate changes in migration decision-making in Tuvalu, a socially discriminating process.*Prof. Dusan Drbohlav (Charles*

University in Prague/Faculty of Science)

Household Adaptation Strategies to Climate Extremes and Population

Consequences: the Case Study of the Beca River Basin, the Czech Republic

Dr. Ji-Ping Lin (Academia Sinica)

Post-disaster Migration Trap As a Determinant of Environment Resilience: The Case of Taiwan

Thursday 08 August 08:00-09:30

Population change and social impacts (1) Chair(s): Prof. Shen

Prof. Jianfa Shen (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Challenges of urban population in Hong Kong: fertility decline and population ageing

Dr. Yefang Huang (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)

Formal and informal urbanization in China and its social consequences

Prof. Yu Zhu (Fujian Normal University)

Continuity and change in the transition from the first to the second generation of migrants in China: Insights from a survey in Fujian

Thursday 08 August 10:00-11:30

Population change and social impacts (2) Chair(s): Prof. Shen

Ms. Lijie Lin (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

A Comprehensive Evaluation of Urbanization Level in Fujian Province of China

Prof. Takashi Inoue (Aoyama Gakuin University)

The changing patterns of regional population in postwar Japan: an explanation using the Cohort Cumulative Social Increase Ratios

Dr. Masakazu Yamauchi (National Institute of Population and Social Security Research)

The fertility contribution of foreign women to Japan

Thursday 08 August 14:00-15:30

Population change and social impacts (3) Chair(s): Prof. Shen

Dr. Toru Suzuki (National Institute of Population and Social Security Research)

Methods and Results of Regional Population Projections for Japan Conducted by the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research

Ms. Shu Hu (National University of Singapore)

Impact of Internal Migration on Adolescents in Rural China

Dr. Naomi Chi (Hokkaido University)

Towards a Multicultural Society or Ghettoization?: Demographic Changes and Migrant Communities in East Asia

Thursday 08 August 16:00-17:30

Population change and social impacts (4) Chair(s): tbc

Prof. Satoshi Nakagawa (Kobe University)

Demographic decline and changing local governance in the rural areas of Japan

Prof. Ayse Gedik (Middle East Technical University)

Rural-to-Urban Migration in Turkey During the Past Thirty-Five Years:1965-2000

Dr. Christopher Changwe Nshimbi (University of Pretoria)

The institutional governance of migration in Southern Africa: policy frameworks for regional labour migration towards South Africa

Thursday 08 August 10:00-11:30

Population Geography Chair(s): tbc

Prof. Randhir Singh Sangwan (Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana)

Spatio-Temporal Dimensions of Fertility in India: A Perspective on Rural-Urban Disparity

Dr. Sneh Sangwan

Skewed Juvenile Female-Male Ratio in Haryana: Spatial Patterns, Causes, Consequences and Policy Responses

Ms. Anita Bhargava (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

The Gap between Delivery and Utilisation of MCH SERVICES: An Invariable Challenge for Safe Motherhood

Thursday 08 August 14:00-15:30

Population Geography Chair(s): tbc

Dr. Cristobal Mendoza (UAM-Iztapalapa)

Migrants on the middle: Educational training, labour market choices and everyday spatial practices

Prof. Ekaterina A Antipova (Belarusian State University)

Republic of Belarus: from Global to Local Development in the World Demographic Space in the XXI century

Dr. Alina Teresa Potrykowska (Central Statistical Office)

International Migration in Poland. A Migration policy perspective

Prof. Takashi Nakazawa (Meiji University)

Experience of international migration by Japanese youths: case studies in Southeast Asia's megacities

Thursday 08 August 16:00-17:30

Population Geography Chair(s): tbc

Dr. Eva Janska (Charles University in Prague)

New Immigrant Destinations in a New Immigrant Country: The Settlement Patterns of Non-natives in the Czech Republic

Prof. Hiroo Kamiya (Kanazawa University)

Measures of local municipalities for supporting marriage migrants in Japan

2. The 7th International Conference on Population Geographies, Groningen, The Netherlands, 25–28 June 2013

The ICPG 2013 is held from 25 to 28 June 2013 in Groningen. Around 200 researchers in the field of Population Geographies will present their work. Plenary sessions on Healthy Ageing and Population Decline will be organized. Session topics include Healthy Ageing, Population Decline, Global Population Growth, Environmental Change and Migration, Arctic Population Geography, Highly Skilled Migration between the Global North and South and Internal Migration of Graduates and Regional Labour Markets. Researchers interested in these topics are encouraged to register and join the conference.

The program and book of abstracts can be downloaded from

<http://www.rug.nl/research/ursi/events/icpg2013/2013icpgprogramme.pdf>

3. EUGEO 2013, Rome, Italy, 5–7 September 2013

Europe, what's next? Changing geographies and geographies of change

The fourth EUGEO Congress will take place in Rome, Italy, 5-7 September 2013, at the University of Rome La Sapienza and at the Società Geografica Italiana (Villa Celimontana).

The full program is available at: <http://www.eugeo2013.com/>

4. Call for papers: Discrepancies between behaviour and attitudes toward marriage and fertility in Asia, National University of Singapore, 13-14 February 2014 (deadline 31 July 2013)

This international conference is organized by the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore.

Website: http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/events_categorydetails.asp?categoryid=6&eventid=1437

The purpose of this conference is to promote a better understanding of the puzzling discrepancies between family attitudes and behavior in Asia: when family behavior is fast “modernized” and “westernized” but people seem to still think “traditionally” and “Asian”. The historical profamily values that endorse universal and early marriage and children are still prevalent in various Asian societies. Yet, dramatic demographic transformation is under way: fertility level rapidly decreasing to close or below replacement level. In societies like Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan, fertility has reached the lowest low level in the world; age at first marriage has also increased greatly with “effective singlehood” in some Asian societies even longer than in Western societies. Further, family behavior is not all homogenous: cohabitation and extramarital fertility are relatively rare in most Asian countries although low fertility and late marriage are prevalent.

To understand the discrepancies, we should seek answers from Asian families embedded in the unique political, religious and cultural contexts in various Asian societies. The theme of this conference is consistent with Dr Christine Bachrach’s Presidential Address at the annual meeting of Population Association of America in New Orleans in 2013, which emphasizes incorporating both structure and culture when studying demographic outcomes and emphasizes the cultural understanding of patterns and commonality, and differences and tensions of demographic phenomena.

Therefore, this conference opens a forum to investigate the puzzles of “transformed behavior and lingering attitudes” regarding marriage and birth giving in Asia. We invite researchers to explore contradictions and consistencies between family formation attitudes and behavior in Asia. More specifically, we welcome empirical research investigating mechanisms regarding

how certain attitudes are related to marriage and birth giving in Asia: such as the roles of states, religion and cultural norms, and the interplay between attitudes and economic circumstances. We also encourage studies that help better understand commonalities and variations, and continuities and changes of Asian family attitudes. Both quantitative and qualitative research projects are welcome.

This conference will bring together family scholars to examine the following themes:

- *Commonalities and Variations of Family Attitudes in Asia*
- *Continuities and Changes of Family Attitudes in Asia*
- *Is “Asian Family Values” a Meaningful Term? Conceptualization and Theorization*
- *State Family Policies: Understand the Institutional Context of Family Attitudes and Behavior*
- *Religion and Social Norms: Understand the Cultural Context of Family Attitudes and Behavior*
- *Interaction between Family Attitudes and Economic Development: Women’s Education and Employment*
- *Reciprocal Association between Attitudes and Behavior regarding Marriage and Fertility*
- *New Data on Attitudes regarding Marriage and Fertility*

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

We invite those interested in participating in the conference to submit original paper proposals. We expect to publish selected papers from those accepted for presentation in a monograph/special journal issue. Paper proposals should include a title, an abstract of 300 words, a short biography of 150 words, and should be submitted on the attached form and sent to ARI NUS Marriage Conference arinus.marr@gmail.com The submission closes on 31 July 2013. [Click here for the Paper Proposal Submission Form](#). Successful applicants will be notified by 16 September 2013 and be required to send in a completed draft paper (5000-8000 words) by 13 January 2014.

Based on the quality of proposals and the availability of funds, partial funding will be granted to successful applicants. Participants are therefore encouraged to seek funding for travel from their home institutions. Full funding will cover air travel to Singapore by the most economical means, plus board and lodging for the duration of the conference.

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