



Call for papers The relevance of Applied Population Geography Research 19-22 September 2023

A symposium co-hosted by the Applied Geography Commission and the Commission on Population Geography of the International Geographical Union (IGU) and the Department of Geography, University of the Aegean

Hosted at the University of the Aegean, Lesvos, Greece, **19 – 22 September 2023**

Abstract submission deadline: 28 February 2023

Population studies research encapsulates a wide range of topics and issues, from the study of demographic components (migration, births/fertility, deaths/mortality) through different population-related behaviours and interactions. Much of this research is inherently applied: for example, where the findings have important policy relevance or seeks to offer solutions to grand societal problems and the contemporary perma-crisis, such as climate-change/emergency migration, relocations and exclusions tied to the cost-of-living challenges and the restructuring of the global economy, displaced populations seeking asylum or refuge. However, there is also space for more theoretical or conceptual contributions that explain these enduring or unfolding population processes and patterns, as well as contributions that make incremental contributions to understanding, developing existing techniques and methods, and identifying and utilising novel datasets. This meeting brings together researchers from across the broad domains of population studies, population geography and applied geography to debate the relevance of applied population studies research: how much of a difference does population research really make in driving change and enhancing broader knowledge(s)?

The call for papers is open to anyone with an interest in applied population geography. The organising committee will select six to eight abstracts for inclusion in a potential special issue of *Population, Space and Place* which deal with the symposium's theme of The relevance of Applied Population Geography Research. Please specify within your submission if you would like your paper to be considered for the special issue on this particular topic area.

Expressions of interest or Abstracts should be sent to igu_symposium_2023@aegean.gr.

The deadline for Abstracts is the 28th February 2023.

For more information, please contact the symposium secretariat (email: igu_symposium_2023@aegean.gr) or visit the symposium website (currently under construction but expected to be accessible very soon): <http://igusymposium.geo.aegean.gr/>

Fees (Early bird deadline: 31st May 2023):

Early bird regular €250; Late regular €300

Student early €150; Student late €200

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