



International Conference

Education and Demography

Vienna/Austria, 30 November – 1 December 2009
Organisers: Vienna Institute of Demography and IIASA

Call for papers

The theme of the 2009 VID/IIASA conference is the complex interaction of educational and demographic processes within the broader context of economic and social development. It seeks to address both the impact of demography on education as well as the reverse perspective of education as a factor of heterogeneity for demographic processes and hence an instrument of public policy, both in developed and developing countries. We shall also focus on the application of demographic methods to the modelling of human capital dynamics.

Indeed, education is considered a crucial variable in explaining differences in fertility, mortality, morbidity and health, migration as well as variation in macro- and micro-levels of economic development. But despite the fact that education is a good predictor of most demographic behaviours and economic growth patterns as shown by evidence in many settings, the precise causal mechanisms underlying these relationships are less clear, especially when comparing across countries and time. This conference will provide a platform to develop a conceptual framework of the processes through which education and human capital formation causally influence demographic determinants.

The conference also aims at discussing the trends and prospects regarding the link between demographic changes and the developments in the population of students and teachers from both a quantitative and qualitative standpoint. Migration streams have led to the emergence of new issues concerning inequality in access and participation in receiving countries. Poor countries with slow or stalling fertility transitions are primarily concerned with growth in the schooling age population that can represent a serious obstacle towards increasing enrolment ratios. We also welcome papers on projections of the education of schooling-age and working-age population that show the combined momentum of demography and educational development on the labour force.

We expect contributions on the following topics in particular:

1) Education and Fertility

Possible topics include: empirical fertility differentials by education in both developing and industrialised societies, their trends over time, education and the timing of fertility, proximate determinants of fertility and education.

2) Education and Mortality

Possible topics include: empirical mortality differentials by education in both developing and industrialised societies, their trends over time, education and health, avant-garde effects in lifestyle.

3) The Demography of Education and Human Capital

Possible topics include: estimating and forecasting the education profile of populations, the impact of demographic change (incl. migration) on human capital.

4) Towards a Theory of Education and Demographic Processes

Possible topics include: causal mechanisms, methodological issues, disentangling behavioural, cognitive and selection effects of education on demographic behaviour.

Organising Committee

The Organising Committee consists of Bilal Barakat, Anne Goujon, Samir KC, Frank Landler and Wolfgang Lutz.

Please e-mail all submissions to conference.vid@oeaw.ac.at

Submissions should include an abstract and, wherever possible, the full paper and be sent to the VID by **1 June 2009**. Acceptance decisions will be communicated before **30 September 2009**.

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