



## WITTGENSTEIN CENTRE CONFERENCE 2021

# THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF DEPOPULATION

29 November – 1 December 2021

Online Conference - Scheduled in CET/MEZ Time

### Programme

## DAY I: MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2021



1:30 PM OPENING

2:00 PM KEYNOTE 1



*Session Chairs: Wolfgang Lutz, Stuart Gietel-Basten*

**Dubravka Šuica, Vice President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Democracy and Demography**

*Challenges associated with demographic change and population decline*

2:45 PM COFFEE BREAK

3:00 PM INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEPOPULATION



*Session Chairs: Zuzanna Brzozowska, Ingrid Setz*

**Tomáš Sobotka, Kryštof Zeman**

*Missing generations? A cohort perspective on cumulated outmigration from South-Eastern, Central and Eastern Europe*

**Nick Parr**

*Which of Europe's migration receiving countries face long run population decline?*

**Gabriele Morettini, Barbara Zagaglia**

*The changing role of immigration in reversing depopulation before and after the Great Recession*

**Atis Berzins, Juris Krumins, Peteris Zvidrins**

*Prospects of prevention depopulation in Latvia*

**Marianne Tønnessen, Astri Syse**

*Changed emigration as a remedy against depopulation*

4:50 PM COFFEE BREAK

5:15 PM DEPOPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT



*Session Chairs: Erich Striessnig, Jonas Peisker*

**Guy Abel, Roman Hoffmann, Maurizio Malpede, Raya Muttarak, Marco Percoco**

*Climate change, internal migration and depopulation: evidence from global census data*

**Peter Matanle, Luis Antonio Sáez Pérez**

*Depopulation and its socio-environmental outcomes: evidence from Japan, Spain and New Zealand*

**Lucia Tamburino**

*Reconciling a positive ecological balance with human development: the role of population in low-fertility countries*

6:30 PM END OF DAY 1

7:00 PM CULTURAL EVENT



## 10:00 AM KEYNOTE 2



Session Chairs: Michaela Potančoková, Claudia Reiter

**Anne Goujon, European Commission Joint Research Centre**

*Diversity of ageing in the territories of the European Union: drivers and impacts*

10:45 AM COFFEE BREAK

## 11:00 AM LOCAL PERSPECTIVES ON DEPOPULATION



Session Chairs: Michaela Potančoková, Claudia Reiter

**Branislav Bleha, Ján Buček**

*What factors induce differences in depopulation and ageing in the same geographical conditions - The case of Slovak former mining cities*

**Federico Benassi, Annalisa Busetta, Gerardo Gallo, Manuela Stranges**

*Depopulation and local heterogeneities in Italy: a spatial analysis*

**Apostolos G. Papadopoulos, Pavlos Baltas**

*Making sense of depopulation in rural Greece: trends, processes and interpretations*

**Samir KC, Pawan Lamsal**

*Depopulation in Nepal and its potential future implications*

12:30 PM LUNCH BREAK

## 1:00 PM POSTER SESSION



Session Chair: Ekaterina Zhelenkova

## 1:00-1:30 A: THE (CHANGING) GEOGRAPHY OF DEPOPULATION IN EUROPE

**Jordi Bayona-i-Carrasco, Fernando Gil-Alonso, Isabel Pujadas-Rúbies**

*Is Spanish rural depopulation irreversible? Recent changes in the post-economic crisis period*

**Olga Gagauz, Tatiana Tabac, Irina Pahomii**

*Depopulation in Moldova: Is it possible to stop or diminish it?*

**Anna Majdzińska**

*Depopulation areas in Europe in the second decade of the 21st century*

**Josh O'Driscoll, Frank Crowley, Justin Doran, David Meredith, Mary O'Shaughnessey**

*The factors driving shrinkage within Irish Electoral Divisions*

## 1:30-2:00 B: PAST AND PRESENT POPULATION DECLINE: DRIVERS AND OUTCOMES

**Michael Geruso, Nicholas Lawson, Dean Spears**

*Modeling and assessing low-fertility traps: Intergenerational feedback effects under multigenerational optimization*

**Toshihiko Hara**

*The causes and consequences of depopulation in Japan*

**Tado Jurić, Faruk Hadžić**

*Socio-economic consequences of population emigration from Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia - current situation and perspectives*

**Elena Zemlyanova, Alla Ivanova**

*Contribution of COVID-19 deaths to increasing depopulation in Russia*

**Emily Hannum, Fan Wang**

*Fewer, better pathways for all? Intersectional impacts of rural school consolidation in China's minority regions*

**Steffen Heinrich**

*Why labour shortages fail to improve the bargaining position of Japan's workers*

**Elder Lara-Castañeda**

*The effects of poverty and violence on population growth and depopulation of municipalities in Mexico*

**Pilar Morales Giner**

*Fractured climate cultures in depopulated Southern Spanish communities*

**Davide Viero**

*Civic engagement patterns in shrinking cities: rural and urban Japan*

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2:30 PM DEPOPULATION AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY 

Session Chairs: Klaus Prettnner, Miguel Sanchez-Romero

**Brienna Perelli-Harris, Yuliya Hilevych**

*Perspectives on depopulation and low fertility in eastern Ukraine: uncertainties during civil unrest*

**Cynthia Buckley**

*Frozen conflicts and depopulation in Eurasia: population processes in de facto states*

3:15 PM COFFEE BREAK

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3:30 PM ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF DEPOPULATION 

Session Chairs: Michael Kuhn, Miguel Sanchez-Romero

**Martina Siskova, Michael Kuhn, Klaus Prettnner, Alexia Prskawetz**

*Economic consequences of depopulation caused by low fertility and outward migration*

**Jane N. O'Sullivan**

*A tight labour market – the most feared consequence of depopulation – may be among its greatest blessings*

**Timon Hellwagner, Enzo Weber**

*Labour market adjustments to population decline*

4:45 PM COFFEE BREAK

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5:00 PM KEYNOTE 3 

Session Chairs: Klaus Prettnner, Martina Siskova

**David Bloom, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health**

*Economics of depopulation*

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5:45 PM UNFPA PANEL DEBATE 

**Population decline: reasons for concern, cause for celebration, or simply a new reality requiring adjustments**

Chair: Michael Herrmann, UNFPA

**Darrell Bricker**, Global Chief Executive Officer, Ipsos Public Affairs

**Heiner Flassbeck**, German economist and public intellectual

**Wolfgang Lutz**, Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital

**William E. Rees**, Professor Emeritus, University of British Columbia

**Wendy Sigle**, London School of Economics and Political Science

6:45 PM END OF DAY 2

8:00 AM CULTURAL EVENT

9:30 AM KEYNOTE 4 

*Session Chairs: Michael Kuhn, Alexia Fürnkranz-Prskawetz*

**Joshua Goldstein, University of California**

*When do populations actually start shrinking? Some formal demography of depopulation*

10:15 AM COFFEE BREAK

10:30 AM CHALLENGES OF DEPOPULATION: DEMOGRAPHIC, SOCIAL AND POLICY-RELATED PERSPECTIVES 

*Session Chairs: Vanessa Di Lego, Ross Barker*

**Xiaorong Gu, Shu Hu**

*Rural depopulation and youth development in China*

**Cecilia Reynaud, Sara Miccoli**

*Depopulation and ageing population: an unsustainable relationship?*

**Frank Swiaczny**

*Shrinking populations - Uncertainty of population projections and policy making*

**Patrizio Vanella, Timon Hellwagner, Philipp Deschermeier**

*Parsimonious stochastic forecasting of international and internal migration on the NUTS-3 level – An outlook of regional depopulation trends in Germany*

12:00 PM POSTER AWARD & CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

*Chair: Stuart Gietel-Basten*