



CALL FOR PAPERS

WITTGENSTEIN CENTRE CONFERENCE 2023

06. – 07.12.2023, Vienna/Austria

Exploring Population Heterogeneities

Deadline for submission: 30 June 2023

Understanding and analyzing population heterogeneity and its drivers have long been at the heart of demographic analysis. For instance, while inequalities in health and life expectancy across socio-economic groups have been studied since long, their increase over the past decade has turned into a growing concern. In addition to “classical” markers of heterogeneity in individual behavior, such as sex/gender, age, education, urban-rural residence and socio-economic status, there are other important sources of demographic heterogeneity such as spatial, generational, environmental, etc. Their analysis is essential for modeling population developments and projecting them into the future. Equally important is to understand how these heterogeneities arise and evolve, how they are driving and driven by socioeconomic inequality, and the policy challenges they impose for socio-economic development, welfare systems and social cohesion. This conference invites researchers from all social sciences to present work on the causes and consequences of population heterogeneity. Empirical and theoretical papers are welcome.

We are pleased to announce our keynote speakers:

Ridhi Kashyap, Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Anna Matysiak, University of Warsaw

Iñaki Permanyer, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Topics of interest include the following:

- The role and evolution of education as one of the main factors of demographic heterogeneity
- Increasing mortality gradients and health disparities across cohorts
- Heterogeneity in fertility, reproduction and reproductive preferences
- Exploring heterogeneity in the demographic behavior of migrant populations
- Increasing heterogeneity across and within family structures
- Heterogeneity in space: geographic areas, urban and rural populations
- Projecting population heterogeneities
- Demographic heterogeneity and socio-economic inequality: processes and policies
- Social instability, segmentation, polarization and policy responses

Paper submissions online:

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including

- short abstract (250–400 words) and
- extended abstract (2–5 pages) or the full paper.

Please make sure your abstract includes the title, full name(s), affiliation and e-mail addresses of each author.

We encourage in-person participation. Depending on the circumstances, the conference may be held in a hybrid format.

A special issue of the [Vienna Yearbook of Population Research](#) will be dedicated to the topic of this conference. Conference participants and other researchers will be invited to submit their papers on the conference theme to this platinum open-access journal.

Prior to the conference, starting on 4 December 2023, an **international Winter School** related to the topic of the conference will be organised by VID. Further information will be distributed.

Conference Organisers at the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital (IIASA, OeAW, University of Vienna) are:

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