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International Population Conference

IPC2021 will take on a new form

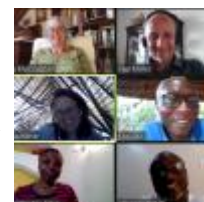
Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the organizers have decided that IPC 2021 will be a virtual/hybrid conference. IPC 2021 will keep its initial dates, 5-10 December 2021, but the **deadline for the Call for Papers has been extended to 15 May 2021.** ([Read more](#))



IUSSP Webinar Series

Reaching members across the globe

The IUSSP Webinar Series launched in May 2020 to reach out to members during the COVID-19 related lockdowns has proved an excellent way to reach a broad and geographically dispersed audience. ([Read more](#))



Digital approaches & COVID-19

Emilio Zagheni, Chair of the IUSSP Panel on Digital Demography, organized a series of 7 lightning talks on "Digital and computational approaches to study determinants and consequences of the spread of COVID-19", which took place on 8 July 2020. ([Read more](#))



COVID-19 mortality in Latin America

Evertón Lima presented data collection and analysis he and colleagues in Latin America have been working on to quantify COVID-19 related excess mortality in Latin America. ([Read more](#))



The consequences of COVID-19 for adolescents

Shireen Jejeebhoy, IUSSP Vice President, Leticia Marteleto, **Joyce Mumah** and K.G. Santhya discussed the potential impacts of COVID-19 on adolescents drawing on preliminary survey data from India, Brazil and countries in Africa. The webinar took place on 29 July 2020. ([Read more](#))



COVID-19 and SRH in Africa

IUSSP hosted a member-initiated webinar organized by **Clifford Odimegwu**, University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa), on "The COVID-19 Pandemic and Sexual & Reproductive Health in Africa". This four-day webinar took place between 31 August to 3 September 2020.

[\(Read more\)](#)



IUSSP Laureate

Call for 2021 IUSSP Laureate

Would you like to honour a colleague for their decisive contribution to the advancement of demography and population research? Do not hesitate to round up support and propose a nomination for the 2021 IUSSP Laureate award. **Deadline: 1 November 2020.** [\(Read more\)](#)

News from the members

Members' new publications

- *Migration from the Newly Independent States. 25 Years After the Collapse of the USSR*, edited by Mikhail Denisenko, Salvatore Strozza, and Matthew Light.
- *Comparative Demography of the Syrian Diaspora: European and Middle Eastern Destinations*, edited by Elwood D. Carlson, and Nathalie E. Williams.

[\(Read summaries\)](#)

New IUSSP members

Seven new members and 14 new Student Associates joined the IUSSP between 1 June 2020 and 1 September 2020. [\(See list\)](#)

In memory

- **Brígida Garcia** (1947-2020)

It is with great sadness that we announce that Brígida Garcia, a longtime member of the IUSSP, passed away on 18 September. A professor and researcher at El Colegio de México since 1971, she had served as a member and then a co-chair of the IUSSP Committee on Gender and Population.

[\(Read more\)](#)



Regional population associations

PAA 2021 annual meeting & webinars

The PAA 2021 Annual Meeting will likely include a combination of virtual and in-person sessions. The latter will be held in St-Louis, Missouri, 5-8 May 2021. **The deadline to submit papers to the call is 25 September.** PAA is also organizing a webinar on 29 September on the Demographics of Racial Violence. [\(Read more\)](#)



5th APA conference & webinars

The 5th Asian Population Association Conference has been postponed to 2021 and will take the form of a virtual conference. APA will hold a webinar on 30 September 2020 on "COVID-19 and the migrants in Asia". **Deadline to register is 25 September 2020.** [\(Register\)](#)



2020 ALAP virtual conference

The Latin American Population Association (ALAP) Conference will take place as a virtual conference from 9 to 11 December 2020. The IUSSP will have a virtual booth and organize a pre-session on IPC2021, a session on PhD training in demography and a roundtable on demographic research with web and social media data. ([Read more](#))



Other announcements

International Science Council



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IUSSP is a member of the International Science Council, which organizes a range of activities bringing together interdisciplinary panels of scientists on scientific issues, many of which are of interest to demographers and population scientists. Here are a list and description of upcoming activities that are open to members and broader networks.

([Read more](#))

N-IUSSP

Recent articles

- Comparing mortality variability between the United States and peer countries, Justin M Vinneau, Richard Rogers, Robert A Hummer, Elizabeth M Lawrence
- The spatial integration of immigrants in Europe, Daniel t. Lichter, Domenico Parisi, Shrinidhi Ambinakudige
- Frontline workers in the U.S.: race, ethnicity, and gender, Lily Casura, Ricardo Lowe, Jr, Cristina Martinez, Sarah Serpas, Victoria Castellanos, Joachim Singelmann
- Does information change attitudes toward immigrants?, Alexis Grigorieff, Christopher Roth, Diego Ubfal
- Is support between parents and adult children reciprocal?, Hans Härmäläinen, Bruno Arpino
- Putting mobile phones in women's hands spurs sustainable development, Francesco Billari, Ridhi Kashyap, Luca Maria Pesando, Valentina Rotondi, Jenny Trinitapoli
- Opposites attract. Unions between majority natives and marriage migrants in Sweden, Annika Elwert
- More children linked to lower mortality in contemporary Norway, with exceptions, Øystein Kravdal

([Read articles](#))



Calls

IUSSP Calls for Papers

- International Conference on Family and Fertility Virtual conference, 3-5 December 2020. Deadline for submission of abstracts: 31 October 2020

Other Calls

- Call for sessions / posters FAIR Conference (30 Sept / 31 Oct)
- GENUS Thematic Series on The Demography of COVID-19. Deadline for submissions: 30 September 2020
- Call for papers for a collective book on COVID-19 in West Africa. Deadline for submissions: 5 October 2020
- Journal of Demography Africa (JDA). Call for papers: Education-Health-Gender Equality-Economic Development-Population. Deadline for submissions: 30 November 2020

Job opportunities

Jobs/Fellowships

- Request for proposals: Russell Sage Foundation "Pipeline Grants Competition" on economic mobility (and barriers) in the U.S. Deadline for Applications: 4 November 2020.

Doctoral / Post-Doctoral Positions

- National University of Singapore. Postdoctoral Fellow for the research project on Southeast Asian Family Dynamic Study. Deadline for applications: 30 September 2020.
- Post Doctoral Fellowships. Centre for Demographic Research (DEMO), Belgium. Deadline for applications: 1 October 2020.
- Postdoctoral researcher in international migration - sociology/political science/quantitative methods. Deadline for applications: 5 October 2020.
- PhD studentship to work as part of the ERC project: A Better Life for the Children of Exile: Intergenerational Adaptation of the Descendants of Refugees. Deadline for applications: 12 October 2020.
- Two 3-year postdoctoral positions within the ERC-project "Sexual Minorities and Inequality of Opportunity" (HEALIN). Deadline for applications: 1 November 2020.
- CFPR PhD Research Scholarship opportunity. National University of Singapore. Deadline for applications: 1 November 2020.
- Postdoctoral position in the computational modeling of COVID-19. INSERM, France. Deadline for applications: 31 December 2020.

Training Courses or Workshops

- Five-day intensive online course on "Topics in Digital and Computational Demography" (MPIDR). Deadline for applications: 9 October 2020.
- London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). 50th cohort of students MSc Demography and Health. Deadline for applications: 31 December 2020.

Calendar

Forthcoming IUSSP meetings & other events

- PAA Webinar: Demographics of Racial Violence. Webinar, 29 September 2020
- Webinar. Learn how to boost phone survey response rates with tips from IDinsight, 30 September 2020.
- **IUSSP Webinar on the "Priorities in research on international migration and mobilities: Implications of the COVID pandemic and its legacies", 22 October 2020.**
- Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2020 on the Demographic Aspects of the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Consequences. Vienna, Austria, 30 November-1 December 2020.
- International FAIR Convergence Symposium 2020 (online), 30 November-4 December 2020.
- International Conference on Family and Fertility (Online), 3-5 December 2020.
- 2020 ALAP International Conference (Virtual), 9-11 December 2020.
- 5th Asian Population Association Conference (postponed to 2021).
- **IUSSP Seminar on Unintended pregnancy and key outcomes—abortion and unplanned births (postponed to 2021).**
- Sixth International Conference on Family Planning. Pattaya City, Thailand, 8-11 November 2021.
- **2021 International Population Conference (IPC2021). Hyderabad, India, 5-10 December 2021.**

Submit your announcements

Feel free to share news from your institution and region so that we can keep all IUSSP members informed about recent or forthcoming events and opportunities in the population field. IUSSP members are welcome to submit information on conferences, job openings, post-doctoral positions, and research grants for inclusion in the newsletter and IUSSP website. Please send the information to contact@iussp.org and remember to include important dates for application deadlines (and photos when appropriate). Information should be sent by email or in a Word document so that it can be edited. For inclusion in the next Bulletin, please send information **by 1 December 2020**. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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IPC 2021 is “ON”, but will take on a new form!

The International Population Conference 2021 (IPC 2021) scheduled to take place in Hyderabad, India, will go on but will now have a completely different format. Instead of being a fully “live” onsite conference, IPC 2021 will be hybrid, most likely a combination of several in-person sessions in India, while most sessions will be virtual. IPC 2021 will run on and around 5-10 December 2021 as initially planned, so save those dates!

It will come as no surprise that the organizers had to change the conference format due to the global COVID 19 pandemic. Putting the health and safety of our participants before anything else, the IUSSP and the Indian organizers jointly concluded that a new format was unavoidable and a hybrid conference the best possible option. The pandemic is still highly volatile and likely to remain so for some time with multiple impacts on health, economic, and financial conditions that are essential for a successful conference. Because of these impacts and uncertainties, many of our colleagues will also likely not be able to travel internationally. With this in mind, and with great regret, we had no option but to cancel our contract with the Hyderabad International Convention Centre.

In these exceptional circumstances, we believe a novel, hybrid or predominantly virtual IPC 2021 is the best way to connect our worldwide population community. While we regret that most of us will not have the pleasure to travel to India for this conference, we will try our utmost to keep the spirit of India alive in our new format and plan to hold the face-to-face component in India.

IPC 2021 will be a new experience for all of us, and all those in the population field are encouraged to join!

The change to a virtual format removes the need to provide a long lead time between the announcement of paper acceptance and the conference. **The organizers have thus decided to extend the deadline for the Call for Papers to 15 May 2021.** We will be providing more information on the new format soon.

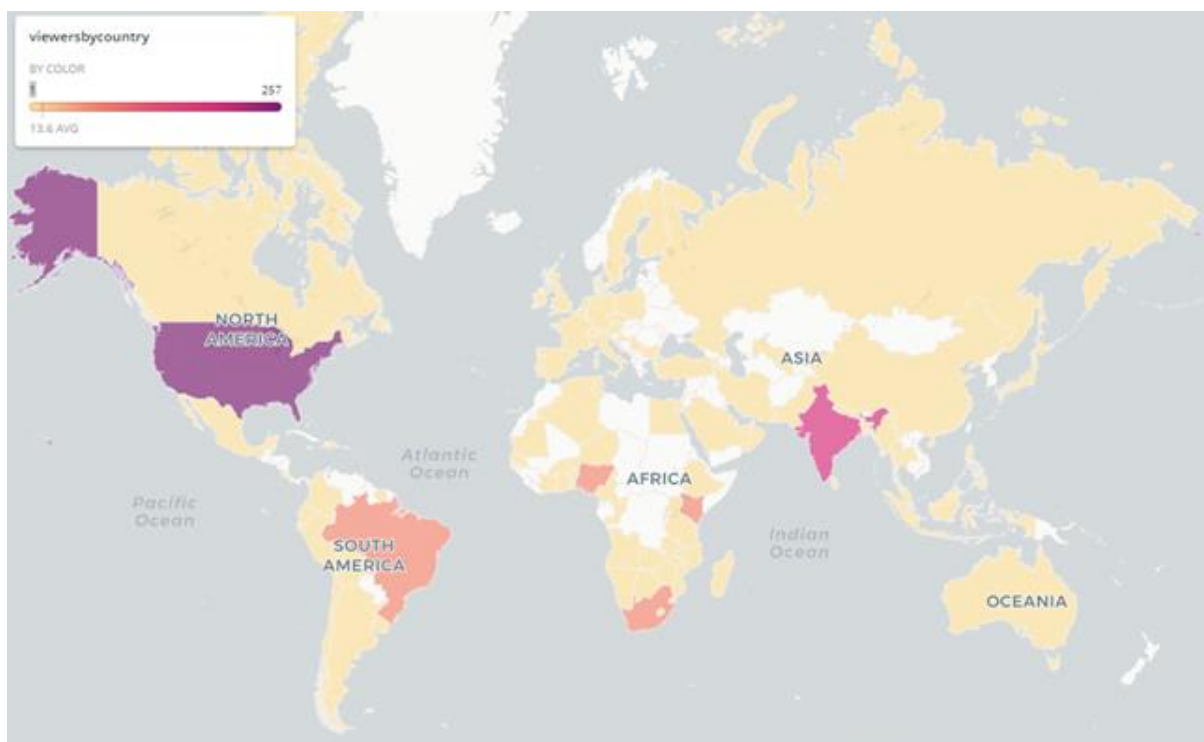
The Steering Committee of IPC 2021, on behalf of the IPC 2021 International and National Organizing Committees, as well as the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) and the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP).

Report on IUSSP webinar series (September 2020)

- Reaching members across the globe

IUSSP launched a webinar series in May 2020 to reach out to IUSSP members and others while we are confined to home and offices due to COVID-19. The webinars have focused on COVID-19 related topics, but we welcome topics on other research. The webinars have been an excellent way to reach out to a broad and geographically dispersed audience and include members who have not been able to participate in in-person seminars and conferences

The geographic breadth of participation has been impressive – 1,053 people from 97 countries viewed one or more of the five webinars IUSSP hosted.



The webinars have proven to be popular with those residing in Africa (26% of participants) and Asia (23% of participants) laying to rest concerns that attendees from the global South would be excluded because of insufficient bandwidth. Many members who have never had the opportunity to participate in an IUSSP seminar have been able to attend a webinar. Of course, some do have difficulties with connections, especially when using video, but overall, most attendees stay for the full duration of the 60-90 minute webinars.

The countries with the largest number of attendees for all webinars were the United States (257), India (187), Brazil (99), Nigeria (90), South Africa (74), Kenya (54), the United Kingdom (47), Spain (35), Canada (33), and Italy (25). Geographic distribution of participants, however, varied with the webinar topic and speakers.

Regional attendance by webinar:

| Webinar Topic | Africa | Europe | Latin America | North America | Asia-Pacific | Total |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Positioning population studies to understand the short and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic</i> | 18% (74) | 20% (79) | 8% (32) | 23% (92) | 32% (128) | 405 |
| <i>Digital and computational approaches to study determinants and consequences of the spread of COVID-19</i> | 13% (27) | 29% (59) | 9% (18) | 21% (43) | 27% (55) | 202 |
| <i>Quantifying COVID-19-related excess mortality in Latin America</i> | 10% (24) | 10% (24) | 41% (96) | 25% (59) | 13% (30) | 233 |
| <i>COVID-19: The Pandemic's Consequences for Adolescents</i> | 17% (33) | 7% (14) | 11% (20) | 26% (49) | 39% (73) | 189 |
| <i>The COVID-19 Pandemic and Sexual & Reproductive Health in Africa</i> | 67% (182) | 8% (21) | 2% (6) | 17% (47) | 6% (17) | 273 |
| Total | 26% (340) | 15% (197) | 13% (172) | 22% (290) | 23% (303) | 1,302 |

The webinars focused on different aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the research, data and methods needed to measure impact over the long term (see more on the content of these webinars in the links below). The IUSSP Council and officers instigated most of these webinars, save one, which was proposed and organized by an IUSSP member. In addition to these open webinars, IUSSP Panels have continued their work with smaller, invitation-only virtual meetings to present work in progress or to conduct training activities.

The webinars have provided IUSSP with an opportunity to test webinar platforms and improve our ability to host virtual events. While we hope in-person meetings will be possible sometime soon, virtual webinars and hybrid events will likely become a permanent fixture as they reach many more members across the globe. Given this experience, we encourage you to send us your ideas for webinar topics and consider volunteering to organize one.

More webinars will be held in the forthcoming weeks, including one tentatively scheduled for 22 October on the *Priorities in research on international migration and mobilities: Implications of the COVID pandemic and its legacies*.

Read more or watch video of past webinars:

- [The COVID-19 Pandemic and Sexual & Reproductive Health in Africa - 31 August-3 September 2020](#)
- [COVID-19: The Pandemic's Consequences for Adolescents - 29 July 2020](#)
- [Quantifying COVID-19-related excess mortality in Latin America - 17 July 2020](#)
- [Digital and computational approaches to study determinants and consequences of the spread of COVID-19 - 8 July 2020](#)
- [Positioning population studies to understand the short and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic - 20 May 2020](#)

Digital and computation approaches to study determinants and consequences of the spread of COVID-19

Webinar, 8 July 2020

The objective of this webinar was to present ongoing research using data from social and digital media to understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on demographic behaviours and above all to stimulate discussion about new forms of data collection using digital media and computational methods. The presentations fell into three categories.

The first set of talks focused on using social media, primarily Facebook (FB), to recruit survey participants. Nadia Diamond Smith presented results of an ongoing FB panel survey in India to understand the impacts of COVID on reproductive health decision making. Jorge Cimentada explored more in-depth the issue of the representativeness of respondents to social media surveys compared to the general population.

The second set of presentations explored issues of trust and mistrust in those accessing health information via social media. Ridhi Kashyap looked at how the public's reliance on experts shifted during the COVID epidemic in Italy using digital trace data from Twitter and Telegram, combined with a survey experiment on Facebook, revealing that trust in public health experts declined as the pandemic progressed. Yelena Mejova examined Facebook Ads from the FB Ad library, finding that questionable information on the COVID pandemic from advertisers is competing with accurate public health information.

The third set of talks focused on the use of digital trace data to understand geographic mobility and its impact on COVID-19 and related mortality. Michele Tisisoni provided an overview of the methods and data sets used to measure mobility changes with mobile phone data in Italy during the COVID pandemic in January-March 2020. Ingmar Weber presented an overview of Google Maps to monitor mobility, and show how others might use this data, as well as covering some of its limitations. Ugofilippo Basellini presented work using Google Mobility Reports to quantify the impact of stay-at-home efforts to reduce excess mortality, finding that stay-at-home measures averted approximately 130,000 excess deaths in England and Wales in the spring of 2020.

The webinar ended with a lively discussion animated by questions from the Q&A. The webinar included 202 attendees joining from 44 countries. Many thanks to Emilio Zagheni for organizing this webinar on behalf of the IUSSP Panel on Digital Demography.

The webinar programme, video recording and Q&A are available here:

<https://iussp.org/en/iussp-webinar-digital-and-computational-approaches-study-determinants-and-consequences-spread-covid>

Quantifying COVID-19-related excess mortality in Latin America

Webinar, 17 July 2020

This webinar addressed the challenges of using civil registration data on cause-of-death to quantify excess mortality due to COVID-19. Organized by the **IUSSP Panel Population Perspectives and Demographic Methods to Strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Systems**, the webinar featured the work of colleagues from Latin America. Everton Lima (University of Campinas, Brazil) presented a co-authored paper based on the collection of monthly civil registration data in Brazil, Peru, Chile and Ecuador analyzing the effects of disease on small areas by comparing mortality in 2018-2019 with 2020. The presentation provided an overview of the pandemic in Latin America and covered data sources and methods as well as preliminary results and issues with data collection in these countries.

Stephane Helleringer (Johns Hopkins School of Public Health University) and Jenny Garcia (French Institute for Demographic Studies) served as discussants highlighting some of the challenges faced by the team in analyzing COVID-19 death data and estimating excess mortality. They reviewed issues of completeness of data and regional variation in how cause-of-death data is recorded and reported as well as the quality of that data. For instance, recent mortality is likely to be underestimated because of delays in reporting compared to data from a year earlier and thus more likely to underestimate excess mortality for more recent periods.

A total of 235 attendees joined from 47 countries with Latin America accounting for 41% of participants and North America 25% of participants. The webinar included a rich Q&A with oral and written responses from Everton and his colleagues in Latin America. Romesh Silva also highlighted the issue of sex differences in death reporting.

Romesh Silva (UNFPA and Chair of the Panel) moderated the webinar and Montasser Kamal (IDRC), representing the Centre of Excellence on CRVS, provided closing remarks. We thank the panelists for a very stimulating and thought-provoking webinar. The recording will be of value to those working on CRVS and mortality as well as the general public interested in understanding the statistics on COVID deaths reported in the press.

The webinar programme, video recording, Q&A and presentations are available here:
<https://iussp.org/en/iussp-webinar-quantifying-covid-19-related-excess-mortality-latin-america>

COVID-19: The Pandemic's Consequences for Adolescents

Webinar, 29 July 2020

Inspired by an article on [The Pandemic's impact on Adolescents](#) written by Shireen Jejeebhoy, this webinar focused on the impacts of COVID and the lockdown on youth: their access to education, employment, sexual and reproductive health services, as well as impacts on their mental and physical health and longer-term impacts. Shireen Jejeebhoy introduced and moderated the webinar, which featured recent research from Brazil, India and Africa. Leticia Marteleto drew on longitudinal research that provided data on the impact of the Zika epidemic on young women in Brazil and includes recent telephone interviews looking at the impacts of COVID-19 on these women. K.G Santhya presented results of a telephone survey conducted by the Population Council on the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown in India. Joyce Mumah presented data from International Planned Parenthood Federation's WISH Program that compared adolescents' use of family planning services before COVID at the end of 2019 and just after lockdown in early 2020 for a consortium of countries in Africa. She also presented efforts to reach youth to provide family planning information and services during the lockdown through WhatsApp, cell phones and the Internet.

Much of the Question and Answer focused on the challenges and ethics of conducting interviews and collecting data through telephone surveys and WhatsApp.

The webinar was attended by 189 participants from 39 countries from all regions of the world.

The webinar programme, video recording, Q&A and presentations are available here:
<https://iussp.org/en/iussp-webinar-covid-19-pandemic%E2%80%99s-consequences-adolescents>

The COVID-19 Pandemic and Sexual & Reproductive Health in Africa

4-day webinar from 31 August to 3 September 2020

This first member-initiated webinar was proposed and organized by Clifford Odimegwu and colleagues based at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa and the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. The webinar took place over four days with sessions focusing on different aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic and Sexual and Reproductive Health in Africa including impacts on adolescents and youth, health rights, health systems and the Sustainable Development Goals, and more general issues of COVID-19 research in Africa. It included presentations from researchers, programme directors, activists, and donor representatives based in South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, France and the United States. It was an opportunity for this group to discuss the impacts of COVID and reflect on future research and programme needs to address the impacts of COVID-19. See below the programme of speakers for each webinar.



The webinar attracted 292 total participants, of which 30 attended all four days. Participants joined from the webinar from 45 countries, 22 in Africa – 67 % of attendees (182 total) connected from Africa with eight or more participants joining from South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, Zambia, Uganda, Cameroon and Senegal. Many viewers joined from North America and Asia.

The webinar was an opportunity to strengthen regional networks of African scholars and test our Zoom platform's ability to enable virtual participation of those in the region. Though one speaker lost his connection, most of the presentations ran smoothly. We thank Clifford Odimegwu and his colleagues for organizing this webinar.

IUSSP welcomes additional member-initiated webinars. We look forward to receiving more proposals for sessions on topics of interest to IUSSP membership. In the future, we request, however, that members propose one session of 60-90 minutes.

The webinar programme, video recording, Q&A and presentations are available here:
<https://iussp.org/en/iussp-webinar-covid-19-pandemic-and-sexual-reproductive-health-africa>

IUSSP Laureate: call for 2021 nominations

Each year the IUSSP honours one of its members by bestowing its Laureate Award. The IUSSP Laureate Award was established in 1991 to recognize the life-time achievements of outstanding IUSSP members. Contributions to the advancement of population sciences and distinguished service rendered to the IUSSP are considered when bestowing the award. The IUSSP membership nominates candidates for this award and the IUSSP Council selects the successful candidate by secret ballot after careful review of each candidate's dossier and testimonials.

New and more inclusive criteria

Considering that the criteria for the Laureate Award were onerous and no longer fully reflect today's realities, the Council decided last year to adjust the criteria and make them more inclusive. To be eligible for consideration, an individual must now :

- Have been a member of the IUSSP for at least 10 years (*rather than 20 years*) and currently be a member.
- Be nominated by five or more IUSSP members from different countries; self-nominations will not be considered.
- Members of the current Council may not be nominated for the Laureate award, but members of previous Councils, including Honorary Presidents, are eligible (*they used to be excluded*).

Nominated candidates remain eligible for the award for a period of 4 years (*rather than 2 years*).

Nominations for the 2021 IUSSP Laureate Award are invited and should be sent to the Executive Director of the IUSSP **by 1 November 2020**.

- **[Read more on the procedure.](#)**

An overview of Laureates and more information can be found at:

<https://www.iussp.org/en/about/awards>.

Brígida Garcia (1947 - 2020)

Dear Brígida, we missed more moments together and we missed one last hug... your departure caught us off guard... because it is always surprising that the essential can be absent... and the first reaction, the first thought is how are we going to continue without you? But our hearts will recover ... we will give continuity to your presence ... and through all the shared learning and the love that remains we will always feel you close ...



Brígida was born in Moca, Dominican Republic on May 13, 1947, where she spent her childhood and adolescence. When she was just 16 years old, she left her country of origin, first to the United States where she studied Secretariat and then a degree in Sociology. In 1969 she came to Mexico, initially only to prepare a master's degree, but life rooted her in Mexico where, in addition to her brilliant academic career, she developed her personal and family life. In 1973 she married Gustavo Garza, a distinguished economist and colleague, and together they formed a family, with their children Alicia and Ernesto.

To understand a little more about Brígida's academic and professional career, it is worth doing a brief review. Brígida studied for a degree in Sociology at Siena Heights College, Michigan (1963-1967). Later, she completed a master's degree in Demography at El Colegio de México (1969-1971) and a Doctorate in Sociology at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (1985-1987). She began her career as Professor and Researcher at the Center for Demographic, Urban and Environmental Studies (CEDUA) of El Colegio de México in 1971 and in 2019, she was awarded the recognition of emeritus professor of the university.

Her academic work revolved around three main themes: labor markets, family and gender. It delved into aspects related to women's labor participation, their autonomy, the division of domestic work, family life, and unpaid and care work. Her contributions on these issues had a very significant impact beyond the academic world, as they revealed (and questioned) deep gender inequalities that characterize the lives of women within families and in the social space. In this way, her work made central contributions to the feminist research agenda in Mexico and Latin America.

Recognizing and acknowledging Brígida's life requires giving account of the impact she had on all the places and dimensions where she transited. For us demographers and students of the population, her academic work was obviously the initial vehicle of exchange. But her open, positive and generous personality inevitably led us to share with her far more than just the intellectual issues...

From her participation in and contributions to sociodemographic research in Mexico and Latin America, three facets of her deeply generous and human personality stand out and left their mark on us:

- **Knowledge multiplier.** Brígida was an exceptional teacher, who shared knowledge and resources without pettiness with her students and those whose theses she directed. She took care of her students like her own children, motivating and encouraging them to do their best. She established relationships with them that did not end with the course or with the thesis

defense, but lasted forever, as she tried to keep abreast of them and their activities, years and decades after they had been her students.

- **Determined advocate of new voices and researchers.** Brígida had a deep vocation to guide and promote the careers of new professionals and researchers. She believed beyond any doubt in her young graduates and always tried to help them to find study or work opportunities, and bet on them over and over.
- **Creator and promoter of intellectual collectivity.** Brígida was always continuously involved in the generation and strengthening of collective spaces, and always promoting teamwork. Latin American demographers benefited particularly from this work, thanks to her commitment and enthusiasm in the formation of the Mexican Society of Demography (SOMEDE) and the Latin American Population Association (ALAP).

Brígida served as president of the Mexican Society of Demography (SOMEDE) (1994-1996) and played a central role in creation of ALAP, attending every one of ALAP's conferences as an enthusiastic participant. She was also a member of ALAP's Lafam Network, of the Advisory Council (2009-2012) and of the Editorial Board of the Latin American Population Magazine (2015-2020). Brígida served as a member of the Governing Board of El Colegio de México (2003-2005) and El Colegio de Sonora (2007-2010) and, for many years, she served on the Human Reproductive Programme (HRP) Panel on Social Science and Operations Research on Sexual and Reproductive Health at WHO, where she supported global research and capacity building activities.

Brígida García joined the IUSSP in 1977, the year of the International Population Conference in Mexico, and has been an active member ever since. She participated as a member (1990-1994) and then as co-chair (1995-1999) in the IUSSP Committee on Gender and Population, and was instrumental in the publications that resulted from the Committee's activities: *Women, Poverty and Demographic Change* (Brígida García, OUP, 2000) and *Women in the Labour Market in Changing Economies: Demographic Issues* (Brígida García, Richard Anker and Antonella Pinelli, eds., OUP, 2003). More recently, she had served as a member of the IUSSP Panel on Family Demography in Developing countries (2011-2014) and was elected at the IUSSP General Assembly in Cape Town to be a member of the 2021 Nominations committee.

Brígida, adjectives are not enough to describe and recognize you: simple, loving, respectful, confident, supportive... friend.

We will follow your example by forming a community, becoming aware of our privileged position as academic intellectuals and, from there, promoting well-being and human solidarity. Through our daily research and teaching, documenting and proposing solutions to address the social and gender injustices and inequalities that worried you and mobilized your work.

Thanks, Brígida ... thank you always ...

Irene Casique, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Irene Casique's original obituary in Spanish is posted on the [ALAP website](#).

New members and student associates

New members:

Seven new members joined the IUSSP between 1 June and 1 September 2020:

Brazil: Raquel Guimaraes; **Ghana:** Aba Crentsil; **India:** Sunayan Chowdhury; **Kenya:** Janet Lunayo; Margaret Mwaila; **Somalia:** Abdulrazak Karie; **United States:** David Baker.

New Student Associates:

Fourteen new student associates joined the IUSSP between 1 June and 1 September 2020:

Australia: Penny Vandenbroek; **Brazil:** Carolina Aragao; **Cameroon:** Tchango Ngalé Georges Alain; **Canada:** Brian Wong; **China:** Kexin Zhang; **Ghana:** Joshua Okyere, Bernard Owusu; **India:** Yatin Dhaktode; **Iran:** Naghme Babapour; **Kenya:** Anne Stella Mulama; **Mexico:** Cynthia Cisneros Franco; **South Africa:** Rebaone Petelele; **United States:** Elena Pojman; **Zimbabwe:** Norman Makunika.