



Exploring Open Large-Scale Historical Demographic Databases

This online summer school is aimed at scholars (junior and senior), doctoral students and anyone with research interests in the field of historical demography. The first edition focused on Italian sources and received significant interest. The second edition will focus on sources that have been (or are in the process of being) made into large-scale databases that are or will be publically available for research. At the end of the course, participants will 1) understand the challenges of creating large-scale databases using diverse types of sources that are suitable for research, 2) understand their potential for allowing new research topics to be studied and 3) have acquired some preliminary information on how to work with them. The course will feature experts discussing several projects that illuminate different contexts, needs, challenges and opportunities using European sources, and a final session focusing on the Italian case. At the end of the course, all enrolled students will receive a certificate of participation.

Course Schedule

The course will be held online for a total of 10 hours, taking place every Friday from 3pm to 5pm, for 5 weeks. The sessions are scheduled for September 8th, September 15th, September 22nd, September 29th, and October 6th.

Organizing Committee

Luciana Quaranta (Lund University), Barbara Revuelta-Eugercios (Danish National Archives - Rigsarkivet), Gabriele Ruiu (University of Sassari), Francesco Scalone (University of Bologna).

Information

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How to Enroll

To enroll, participants must be a member of the Italian Society of Historical Demography. Enrollment is free for all SIDeS members, and non-members can participate by submitting a membership application along with the course registration request.

The request for course registration should include a brief curriculum of up to one page. Registration requests must be submitted by September 5, 2023, and registration instructions are available at https://demostorica.it. For more information, contact SIDeS Secretary Gabriele Ruiu (Department of Economics and Business, University of Sassari, email: gruiu@uniss.it





8 September 2023

3:00 - 4:00 pm

An Introduction to Exploring Open Large-Scale Historical Demographic Databases

Francesco Scalone (University of Bologna)

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Reconstructing Life-Courses and Family Relations in Denmark: the Link-Lives Project

Barbara Revuelta-Eugercios (Danish National Archives -Rigsarkivet) 15 September 2023

3:00 - 4:00 pm

The Evolution of Historical Demographic Databases, Future Challenges and Opportunities

George Alter (ICPSR - University of Michigan)

4:00 - 5:00 pm

(Lund University)

The Scanian Economic
Demographic Database
and SWEDPOP: Swedish
Resources for Historical
Demographic Research
Luciana Quaranta

22 September 2023

3:00 - 4:00 pm

The SHIP Project and The Great Leap Network:
Building an International Database of Historical Cause of Death Data
Angélique Janssens
& Tim Riswick
(Radboud University)

4:00 - 5:00 pm

The Scottish Historic Population Platform Chris Dibben & Lee Williamson (University of Edinburgh)

29 September 2023

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Linking and Disseminating Historical Data from Dutch Archives

Rick Mourits (International Institute of Social History) & Richard Zijdeman (International Institute of Social History / University of Stirling)

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Historical Census Data in IPUMS: A Resource for Demographic Research

Jonas Helgertz (Lund University / University of Minnesota) 6 October 2023

3:00 - 4:00 pm

The Italian Parish Records Project

Suzanne E. Greco (Harvard Divinity School)

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Constructing a Historical Demographic Database: a Case from Italy

Anna Marzona (Qmind Srl)