

Similarities and peculiarities on the way to longer life in human populations

4th Human Mortality Database Symposium

22-23 May 2017

Venue:
WissenschaftsForum, Berlin

Call for Papers

Dear Colleague,

In 2017 the **Human Mortality Database Project** celebrates its **15th anniversary**. We decided to hold the 4th Human Mortality Database Symposium on “Similarities and peculiarities on the way to longer life in human populations” on this important occasion.

The event is devoted to demographic, epidemiological, and public health research on mortality and length of life. The objective of the Symposium is to present and promote research on mortality and survival across time, space, and population groups — with analyses primarily based on data from the Human Mortality Database (HMD) and the Human Life Table Database (HLD). The Symposium aims at addressing major themes and challenges of substantive research as well as methodological and data issues. In addition to contributing to the scientific programme, participants are invited to provide feedback and suggestions on the HMD and the HLD contents, techniques, and setup, and directions of further development.

Paper proposals

Empirical and methodological papers are equally welcome. Topics of the Symposium include, but are not limited to, the following research areas:

- Data and methods for the analysis of mortality, life and health expectancies.
- Mortality in period and cohort dimensions. Measures and models.
- Frontiers of longevity. Survival and health at advanced ages.
- Health and survival of women and men. How to explain the paradox?
- Causes of death and the health transition.
- Mortality convergence and divergence across countries. The East-West health divide in Europe.
- Regional mortality variations and its determinants.
- Socioeconomic differences in the face of death.
- Use of HMD and HLD for estimating and forecasting mortality in developing countries.
- HMD, HLD and related online resources. New opportunities and challenges.

The keynote presentations will be given by

James W. Vaupel (Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock)

France Meslé and Jacques Vallin (National Institute for Demographic Studies, Paris)

John Wilmoth (United Nations Population Division, New York)

David A. Leon (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)

If you are interested in contributing to the 4th HMD Symposium, please send a 300+ word abstract or draft paper to the following address (hmd@mortality.org) with Cc: to Dmitry Jdanov (Jdanov@demogr.mpg.de) by **19 February 2017**. Please make sure to include: the provisional title of your proposal, the full name(s) of each author, the affiliation (full name of organization and

department), and the e-mail address(es). Applicants will be notified if their paper has been accepted by 17 March 2017.

Place and date of the event

The Symposium is scheduled for 22-23 May 2017. It will take place at the WissenschaftsForum at Gendarmenmarkt in Berlin, where an office of the Max Planck Society is located. The full address is Wissenschaftsforum, Markgrafenstrasse 37, 10117 Berlin.

There are no participation fees, but the participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.

About the HMD Project

The Human Mortality Database is a joint project of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR) and the Department of Demography of the University of California at Berkeley (UCB) with contribution by the French National Institute of Demographic Studies (INED) and support from the Berkeley Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging (CEDA) and other financial backers. The project aims to provide free and user-friendly access to a variety of data on survival and longevity (for more details see Barbieri et al. 2015). The core Project consists of two companion databases: the Human Mortality Database (www.mortality.org and www.humanmortality.de) and the Human Life Table Database (<http://www.lifetable.de>). Some countries have built their own databases by applying the HMD methodology to sub-national populations: the Canadian Human Mortality Database at <http://www.bdlc.umontreal.ca/chmd/> and the Japanese Mortality Database at <http://www.ipss.go.jp/p-toukei/JMD/index-en.asp>.

The first and second HMD Symposiums were held at MPIDR in Rostock in 2004 and 2008. The third Symposium was held at INED in Paris in 2010. Brief information about these events can be found at <http://www.ceda.berkeley.edu/Conferences/index.html>.

Reference

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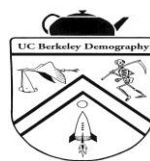
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