

# The 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of Young Demographers Will Take Place in February 2022

The Conference of Young Demographers traditionally serves as an exceptional opportunity to spend four days discussing current demographic issues. It gives students and young researchers a chance to learn and receive opinions and advice in a friendly environment from their peers, who come to the conference from all over the world. It is our pleasure to announce that this year the conference is co-organised in cooperation with the Association for Young Historical Demographers.

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Conference of Young Demographers will take place from **1 to 4 February 2022** in Prague at the Faculty of Science, Charles University. Although the conference is mainly aimed at PhD students in the field of (historical) demography, all young researchers – and researchers who are young at heart – from various fields of population studies are welcome to attend. The working language of the conference is English.

Keynote lectures have kindly been promised by Dr Mariona Lozano Riera and Dr José Manuel Aburto. Mariona holds a PhD in sociology and works as a researcher at the Centre for Demographic Studies at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (CED UAB). Her research focuses on the labour market and the position of women in it. José Manuel is currently working at the Leverhulme Centre for

Demographic Science (LCDS) at the University of Oxford. His work centres on the study of lifespan and life-expectancy inequalities using methods of mathematical demography.

Following the success of past years, a workshop will be included in the conference programme. The workshop will be organised by Dr Ilya Kashnitsky, DataViz magician and researcher at the Centre for Population Dynamics at the University of Southern Denmark (CPop SDU).

This year's conference will focus more on posters and work-in-progress. We would therefore like to especially encourage submissions to the poster session.

The final programme of the conference will be announced in January 2022.

For more information, including information on being a passive conference participant, please visit our website ([youngdemographers.github.io](https://youngdemographers.github.io)). Registration for passive participation will open in January and will close on 30 January. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at: [yd.demographers@gmail.com](mailto:yd.demographers@gmail.com). We look forward to meeting you in Prague!

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# Conference RELIK 2021

In 2021 the Reproduction of Human Capital - Mutual Links and Connections conference (RELIK), which seeks to connect demography with other areas, was held at the University of Economics and Business in Prague. This was the 14th year of the RELIK international conference, but this year the conference took place for the first time in a hybrid format on 4 and 5 November 2021.

A large number of papers were submitted to the conference in 2021 and this was reflected in the final programme, which included more than 80 papers. The topics of papers presented in person included, for example, the issue of debt execution in relation to pensions, the sociodemographic structure of the Roma population in the 2011 population census in Slovakia, the impact of education on reproductive behaviour, the financing of the Czech health-care system, beta regression used to analyse the US presidential election, or the experience of employees working from home.

Presentations dedicated to topics such as the payment of the childcare allowance, social quality, post-productive economic activity, labour migration, motivational factors, employee satisfaction and benefits, or tertiary education and digital competencies were presented in the online forum. Many of the papers also focused on the evaluation of the Covid-19 pandemic, such as the change in human capital

in informal networks and organisational performance, changes in the number of self-employed people, the trend in unemployment during the pandemic, and the importance of hygiene during the pandemic.

As in previous years, the young scientists' sections, intended for researchers just starting out, were included again this year. Papers presented by young scientists dealt with the effects of technostress on higher education, industry 4.0, the role of social networks and social capital in the labour market, or mortality according to education levels. The theme of Covid-19 resonated here as well in topics such as research on the expansion of remote working in V4 countries, the Covid-19 pandemic media image, and security risks in communication or methods of education during the pandemic.

The conference proceedings from this year and previous years of the RELIK conference are available online at: <https://relik.vse.cz/archive/>.

Proceedings from 2017 to 2020 were included in the Web of Science database, and the organisational team will work to get the proceedings from 2021 included in the Web of Science database, too.

The conference took place in a friendly atmosphere. Many interesting questions were raised and there were many stimulating discussions.

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