



## The First International Congress of Young Historical Demographers 23–27 August 2017 Cluj-Napoca, Romania

The International Commission for Historical Demography (ICHD) and Babeş-Bolyai University, represented by the Centre for Population Studies (BBU-CPS), is convening the first *International Congress of Young Historical Demographers* in Cluj-Napoca on 23–27 August 2017.

In the context of the fast-paced development of historical demographic research worldwide over the past few decades, the organization of a cyclical *International Congress of Young Historical Demographers* is highly desirable. Historical demographers are no longer mere researchers of past populations, but also interpreters of present and future demographic trends. Hence, they must represent a distinct voice in the public sphere and –informed by their expertise in historical experiences and contingencies–provide solutions to contemporary demographic problems. Furthermore, today's demography turns rapidly into tomorrow's historical demography, while today's young researchers become the future experts, so therefore ensuring the best possible framework for dialogue, networking and the transfer of knowledge among the younger generation should represent a priority for our scientific community. The Congress aims at fulfilling this task, by offering the young historical demographers the chance to build a clear and comprehensive panorama of historical demographic currents and of the increasing proliferation of research in this field around the world.

By meeting biannually within the framework of the Congress, young scholars working on historical population issues from around the world will have an opportunity to engage in fruitful debates on the problems and challenges they confront in their own research. On the one hand, the young researchers will have the opportunity to present the results of their work or to raise questions to a community of peers, and, on the other hand, they will benefit by the feedback of their senior counterparts. The Congress' major mission will be to contribute to the medium- and long-term advancement of historical demographic research, and –in the long-run–to the development of a new trans-disciplinary identity of historical demographers. To meet these goals, the Congress will offer a professional communication and exchange platform, to facilitate integrating scholars from different disciplines, strengthen personal and institutional ties, and enhance the presence of historical demographic research in public discourse. Presenters are expected to be doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, or young researchers (under 40 years old or still in early career stages).

In the congressional debates, along with panels proposed by the prospective convenors, we also wish to address issues such as:

- The status of historical demography at universities
- The quality of methodological training
- The transfer of methodological knowledge between different types of demography and



between demography and related disciplines (especially social anthropology, social and economic history, evolutionary biology)

- Priority directions in historical demography at the turn of the millennium, especially perspectives for global historical demography that would integrate not only the North Atlantic world with Asia, but also with Africa and Latin America
- The relation between the availability of historical and contemporary demography source material and the ever present and pressing issue of privacy, with special regard to the possible shifts in perspective and mind-set brought in by today's extensive use of social media networks
- Journals of historical demography and publication opportunities for young researchers

Registration fee: **110 euros** (the participation fee includes: congress materials, opening-day cocktail reception, coffee breaks during the congress, 3 lunches, 5 accommodation nights in dormitories at Babeş-Bolyai University). Participants will cover their own travel costs.

Babeş-Bolyai University will grant 12 scholarships to those who wish to attend the Congress (fee waivers, free accommodation and all the other facilities provided to participants who will pay the registration fee). For more details follow the link <http://icyhd2017.conference.ubbcluj.ro/grants/>

### **The official language of the Congress is English**

You are invited to propose individual presentations, thematic sections/panels, round tables and posters, in accordance with the organizational details at the end of this call for participation.

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### Organizational details for attendees who wish to submit proposals for papers, panels, round tables and posters

#### ➤ FOR PAPERS: Deadline - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

- Title of paper
- Abstract (200–300 words)
- Author's/authors' first name and surname, academic position, institutional affiliation, e-mail address.

Note: Proposals for individual papers which are subsumable to already proposed thematic panels



will be included in the respective panels, with the approval of the panel convenor and the author of the paper, in keeping with the timeframe of each panel.

➤ **PANEL PROPOSALS: Deadline 15 September 2016**

- Title of panel
- Brief presentation of the panel (200–300 words)
- Name of panel convenor – the panel convenor will assume the role of a moderator
- Each panel will include 3–5 papers
- The duration of a panel will be 90 minutes
- Panel proposals will be published on the Congress website

➤ **ROUND TABLE PROPOSALS: Deadline 15 September 2016**

- Maximum duration: 2 hours
- The number of participants and the format of the presentations/debates will be determined by the round table convenor and must be communicated to the organizers of the Congress
- The round table convenor will propose the title of the round table, submit an abstract of 200–300 words and inform the organizers when the consent of 4–6 speakers has been obtained
- Proposals for round tables will be published on the Congress website so as to enable the speakers to register

➤ **POSTER PROPOSALS – Deadline March 1<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

- A1 or A0 format