Ph.D. in "Life Course Research" – Socio-demographic curriculum

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Population History – 2-5 December 2024

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Objectives

The aim of this course is threefold. First, the enormous changes in demographic dynamics before, during and after the demographic transition will be illustrated. Secondly, by showing some examples of historical demography studies, students will understand how a research problem is defined, data are handled to address it, the most appropriate methods are chosen, and finally how to show the results. Finally, students are asked to tackle a book or a group of articles on central themes of population history, illustrating them to their colleagues.

Program

2 December Monday Morning:
10.00-13.00 (3)   Gianpiero Dalla-Zuanna: The *demography before transition: general tasks and case-studies*

3 December Tuesday Morning:
10.00-13.00 (3)   Gianpiero Dalla-Zuanna: *The demographic transition: general tasks and case-studies*

3 December Tuesday Afternoon (14.00-16.00) – 4 students
4 December Wednesday Morning (10.00-13.00) – 6 students
4 December Wednesday Afternoon (14.00-17.00) – 6 students
Each PhD student reports on a book assigned a few weeks before (20 minutes for the report, 10 for discussion). 8 students in the morning (10.30-13.30), 8 in the afternoon (14.30-18.30). The teacher will assign each student the task of asking a question about another student's report.

5 December: Thursday Morning:
10.00-12.00 (2)   Irene Barbiera: *Population mobility in the human history*

The afternoons of 2 will be dedicated to refining the presentations on 3 and 4 December.

Requirements
Having attended the Fundamentals of Demography course (scheduled for the first part of the PhD lessons).