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XIX Conference on the Spanish Population (Population Group -Spanish Geographical Association (AGE))

III International Conference on Population Geography

**Dinámicas poblacionales actuales: migraciones,
trayectorias de vida y territorios habitados**

**Current population dynamics: migration, life trajectories
and inhabited territories**



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PROGRAM

Day 1: Wednesday, May 27

MORNING

Venue: University of Almería Campus

09:00 – 09:30: Registration and documentation distribution

09:30 – 10:00: Opening ceremony

10:00 – 11:00: Inaugural lecture: Etienne Piguet (U. Neuchâtel)

11:00 – 11:30: Coffee break

11:30 – 12:15: **Session 1: International and Internal Migrations: Dynamics, Impacts, and Challenges.**

Speaker: Ricardo Iglesias Pascual (U. Pablo de Olavide)

Within the broader processes of globalization, labour market transformation, and structural demographic change, migration—both internal and international—has become one of the most influential phenomena shaping the territorial and social configuration of populations. Studying this is essential in order to understand the spatial redistribution of population in the territory, the emergence of new forms of mobility, and the effect that these dynamics have on socio-economic and cultural structures.

Migration flows not only alter the spatial distribution of population but also pose significant challenges related to integration, equity, sustainability, and social cohesion. Furthermore, the education and training of migrants and their descendants are key factors determining labour market integration, upward social mobility, and the reduction of inequalities within host societies. From the perspective of population geography, multiple analytical approaches emerge, allowing for an understanding of the consequences of these movements across different scales: local, regional, national, and international.

Thematic Lines for Paper Submissions

Researchers are invited to submit proposals addressing, among others, the following topics:



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1. **International and internal migration flows:** causes, characteristics, consequences, and analytical methodologies. The influence of climate change on migration flows.
2. **Residential segregation and socio-territorial dynamics:** new and traditional spatial patterns of settlement, diversity, and their effects on social cohesion and urban processes. Digital nomads.
3. **Migration and the labour market:** employment integration, job insecurity, occupational mobility, and discrimination.
4. **Demographic effects of migration:** changes in population structure (age, sex, households), fertility, and ageing.
5. **Education and training of migrants and their descendants:** educational trajectories, social mobility, educational inequalities, and processes of integration.
6. **Comparative and multiscalar perspectives:** studies addressing mobility from local to global scales, including transnational analyses.
7. **Innovative methodologies:** the use of new data sources and analytical techniques for studying mobility and migration (administrative records, big data, Geographic Information Systems —GIS—, longitudinal surveys, etc.), as well as qualitative approaches (participatory methods, social mapping, visual diaries, among others).

12:15-13:45: Simultaneous presentation sessions.

13:45 – 16:30: Lunch.

AFTERNOON

Venue: Andalusian Barrio Archaeological Site (“Mesón Gitano”)

16:30 – 17:30: Guided tour of the archaeological site

17:30 – 18:45: **Roundtable: Population Geography and Contemporary Demographic Challenges.**

Speakers: Josefina Domínguez Mujica (U. de Las Palmas), Andreu Domingo (U. Autònoma de Barcelona & Centre d’Estudis Demogràfics), Arlinda García Coll (U. de Barcelona)

19:00 – 21:00: City centre tour

21:00: Conference dinner

Day 2: Thursday, May 28

Venue: University of Almería Campus

09:00 – 10:00: **Session 2. Demographic Ageing and Territorial Dynamics: Their Impacts on Households, Structures, and Urban-Rural Dynamics.**

Speakers: Fermina Rojo Pérez and Gloria Fernández-Mayoralas Fernández (CSIC)

Population ageing is one of the most significant and impactful demographic phenomena in contemporary societies. Spain and other European countries are among the most aged in the world, with trends that will intensify in the coming decades due to rising life expectancy and a sustained decline in fertility rates.

This process is not homogeneous: while urban areas experience transformations in household structures, social services, and residential mobility patterns, rural areas face ageing linked to depopulation, the lack of generational renewal, and changes in local economies. These urban-rural differences are central to understanding the territorial reorganization of populations and their social, economic, and environmental implications.

A key issue is the ageing of childless individuals, whose situation presents specific challenges related to unwanted loneliness, lack of direct family support, and dependence on social and institutional networks for care. This phenomenon affects urban and rural areas differently. Urban areas have greater service availability, but also a higher risk of isolation. Rural areas have stronger community ties, but limited socio-health resources.

Thematic Lines for Paper Submissions

We invite the academic community to submit papers addressing the following areas:

1. **Urban and rural ageing:** differential patterns, effects on demographic structure, and territorial consequences.
2. **Transformations in households:** size, composition, and intergenerational dynamics. Single-person households, ageing couples, childless elderly.
3. **Services, care, and well-being:** analysis of formal and informal support systems for older adults. Childless elderly individuals.
4. **Impacts on cities:** housing, accessibility, mobility, and age-friendly neighbourhoods.
5. **Impacts on rural areas:** depopulation, loss of dynamism, dependency on external resources, sustainability of ageing communities.



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6. **Public policies and territorial responses:** local, national, and international initiatives to address the ageing challenge.
7. **Innovative methodologies:** applications of new data sources, such as administrative records, big data, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), longitudinal surveys, and multiscalar analyses, as well as qualitative methods (participatory approaches, social mapping, visual diaries, etc.) to understand the phenomenon of population ageing.

10:00 – 11:30 Simultaneous presentation sessions.

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 20:30: Field trip [theme and route to be confirmed]

Day 3: Friday, May 29

Venue: University of Almería Campus

09:00 – 10:00: Population Group -Spanish Geographical Association (AGE) meeting

10:00 – 10:45 **Session 3: Youth, Life Transitions and Territorial Inequalities: Fertility, Housing and Employment.**

Speaker: Juan Antonio Módenes Cabrerizo (U. Autònoma de Barcelona & Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics)

Youth is at the centre of numerous social and demographic transformations. The extension of education, difficulties in accessing the labour market, job insecurity, and housing challenges have delayed and reshaped traditional transitions into adulthood, directly impacting on fertility rates and household organisation.

These dynamics do not affect all regions equally: the opportunities and limitations faced by young people differ depending on whether they live in urban or rural areas, the economic vitality of each region, and the public policies implemented. Studying these territorial inequalities allow us to better understand the factors influencing youth emancipation, family formation, and the role of young people in the population and labour force structure.

Thematic Lines for Paper Submissions

We invite the academic community to submit papers addressing the following areas:

1. **Youth and fertility:** delayed parenthood, territorial differences, and socio-economic determinants.



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2. **Access to housing:** dynamics of the housing market, rental markets, public housing, and differences between urban and rural contexts.
3. **Labor market integration:** job insecurity, overqualification, youth unemployment, and labour migration.
4. **Youth mobility:** internal and international migration as a response to housing and employment limitations.
5. **Youth and household structure:** delayed emancipation, new family models, and multi-generational households.
6. **Territorial inequalities:** comparative studies analysing youth opportunities across different geographical scales.
7. **Public policies and support strategies:** initiatives to improve labour market integration, facilitate access to housing, and promote equal opportunities.
8. **Innovative methodologies:** applications of new techniques and data sources, as well as qualitative methods to understand youth, life transitions, and territorial inequalities.

10:45 – 11:15: Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15: Simultaneous presentation sessions

12:15 – 13:00: Poster session

13:00– 14:00 Closing lecture. Speaker: Arón Cohen (U. de Granada)

14:00 – 14:30: Closing plenary and award ceremony

KEY DATES

Abstract Submissions	20 February 2026
Notification of abstract acceptance	20 March 2026
Early registration deadline	30 April 2026
General registration deadline	22 May 2026

REGISTRATION FEES

Category	Until [15 April 2026]	After [15 April 2026]
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AGE Population Group Members	150 €	200 €
AGE Members	180 €	220 €
AIDELF, IUSSP, EAPS, and ADEH Members	180 €	220 €
General	200 €	250 €
Students and Unemployed	50 €	60 €

Note: All relevant information will be available on the conference website:

<https://19congresopoblacion.es/>

The publication of the Conference Book of Abstracts by EDUAL (University of Almería Press) is planned.

GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION AND PRESENTATION OF ORAL COMMUNICATION ABSTRACTS

To participate in the conference through the submission of oral communications, authors must submit an abstract in both English and Spanish, with a length of 500 to 600 words, in Word format or similar. The abstract must include the following information:

- Title of the paper
- Full name(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of the author(s)
- Sections (Introduction, Methodology, Results, and Discussion)
- References

Specific instructions regarding the required format for abstract submission are provided in the downloadable template, which has been designed to facilitate the preparation of abstracts and is available on the conference website.

All submissions must be made through the form available on the conference website. At the time of submission, authors must select the thematic area to which their paper belongs from the following options:

- International and internal migration: dynamics, impacts, and challenges



- Population ageing and territorial dynamics: implications for households, social structures, and urban–rural dynamics
- Youth, life-course transitions, and territorial inequalities: fertility, housing, and employment

GUIDELINES FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Participants wishing to present a poster must comply with the general conference regulations regarding registration and participation.

To assess the acceptance of a poster, a 300-word abstract must be submitted to the Conference Organizing Committee.

For the poster to be displayed, at least one of the authors must be registered for the conference.

If the abstract is accepted, authors may prepare a poster with a maximum size of DIN A0 (841 × 1189 mm).

The poster must include the title, the name(s) of the author(s), and their institutional affiliation(s). All text, graphics, and other visual elements must be clearly legible from a distance of 2 meters.

The choice of font is left to the author; however, a recommended minimum font size is 28 points.

Careful typographic design and high-quality presentation of titles, photographs, graphs, and other visual elements are required.

Posters must not be sent to the Conference Secretariat. They must be mounted and dismantled by the presenting author. Posters should be displayed at the beginning of the conference and will remain on display throughout the three days of the event. Authors are advised to use a graphic medium (type of paper) that is not excessively thick or heavy to ensure proper attachment to the panels using adhesive tape or similar materials.

During the time slots allocated for poster exhibitions in the conference programme, at least one author must be present next to the poster to provide explanations and additional information to conference participants.

AWARD FOR THE BEST PAPER BY A YOUNG AUTHOR. RULES



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The Population Group of the Spanish Geographical Association awards prize for best paper presented by a young researcher. Papers submitted to the conference and applying for the award must comply with the following regulations:

1. Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Award, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be under 35 years of age on the date the conference is held.
- Be listed as the sole author of the submitted paper

2. Application Procedure

Applicants wishing to be considered for the Award must send an email to the address specified by the conference organizers, including the following information:

- An explicit request for their paper to be evaluated as a candidate for the Award
- A copy of the principal author's national identification document
- The title and abstract of the paper, submitted under the same conditions and within the same deadline as other communications (by 20 February 2026)
- If the abstract is accepted, the full paper must be submitted to participate in the competition by 1 May 2026

3. Jury and Evaluation Criteria

The Award Jury will consist of members of the Conference Scientific Committee. Directors, supervisors, or individuals with a contractual relationship with the candidate may not serve on the Jury.

The Jury will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

- a)** Originality
- b)** Theoretical and methodological rigor
- c)** Technical competence demonstrated in the analysis and presentation of results
- d)** Clarity, structure, and overall academic quality of the text
- e)** Bibliography and sources used

The Jury's decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. The Award may be declared void at the discretion of the Jury.



Confidentiality: The content of the submitted papers, as well as all data and documentation provided, will be treated confidentially and will be accessible only to the Award organizers and the Jury.

4. Award and Presentation

The Award will consist of a cash prize of three hundred euros (€300) and an official certificate.

The author will be notified of the Award decision, which will be publicly announced, and the Award will be presented during the conference closing ceremony

5. Acceptance of the Competition Rules

Papers applying for the Award shall be subject to the same criteria as all other conference submissions.

Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of these rules.