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First Circular

XIX Conference of 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***

Almería, 27th – 29th of May of 2026

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Presentation

The Spanish Geographical Association, through its Population Group, and the Department of Geography, History and Humanity (University of Almería), in collaboration with the Centre for the Migration Studies and Intercultural Relations (CEMyRI) (University of Almería), are organizing the XIX Conference of the Spanish Population and the III International Conference on Population Geography.

This edition, to be held in Almería from May 27 to 29, will focus on the major transformations affecting populations in the 21st century:

- Internal and international migrations, and their impacts on social cohesion, the labour market, and education
- Population aging, with its differentiated repercussions in urban and rural areas, in household structures, and in care systems
- Youth and their life transitions, influenced by fertility, housing, and labour market integration.

The conference aims to bring together the national and international scientific community, young researchers, and professionals from various disciplines, fostering academic exchange and debate on contemporary demographic challenges.

The conference welcomes both papers and posters. A digital book will be published containing the abstracts of the papers, and the texts submitted and approved by the scientific committee will be promoted in monographs of indexed journals. A prize will be awarded for the best contribution by a young researcher. The guidelines for submitting abstracts, papers, and posters will be published in the second circular.

Key Dates

Abstract Submission: February 6, 2026

Notification of abstract acceptance: March 15, 2026

Early registration deadline: April 30, 2026

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Preliminary 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 – 11:45: Session 1: *International and Internal Migrations: Dynamics, Impacts, and Challenges*

11:45 – 12:15: Coffee break

12:15 – 13:15: Roundtable: *Where Is Population Geography Headed?*

13:15 – 14:15: Poster session

14:15 – 16:15: Lunch

AFTERNOON

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

16:00 – 17:00: Guided tour of the archaeological site

17:00 – 19:00: Inaugural lecture

19:00: City centre tour

21:00: **Conference dinner**

Day 2: Thursday, May 28

MORNING

Venue: University of Almería Campus

09:30 – 11:15: Session 2: *Demographic Ageing and Territorial Dynamics: Their Impacts on Households, Structures, and Urban-Rural Dynamics*

AFTERNOON

11:30 – 20:30: Field trip [theme and route to be confirmed]

Day 3: Friday, May 29

MORNING

Venue: University of Almería Campus

09:30 – 10:30: Meeting of the AGE Population Group

10:30 – 12:15: Session 3: *Youth, Life Transitions and Territorial Inequalities: Fertility, Housing and Employment*

12:15 – 12:45: Coffee break

12:45 – 13:45: Closing lecture

13:45 – 14:15: Official closing and award ceremony

Registration Fees

Category	Until [date]	after [date]
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 €

THEMATIC LINES

Session 1. *International and Internal Migrations: Dynamics, Impacts, and Challenges*

Context

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.



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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:

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 multiscale 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).



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

Context

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.

Session 3. *Youth, Life Transitions, and Territorial Inequalities: Fertility, Housing, and Employment*

Context

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.
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.



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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.