



XVII Population Conference Depopulation, Demographic Dynamics and Social Vulnerability

Huesca, 11-13 June 2020

First call

The Working Group on Population Geography of the Spanish Association of Geography (AGE), the Department of Geography and Regional Planning of the University of Zaragoza (UZ), and the GEOT Research Group (Study Group on Regional Planning, UZ), hosted by the Institute of Research into Environmental Sciences (IUCA) of the UZ, are organising the **XVII Population Conference**, which has been taking place twice yearly since 1987, and will be **International** in this call.

The conference will be held in the city of Huesca (Autonomous Community of Aragón), a small but friendly and welcoming city, and well connected by transport with Zaragoza, Barcelona or Madrid. It is the first time that the University of Zaragoza is organising this conference of the Population Group of the Spanish Association of Geography (AGE). The location of the conference will allow us to be close to depopulated areas both in the lower part of the Ribera del Ebro and others in the area of the Pyrenees, giving us the chance to visit some of them.

The **first session** will focus on the central theme of the conference: depopulation, depopulated areas and demographic revitalisation in rural areas with low population density. The inaugural lecture will be given by the writer and journalist Sergio del Molino. A round table will also be organised on this subject, including experiences of recovery of depopulated and/or empty rural villages and spaces.

The **second session** of the conference will analyse some of the dynamics and sociodemographic and territorial processes linked to the current socio-economic model in urban spaces, and especially migrations, residential mobility and other population flows. Finally, the discussions of the **third session** will focus on the processes of vulnerability of the population and the study of social groups.

The traditional **field trip** will take place on the Spanish and French sides of the Pyrenees, in order to compare the different dynamics and demographic processes in both territories, and considering the role of the railway to reinforce and enhance these spaces.

Geographical research on issues of population and territory will be welcome, but also other research coming from related disciplines, whether in oral or poster communication. In particular, researchers from other countries are also encouraged to present papers on the topics addressed by the conference.

The general official language of the conference and sessions will be Spanish, but presentation of contributions can be made in Spanish, English and French.

Preliminary programme of the conference:

Day 1: Thursday, 11 June 2020

Morning:

Reception and conference kit (badges and material)
Opening Act
Session 1, and presentations Session 1
Coffee-break
Tour through the historic centre of Huesca
Lunch

Afternoon:

Round Table: Initiatives to recover depopulated and/or abandoned rural areas
Inaugural Lecture: Sergio del Molino, writer and journalist

Day 2: Friday, 12 June 2020

Morning:

Session 2, and presentations Session 2
Coffee-break
Meeting of the Working Group on Population Geography (AGE)
Lunch

Afternoon:

Session 3, and presentations Session 3
Presentation of the publication corresponding to the XVI Population Conference (Alicante, 2018)
Conference Closing Ceremony
Award Ceremony and Musical Act
Conference Dinner

Day 3: Saturday, 13 June 2020

Field Trip to the Aragonese and French Pyrenees. The return to Huesca will be late in the afternoon.

Sessions:

Session 1: Depopulation and demographic revitalization in rural areas.

Descriptors: Socio-economic and territorial dynamics; Population; Depopulation; Demographic revitalisation in rural spaces; Demographic changes; Diversification of economic activity; New settlers, mobility and immigration in rural areas; Residential mobility; Aging and intergenerational relationships, quality of life and dependence; Demographic and rural development policies; Responses and management of rural spaces; Governance and territorial cooperation; Social capital and rural development; Services, equipment and accessibility in rural areas; Development, environment and space; Natural, cultural and heritage resources; Functions and Resilience; Values, narratives and representations; New conceptualisations, approaches and

methodologies.

Session 2: Demographic dynamics in urban spaces.

Descriptors: Population and restructuring of urban spaces; Urban inequalities; Demographic processes in the city and in metropolitan areas; Changes in the productive structure and demographic effects; Forms of business organization and demands on the labor market; New forms of tourism and their impact; Socio-spatial segregation; Technological revolution and intelligent territories; Urban governance; Real estate bubble, housing market, evictions; International and national population migration, residential mobility; Population flows; Data; New conceptualizations, approaches and methodologies.

Session 3: Population groups and social vulnerability.

Descriptors: Age groups; Inequality and social segregation; Vulnerability, educational and socioeconomic status, diversity, gender, services and attention to vulnerable groups; Public politics; Social networks; Economy and human capital; Labor markets, unemployment, income levels; Fertility; Families and homes; Life course; Health, wellbeing and morbidity; Social and collaborative economy; Determinants; Quality of life; New conceptualizations, approaches and methodologies; Measuring and analysis instruments.

Registration and payment:

The rules for registering will be sent in the second call.

At least one of the authors of each presentation must be registered and pay registration fees.

	Before 30-03-2020	After 30-03-2020
Members of the AGE Population Group	€ 180	€ 220
Other members of the AGE	€ 200	€ 240
Members of the ADEH, AIDELF, IUSSP y EAPS (*)	€ 200	€ 240
General (other Universities and Research Centres)	€ 220	€ 260
Enrolled students from Degree, Master, Doctorate, and the Unemployed (*)	€ 65	€ 100

(*) Documentary evidence to be eligible for the student registration fee is to be sent by email to the organisation.

Registration includes attendance to conference activities, academic material and abstracts provided by the conference, as well as the coffee breaks, field trip, and (some) catering.

Cancellation Policy - Registration:

Cancellations after 30 April 2020 will receive a full refund minus a 25% of the conference fee as administrative charge.

Important dates:

Sending short summaries, and communication of the desire to send long summary (or not)	15 January 2020
Result of evaluation of abstracts	1 March 2020
Acceptance of abstracts	10 March 2020
Registration with reduced rate	30 March 2020
Sending long summaries	30 April 2020

Abstract submission and publication of contributions:

Presentation of contributions can be made in Spanish, English and French, and those accepted at the conference will be presented orally or as a poster. The contributions presented orally will opt for one of the following modalities:

1. Only oral presentation to the conference (oral or poster), without opting for publication of this presentation. In this case, the author/s will send a short summary before 15 January 2020, in a maximum of 200 words, using the attached template.
2. Besides sending the short summary (max. 200 words), those participants who wish to have their work published in one of the scientific journals indicated below must also send another long summary, of a maximum of 6 pages (or 5,000 words) before 30 April 2020. Short and long summaries will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee and according to the assessment, they will opt for publication as a paper in one of the monographs of these journals. Subsequently, the selected contributions will be submitted to the evaluation process, with independent referees, and by peers, according to the rules of each journal. The intention is for the monographs to be published in 2021.

During the conference, all short summaries of the participants will be available in electronic or hard copy for consultation.

The following magazines collaborate in the conference organisation, and will publish monographs on the population works presented to the conference.

AGER - Rural Development and Rural Studies,
Estudios Geográficos,
RIEM - International Journal of Migration Studies.

Rules for submission of abstracts: use the template (.doc) to send abstracts on the webpage: 17congresopoblacion.unizar.es before 15 January 2020.

Contact and Information:

Webpage: 17congresopoblacion.unizar.es (under construction)

Email: 17congresopoblacion@unizar.es

Social programme (extension of the conference in Jaca and Aragonese Pyrenees):

At the end of the field trip on Saturday 13 June 2020, those interested can extend the post-conference with one or more nights staying at the **University Residence of Jaca** (belonging to the University of Zaragoza). The reservation should be made directly by each interested by contacting the Residence:

Webpage: <http://www.unizar.es/resijaca/html/inicio.php>

Telephones: (+34) 974 360 196 and (+34) 974 360 897

E-mail resijaca@unizar.es

The Residence is an infrastructure of the UZ, but without regular teaching and no students will be there on this date.

Prices (including Accommodation, Breakfast and VAT):

<i>Members from the University of Zaragoza (UZ):</i>	<i>Other members (not from the UZ):</i>
Single room: € 24.39 /person/night	Single room: € 30.48 /person/night
Double room: € 18.29 /person/night	Double room: € 48,77 for the room (€ 24.39 / person/night)

Important: Because of organisational reasons, the Residence is requesting that a pre-reservation ('communication of intention') be made before 1 March 2020; this implies no payment, nor commitment to finally booking.

Organization:

The Working Group on Population Geography (AGE)	Department of Geography and Regional Planning, UZ	GEOT Research Group (Study Group on Regional Planning), UZ	Institute of Research into Environmental Sciences (IUCA), UZ
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