

1998-2025

26 Years of Research and Impact



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Introduction by the Founding and current Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing

Researching the implications of changing population age structure

The notion of the Institute began in September 1994 when as a professor of public policy at the University of Chicago, I was invited to join the Chicago's newly established NIA funded Center on the Demography and Economics of Aging, directed by Professor Linda Waite. This was part of a series of centres being established across the US, the brain child of the late Dr Richard Suzman from the National Institute of Aging in a move to firmly establish that ageing was a demographic and economic phenomenon, as well as an individual experience.

On my return to Oxford, the NIA awarded me a small starter grant in 1998 to establish the first such population centre outside the US, based at the University of Oxford. The Institute has developed and f flourished since that small beginning. Key to our success has been the ability to attract senior academics committed to interdisciplinary research, who form the core of our work, and also a group of bright, energetic, innovative post-docs whose two to three year fellowships with us have continually injected new ideas and ways of working into our academic community.

In recent years the development of our regional research networks has enabled international collaborations to be forged, and brought a wide range of visitors to the Institute. This has enabled a vibrant academic community to sustain our supervision of masters and doctoral students.

Our name has changed twice to reflect the focus of the Institute over the two decades. From Centre of Population Ageing to Institute of Ageing in 2001 in acknowledgement of our attraction of core funding and the interest from the University in establishing a multi-disciplinary Institute, and then back to Population Ageing in 2011 as we consolidated our research and impact around demographics and age structural change.

This led to increased policy and government work, both in the UK and EU and also in Asia and Africa. Over the past decade the Institute has played a significant role in the UK Government Office of Science's Foresight Review of the Ageing of the UK. Our work has contributed to the development of the Ageing Challenge within the Industrial Strategy, and in particular to the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund for Healthy Ageing.

The Institute's relationship with the Oxford Martin School since its inception in 2005 has also been central to our progression, and our work with colleagues in the Medical Division and Said Business School, in particular the support of Professor Sir John Bell and Dr Kenneth Fleming, (Medical Division), and Professor Colin Meyer and Professor Peter Tufano, Said Business School.

We have also valued the strong support from the University of Oxford itself, in particular from Vice-Chancellors Sir John Hood and Professor Andrew Hamilton and Registrars David Holmes and Dr Ewan McKendrick. We have also benefited over the years from the guidance of our Advisory Board and Management Committee and particularly from the advice of the late Sir Tony Atkinson,

Professor Anthony Heath, Professor Sir John Bell, Professor Alastair Buchan and Professor, Jonathan Michie

We are also grateful for the vision and support of our key donors, in particular the late James Martin, Dame Vivien Duffield, Michael Lake, and Lady Helen Hamlyn. Sixteen years ago we started out as four academics undertaking family research, located in two rooms at Barnett House, in the Department of Social Policy. Now we occupy our own building, housing over 40 academics, support staff, students and visitors, forming part of the Oxford Martin School, working in six research strands focusing on the drivers of population ageing the global shift from young to older populations – and the implications of this for our economies and societies. In recent years the study of ageing has moved from a disciplinary bound, often peripheral activity, to become a mainstream multi-disciplinary research focus. It is now widely recognised that the individual aspects of ageing cannot be studied in isolation, but benefit from a combination of deep-down disciplinary drilling with perspectives from many disciplines. It has been a privilege to be able to work with such dedicated and committed academics, practitioners, policy makers and donors who believe as I do that changes in the demographic age structure of populations is one of the major challenges for the 21st century. Professor Sarah Harper CBE Founding Director, Oxford Institute of Population Ageing

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Clore Duffield Foundation

The Clore Duffield Foundation has provided extensive support to the Institute since 2012, including funding the position of Director through the Clore Professorship, the *Population* and Environment Programme and the Intergenerational Communities Project



Intergenerational Communities Project

Extensive research and lived experience demonstrate that interaction between the generations improves well-being and mental health for both young and old, and inter-generational living can help address loneliness. Yet we increasingly live and work where people of different ages are segregated from each other. Many younger people no longer see or interact with older people in their daily lives.

Intergenerational practice aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities, which promote greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building communities that are more cohesive. It is inclusive, building on the positive resources that younger and older people have to offer each other and those around them. Supporting real intergenerational relationships, whereby students, children and older adults experience giving to and receiving from people who are not of their age group, enable social inclusion, enhance personal development and mitigate the discrimination, prejudice and isolation, which is often present in our current age segregated lives. Intergenerational living is increasingly seen as a vital element in promoting well-being and reducing isolation and loneliness across the life-course for all ages. Our ongoing project, supported by the Clore Duffield Foundation, is researching

intergenerational communities and how they support mutually beneficial interaction between generations.



Population and Environment Programme

Collaboration with the World Resources Institute (WRI) and CHASE AFRICA Supported by the Clore Duffield Foundation as variety of projects have been undertaken since 2012.

Access to Food in a Changing Climate

The research was joint with the Environmental Change Institute examining the potential impact of future climate change for the food security of vulnerable groups in the UK. The study was co-funded through DEFRA's Adapting to Climate Change Strategic Evidence Fund, developed to support research using UK Climate Impact Programme (UKCIP) outputs.

Population-Environment and Migration

The project addressed the collision of two twenty-first Century transitionsthe unprecedented change in the size, composition, density and distribution of the human population, and rapid change in the earth's natural environment, in part a response to the above. It argued that it is important to consider these aspects of population change and environment together in order to understand the reality of any mitigation that may be made. The project explored the interaction of population composition and density with environmental change through addressing interactions between migration, ageing populations and climate change. It considered a key population question facing the EU, that of the demographic deficit, and addresses how the mitigating role of migration will be affected by future climate change.

The research was carried out in collaboration with the Department of Zoology. It addressed two key elements of the food security debate: the role of environmental change, climate and insects, and the structure of the farming population, age and gender. The key research question considered the adaptation to environmental change, brought on by both climate change and land use changes, requiring modern adaptive methods of farming at a time when the farming population is ageing. The case study area is North Vietnam, where the programme has a collaboration with COHED, Centre for Community, Health and Development. Co-funding from the Oxford Martin Future of Food Programme

A second project considered the same question in Myanmar. It was undertaken in collaboration with HelpAge

Implications for food production of adaptation to environmental change with an ageing agricultural sector

International who co-funded the project.

EPIC Networks: scale-up, spread and sustain

Funded by the Helen Hamlyn Trust Co-funding for the PIC Network Development by UKRI

UKRI MRC Grant Person-centred Integrated Care (PIC) Networks supporting Healthy Ageing in Place (2023–25)



Demographic and economic trends in recent decades have put unrelenting pressure on health and care systems. Reducing service needs by older people is a strategic priority for the sustainability of health and care systems.

In January 2019, the NHS published its Long Term Plan Health infrastructure plan: a new, strategic approach to improving our hospitals and health infrastructure. The Health Infrastructure Plan (HIP) will deliver a long-term, rolling five-year programme of investment in health infrastructure, including capital to build new hospitals, modernise our primary care estate and invest in new diagnostics and technology.

Pivotal to the delivery of more personalised, preventative healthcare in the NHS Long Term Plan is more community and primary care away from hospitals. This sits alongside various the People at the Heart of Care: adult social care reform white paper (2021), and the follow-on reports: Accelerating reform in adult social care in England: priorities for innovation and scaling (Nov 2023) and Adult social care system reform: next steps to put People at the Heart of Care: A plan for adult social care system reform 2023 to 2024 and 2024 to 2025 financial years (April 2023), all grappling with Social Care in a post-covid UK. This aims to address the priorities of older adults (SCIE Survey) which include

remaining independent and being able to stay at home.

Elderly Person Integrated Care Networks provide a solution to integrated care. These will operate as a form of independent community organisations which support older people to stay healthy, age in place, and delay their entry into the formal care system. While the NHS Plan may aim for integration at the national level, this will provide much needed local and community integration of primary health care, social services, voluntary organisation and private enterprises at the grassroots and community level.

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Demography and Society

Life Course, Family and Generations (1999-2025)

How and why are kin The Changing roles and relationships Chinese Family changing?

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What is the impact of migration on family and intergenerational relationships

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What is the impact of changing marriage patterns?

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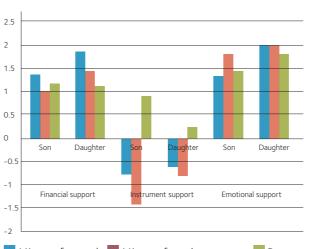
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Migrate for work Migrate for other reasons Return

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Transnational Families

Family formation and the progression of lifecycle care exchanges served as key drivers of transnationalism between Wales and Italy. In recent decades, despite a decline in endogamous marriage, transnational family interaction has continued on the basis of the ease of European Union cross border mobility. Changing modes and motives for cyclical and return migration encompass new forms of marriage, professional and retirement migration. Based on ethnographic research with three generations of Italian migrants in Wales, this article explores the relation between family social networks and local attachment in supporting transnational practices, positive integration and heritage maintenance, tracing the cultural and social change in the generational process of migration.

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What is the impact of population ageing on the workplace?

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How is retirement changing?

- The Global Ageing Study, Leeson, Harper, Howse, Karlsson and Khan, HSBC, 2005–2010
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- The capacity of social security and health care institutions to adapt to an ageing world, Harper, Clore Duffield Foundation, 2010–2014

How does work-life balance affect late life health and care?

- Carers@Work: Between Job and Care: Conflict or Opportunity? A Strategy for Securing Sustainable Future Care and Productivity Potentials in an Ageing Society – A European Comparison, Hoff and Hamblin, Volkswagen Foundation, 2009–2016
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How should pension systems change in response to increasing longevity?

- A life-cycle analysis of defined benefit pension plans, McCarthy, 2002-3
- Population health and future mortality declines, Howse, Lucida Trust, 2007-2008
- Review of longevity trends to 2025 and beyond, Howse, Dept for Children, Schools and Families, 2009
- Demographic challenges and social security. Societal challenges and the capacity to adapt: Social Security in an ageing world, Harper, 2010-2012, Club Vita.

Examples of Research

Work-life balance and older women

The research addresses whether specific combinations of employment and domestic duties over the life course are associated with variations in women's health at the time of retirement. It also explores the differences of this relationship in four European welfare states. Method: Women from three waves of SHARE (Survey of Health, Aging and Retirement in Europe) are grouped using sequence analysis. Using logistic regression models, group differences in later life depression and self-reported health are tested. Predicted probabilities are applied to analyze welfares' differences. The findings confirm that a combination of employment and domestic duties across the life course has a positive association with later life health. Being outside the labour market is detrimental for women's health, though well-being across the life course is framed by the welfare context in which women live.

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Other mixed trajectories

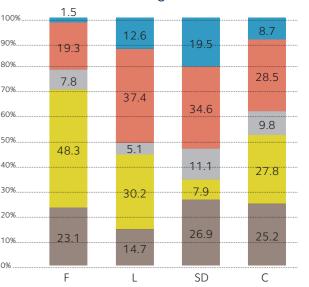
Between domestic work & part-time employment

Between domestic work & part-time employment

Mainly domestic care

Mainly full-time employment

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Health and Longevity

Health and Longevity (2006-2025)



What is the impact of falling mortality rates

- Future prospects for longevity, Leeson, 2014
- The impact of mortality development on the number of centenarians, Leeson, 2015
- The ageing and de-institutionalisation of death, Leeson, 2019

What does increasing longevity mean for healthcare systems?

- The implications of population ageing for health and longterm care, Howse and Harper, International Alliance of Research Universities, 2006-7
- Policy challenges of population ageing, Howse, James Martin, 2008-2011
- Caregiving for older people in contexts of poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa: recognizing and addressing a 'Cultural lag', Aboderin and Hoffman, 2014
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how our present understanding of the determinants of recent mortality trends should be incorporated, Howse, 2006-9

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- Healthy Ageing and Healthcare Services, Howse, 2010-2012
- Migrant carers, Leeson and Hoff, NORFACE and John Fell, 2006-2009
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SENSE - Keeping in touch with technology?

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explore the situation of older people using telecare and assistive technology with a communication function within its client group.

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AKTIVE
was a
collaborative
project,
funded
by the
Technology
Strategy
Board,
ESRC and



NIHR, to address challenges arising from population ageing and opportunities arising from technological progress. Focusing on older people living at home with different types of frailty, it aimed both to enhance understanding of how they and those supporting them accessed, engaged with and used the 'telecare' equipment supplied to them, and to explore the consequences for them of doing so.



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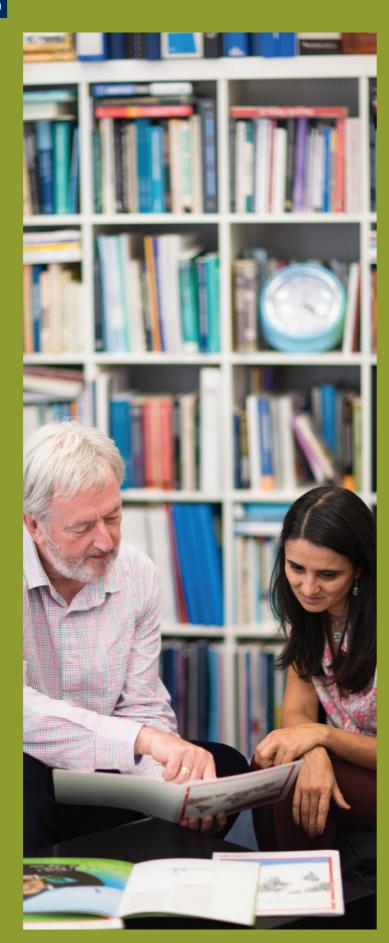
Population, Environment (2010-2025)

The Clore Programme on Population Environment Interactions

The challenge raised by the interaction of global climate change and rapidly changing demographic structures throughout the world carries both opportunities, if successfully managed, and significant risks, if public policy interventions fail. The impact of population change upon the environment, and conversely that of environmental change upon populations, has been surprisingly ignored by most environmentalists and demographers and, when it has been considered, the issue of population growth has dominated the analysis, to the almost complete neglect of key dynamics in population structure (age structural transitions, spatial distributions, cohort changes). Yet the interaction of age structural changes, urbanisation and migration is likely to have a significant, as yet unknown, effect.

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Examples of Research

Implications for food production of adaptation to environmental change with an ageing agricultural sector

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Implications for food production of adaptation to environmental change with an ageing agricultural sector Harper, Howse, Založnik, 2013-2018

Decision-Making under Uncertainty among Vietnamese Rice Farmers

An innovative mixed-methods approach to exploratory focus group design is presented using a case study conducted with smallholder rice farmers in Vietnam. Understanding human decision-making under the uncertainties of a complex and changing social and environmental context requires a flexible yet structured and theoretically grounded approach. Using Bayesian belief networks as the architecture of our model allows the study to incorporate both qualitative and quantitative data, the former gathered at this stage in a participatory focus group setting and the latter to be collected in a subsequent survey. This framework further lends itself well to incorporating systematic behavioral approaches to decisionmaking analysis using Ajzen?s theory of planned behavior framework, a symbiosis that remains underexplored in the literature. The visual nature of the networks makes them easily accessible to participants, and the proposed technical solutions to field implementation are flexible, inexpensive, and shown in practice to mitigate issues of co-moderating discussion across language barriers. The tools and methods described are transparent, reproducible in comparative contexts, and transferable to a range of research topics and questions.

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Demographic and Environmental Transitions

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Population - Environment Interactions: European migration, population composition and climate change

The research addresses the collision of two twenty-first Century transitions – the unprecedented change in the size, composition, density and distribution of the human population, and rapid change in the earth's natural environment, in part a response to the above. It argues that it is important to consider these aspects of population change and environment together in order to understand the reality of any mitigation that may be made. Following a review of research which is beginning to address not only the environmental impact of population growth, but also of changes in density, distribution and composition, the paper turns to explore the interaction of population composition and density with environmental change through addressing interactions between migration, ageing populations and climate change. It considers a key population question facing the EU, that of the demographic deficit, and addresses how the mitigating role of migration will be affected by future climate change. It thus considers whether migration is a valid policy approach in the context of Europe's demographic deficit and the impact of climate change on this relationship. Harper, S. (2013) 'Population-Environment Interactions: European migration, population composition and climate

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DesignAge@Oxford

The DesignAge Institute is a 5 year collaboration funded by UKRI between the RCA, Institute of Population Ageing and University of Newcastle. It combines expertise in design, demography and

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Curated by Jeremy Myerson, Helen Hamlyn Professor of Design at the Royal College of Art, and visiting fellow at the Institute of Population Ageing, the exhibition explored the potential for design and designers to enhance the experience of our later lives. The exhibition featured evidence from the Government Office of Science's Foresight Future of an Ageing Population project, chaired by Professor Sarah Harper and research by members of the Institute of Population Ageing.

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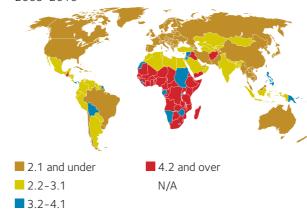
It is against the demographic backdrop of global ageing that the Global Ageing Survey (GLAS) was developed and initiated in 2004 with support from HSBC Insurance. The various waves of GLAS have comprised at various stages the advanced economies of Canada, the United States, France, Germany, Japan, Denmark, Sweden and the United Kingdom, economies which industrialised early, have relatively large service sectors, affluent populations and long-established pensions infrastructures and legislation; and the transitional economies of Brazil, China, Egypt, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, South Africa, Taiwan and Turkey.

The first wave covered approximately 11,000 persons aged 18 years and over in 10 countries and territories across four continents, and focused on their attitudes and expectations to ageing and later life. It was clear that people were predominantly positive across the globe with respect to their future in an ageing world.

The second wave covered approximately 24,000 persons aged 18 years and over in 20 countries and territories across five continents and focused again on attitudes to ageing and later life but extending to both the family and the workplace, and also in relation to the state. There was clearly a global trend towards contributory and responsible retirement.

The third wave covered 21 countries and approximately 21,000 persons in the pre- and post-retirement cohorts aged 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70-79 years. It was clear that people generally feel good – in some cases even better – as they age. Key factors are independence, good health and control. In addition, it was also clear that families are the buttress of society, the phenomenon we identify with and within which we exhibit significant feelings of intergenerational solidarity. And contrary to the popular myth, older generations are not simply passive recipients of increasing amounts of support. They provide huge amounts of support within the family, the community, and the workplace.

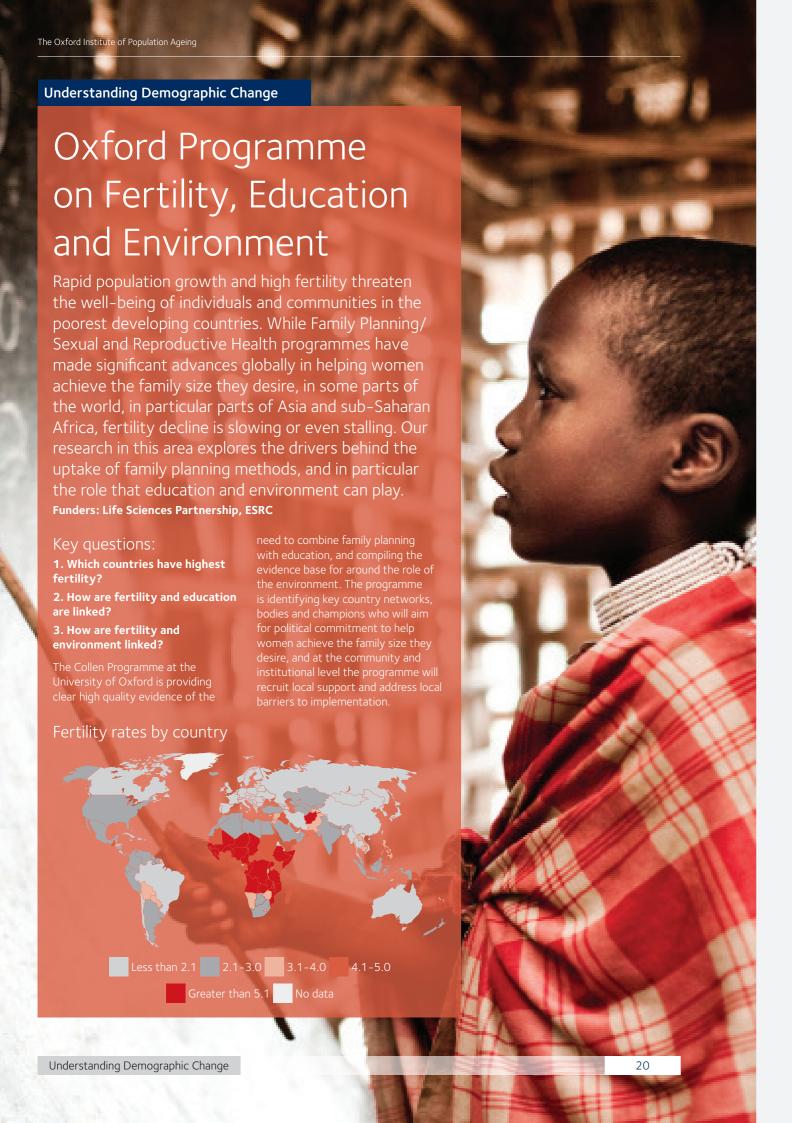
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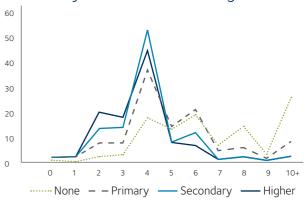
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We use 227 Demographic and Health Surveys from 57 countries worldwide to look at population– and individual–level measures of achieving fertility ideals. Population level measures are used to assess whether the correspondence between fertility intentions and achievements differ by level of education. We then look at the individual–level determinants of both under– and overachieving fertility intentions.

An average of 40% of women in SSA underachieve their stated fertility intentions compared to 26% in non-SSA countries. Furthermore, the educational gradient of underachievement is different in SSA where higher levels of education are not related to better correspondence between fertility intentions and achievements.

Percentage Ditribution of Ideal Number of Children by Education in 2011 Uganda DHS



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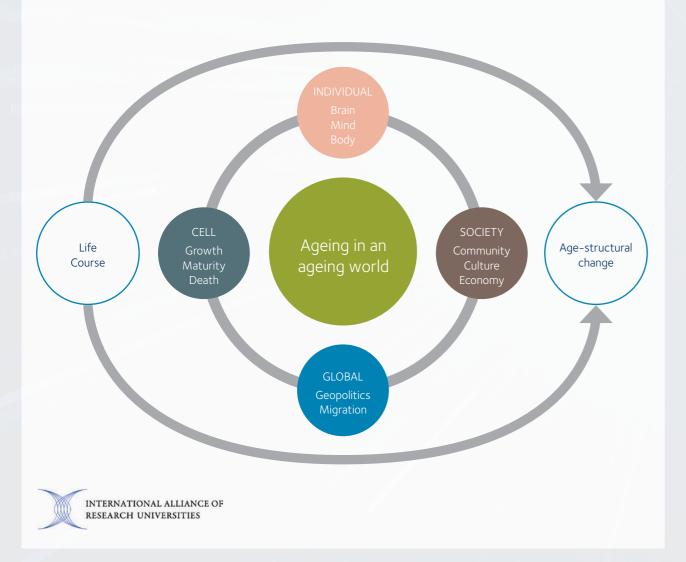
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Collaborations

IARU – International Alliance of Research Universities

International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) initiative collaboration between eleven of the world's leading research intensive universities. IARU was set up in 2006 under Vice-Chancellor Sir John Hood, and now involves 11 top universities from across the globe.

The Ageing, Longevity and Health Stream (formerly Demography and Ageing) is the longest theme of the Alliance commencing in 2006 led by Oxford and Copenhagen. Currently the theme has active members from the Universities of Tokyo, Peking, Copenhagen, Oxford and Cambridge, ANU, CTU, NUS, and EIT Zurich, The Institute has held the Chair of this theme twice; 2006–2009, and 2017–2019, and has hosted the annual conferences in 2006, 2017 and 2024.



The Oxford Institute of Population Ageing has collaborative agreements with Optentia, North West University, South Africa; The Institute for Population and Development Studies, Xi'an Jiaotong University; The Department of Governance and Development, University of Guanajuato & Leon, Mexico; the Institute of Population Studies, University of Beijing, and The General Graduate School, CHA University, Republic of Korea.

The CARE initiative

The Caregiving and Ageing Reimagined for Europe (CARE) initiative, which is part of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) – Health Educational Campus, is a first step on the path to a long-term solution to bridge the gap between the demand for elder caregiving and the supply of elder caregivers. Oxford Institute of Population Ageing represents Oxford in this initiative.

CARE CAMPUS includes leading academic institutions, private corporations, non-for-profit associations, startups and SMEs, and the public sector. The aim of the consortium is to develop a state-of-the-art training programme and technologies to increase awareness and knowledge about the available practices and tools to improve healthy and active ageing, and to attract actors who will become the innovators, the policy makers, and the workforce of this new economic/cultural/societal change related to Aageing.



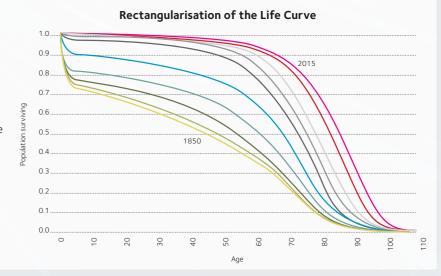
Global Opportunities and Threats: Oxford (GOTO)

Global Opportunities and Threats: Oxford (GOTO) is an action-oriented problem-solving community geared towards addressing some of the most complex issues that the world faces today, launched by Saïd Business School.

GOTO is a web platform that combines the teaching of a range of specialists from across the university on a single topic, using video, infographics and blogs to get the message across.

The Oxford Institute of Population Ageing course on demographic change was the first module of this programme and focused on the opportunities and threats resulting from the global trend of shifting demographics.

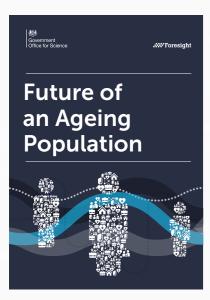
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Policy Impact

Foresight Review (2014–2016) Industrial Challenge (2017–2018) Industrial Challenge Strategic Fund Healthy Ageing (2018)

The UK Government Foresight Programme is run by the Government Office of Science and undertakes multi-disciplinary projects addressing key issues for the economy, society and the environment, where science and technology can offer valuable insights and solutions.





The Foresight Future of an Ageing Population Project (2014–2016) was chaired by Professor Sarah Harper

- Professor Sarah Harper (Chair) University of Oxford
- Professor James Banks University of Manchester and Institute for Fiscal Studies
- Professor Paul Boyle CBE University of Leicester
- Professor Tom Kirkwood Newcastle University and University of Copenhagen
- Professor Martin Knapp London School of Economics and Political Science
- Professor Jeremy Myerson Royal College of Art

- Mrs Mary Sinfield OBE Former Chairman of the New Dynamics of Ageing Programme's Older People's Reference Group
- Professor Alan Walker CBE University of Sheffield
- Mr Oliver Wells NIHR Healthcare Technology Co-operative for Devices for Dignity

Industrial Strategy: Ageing Society Grand Challenge

Working with the Government Office of Science and the Cabinet Office on framing the Ageing Society Grand Challenge. The Industrial Strategy sets out Grand Challenges to put the UK at the forefront of the industries of the future.

"Recognition in the government's Industrial Strategy white paper of Ageing as one of the 4 key Challenges facing the UK provides a firm foundation on which to build a prepared country and economy. Acknowledgement that with an ageing workforce and fewer people entering the labour market from education, employers will need a more flexible labour market that can accommodate older workers is an important step forward towards a fairer labour market providing opportunities and training for all ages. Future investment in innovation to help older adults maintain their chosen lifestyle and stay independent for as long as possible is essential..."

Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund - Innovate UK

Healthy Ageing (ISCFHA)

The Institute is working with UKRI scoping the framework for ISCFHA to address the mission. **Mission:** Ensure that people can enjoy at least 5 extra healthy, independent years of life by 2035, while narrowing the gap between the experience of the richest and poorest.

Journals and Books

The Oxford Institute of Population Ageing is fully committed to the belief that the production of high quality, strategic research will lead to a greater understanding of societies as they age, and ultimately to better lives for older people throughout the world.



Journal of Population Ageing, Harper, S. & Leeson, G. Springer



Population Horizons, Leeson, G. & Hoffman, J. Sciendo



Demography: A Very Short Introduction



Urban Chinese Daughters: Navigating new roles, status and filial obligation in a transitioning culture



Building Evidence for Active Ageing Policies: Active Ageing Index and its Potential



Critical Readings on Ageing in Asia



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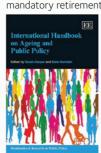
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How Population Change Will Transform Our World



Retirement in Japan and Korea. The past, the present and the future of mandatory retirement



International Handbook on Ageing and Public Policy



Active Ageing in the European Union - Policy Convergence and Divergence



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Research Regions and Networks



The General Graduate School, CHA

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LARNA Latin American

Network on Ageing

The Latin American Research Network LARNA supports conferences, seminars and meetings for those interested in demographic ageing in the region, and facilitates collaborative

Research and Capacity Building in Latin America:

- · Key challenges to population changes in Latin America
- · The demographics of population ageing in Latin America, the Caribbean and the Iberian Peninsula
- · An indepth collaboration between the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing and the Department of Governance and Development at the University of Guanajuato-Leon in Mexico for the purposes of developing a research, training and capacity building programme around the key challenges of population change. It is intended that this will serve as a model which can in the longer term, benefit other centres within the region.





EAST



Eastern-European Ageing **Societies in Transition**

individuals and institutions who undertake in Eastern European countries.

Research on population ageing in the region, particularly research looking into the social implications of an ageing population, is still quite a young discipline. EAST aims to help both more senior scholars and emerging researchers to make contact with each other, to learn about research on population ageing, to share their own research with colleagues from across the region, and to develop cross-



Programme, North West University, South Africa & The Africa Unit for Transdisciplinary Health Research, North West University, South Africa



AFRAN

African Research on Ageing Network

The African Research Network AFRAN links African researchers with colleagues at Oxford and facilitates research into the ageing of the African population.

Through running AFRAN the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing

- · Provides a platform for exchange and capacity building between network members
- Forges collaborative research and training initiatives undertaken by AFRAN members in partnership with the OIA

In developing research and capacity building programmes AFRAN draws on directions and approaches identified by the strategic plan and framework for research on ageing in sub-Saharan Africa that was developed as an outcome of the April 2005 Oxford Conference on Research on Ageing in Africa. It is a standing committee of IAGG

and the UN Platform on Ageing.



Working closely with colleagues in Asia and the Pacific, the Institute undertakes collaborative research on issues of ageing and assists in capacity building through its training and mentoring programmes.

APPRA, a regional ageing research network in Asia and the Pacific, was established by the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing at the University of Oxford to initiate links and collaborative programmes between research institutions in Asia-Pacific region and the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing. It is supported by CHA University, Republic of Korea, Xi'an Jiaotong University, China, and NUS, Singapore and Peking University via the IARU programme.









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between its members, numbering almost 200 research into migration and population ageing

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