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# School of Demography Newsletter

## Message from the Head of School

Dear demographers,

In the first half of 2024, we were all busy with courses, grants, and conferences. But some were busy finishing their dissertation and we would like to repeat a big round of applause to **Jolene and Shao-Tzu** for getting that PhD diploma on the same day! They add to a record-year of graduating PhDs with **Audrey, Lili, and Mengxue**.

A big contingent of demographers went to the Annual Meeting of the [Population Association of America](#), and an even bigger one is going [to the European Population Conference](#) in Edinburgh (12-15 June). As good ambassadors of Australian demography, please do your share and remind everybody to come to the **30th International Population Conference (IPC)** to be held in Brisbane, from 13 to 18 July 2025. It will be a wonderful experience! (Find [here](#) more information about the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population - IUSSP ).

In the second half of the year, we will be having our School's signature event (TBA), the ECR symposium (Nov 19?), APA conference (Nov 20-21), and the visit to Kioloa (27-29 Nov). Please reserve the dates!

Cordially,  
Vladimir

## Publications

1. **Su W**, Av Raalte, JM Aburto, **V Canudas-Romo**. 2024. Subnational contribution to life expectancy and lifespan variation changes: Evidence from the US. *Demographic Research*. DOI:[10.4054/DemRes.2024.50.22](https://doi.org/10.4054/DemRes.2024.50.22)
1. **Houle B**, CK Kabudula, SA Mojola, FX Gómez-Olivé, D Gareta, K Herbst, SJ Clark, J Menken, **V Canudas-Romo**. 2024. Mortality variability and differentials by age and causes of death in rural South Africa, 1994 – 2018. *BMJ Global Health* <https://gh.bmj.com/content/9/4/e013539>
1. Khaltbari-Soltani S, Y Si, M Dominguez, **T Scott**, & FM Blyth. 2024. Worldwide cohort studies to support healthy ageing research: data availabilities and gaps. *Ageing Research Reviews*. DOI: [10.1016/j.arr.2024.102277](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.arr.2024.102277)
1. **Canudas-Romo V**, **T Shen**, **CF Payne**. 2024. National Population Growth Rate, Its Components, and Subnational Contributions: A Research Note. *Demography* 11372369. DOI: [10.1215/00703370-11372369](https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-11372369)

Please be reminded that the Publications Collection form is changing as a new system is coming in place. Check the information in the Research section of the Administration updates, below.

## Opportunities

### Australian Population Studies - Editorship

Expressions of interest are invited for experienced researchers to take over as Editor and publisher of Australian Population Studies from early 2024. The journal is an open-access no-fee online journal specialising in Australian

population topics. It is available at [www.australianpopulationstudies.org](http://www.australianpopulationstudies.org). Please contact Tom Wilson for an informal chat about this opportunity. Email [thomas.guy.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.guy.wilson@gmail.com); phone 0423 342745.

#### **Flinders University - Casual Academic**

Flinders University is seeking a knowledgeable casual academic to contribute to excellence in teaching and learning within the [College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences](#). The incumbent will primarily support topics within the suite of undergraduate and postgraduate courses related to [Population Dynamics](#) and [Social Statistics](#), with the guidance of more senior academics. For details click here: [Casual Academic in Human Geography/Demography](#)

## Staff and Students highlights



**Jolene Tan** received her PhD research award on the 7th of May for her thesis:  
*Investigating factors influencing low fertility in Asia.*

**Shao-Tzu Yu** received his PhD research award on 7 May for his thesis: *Toward a Network Theory of Family Change.*

## Special demography moments



## A message from James Raymer

I am about mid-way through my tour of different population research institutes. Since leaving Canberra on the 1st of February, I have visited seven institutes.

This includes the Centre for Studies in Demography and Ecology at the University of Washington, the Population Program at the University of Colorado in Boulder, the Population and Statistical Divisions at the United Nations in New York, the Centre for Population Change at the University of Southampton, the School for Policy Studies at the University of Bristol, the Leverhulm Centre for Demographic Science at the University of Oxford, and the Population and Just Societies program at the [International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis](#) - IASSA.



IASSA building in Vienna (photo IASSA website)

*(Message from JR, cont.)*

So far, it has been a fantastic academic journey. I've reconnected with old colleagues and mentors, met lots of new researchers, started some new collaborations, and learned a lot about how each demographic institute is organised and focused in terms of its research activity. I've also had time to reflect on my own research and to think about what I want to be working on next. I will be in Vienna for another week and then will be travelling to the Hague, Manchester, Belfast and Warsaw. I'll return to ANU just before teaching starts in Semester 2.

Best wishes,

James

## Event Reminders

1. **Thursday 13 June 2024**, 10 to 11am - RSSS Foyer. RSSS Morning Tea.
1. **Save the date: 20-21 November 2024** Australia Population Association Conference in Adelaide. Details to be announced soon!



Reminder: ANU mid-year graduations will occur **10 to 12 July**.

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We acknowledge and celebrate the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet and work, and whose cultures are among the oldest continuing cultures in human history. We pay our respect to the elders past, present and emerging.