



EAPS PHD NETWORK

Membership policy and rules

The aim of the EAPS PhD network is to bring PhD students in the field of population studies across Europe together in order to facilitate networking and exchange. The network and its activities are organized and coordinated by a steering committee. This committee consists of 5 members who are all PhD students in the field of population studies (+1 year).

How it started

The network was founded in 2020 by five PhD students who felt there was a need for an overarching network for PhD students to enhance networking and facilitate exchange. To ensure the continuation of the network this document was prepared to create a set of guidelines for future steering committees and activities.

The role of the steering committee

The main task of the steering committee is to organize two events mainly for PhD students (+1 year after finishing).

1. During the bi-annual European Population Conference (EPC).
2. A separate (online) event during the year in which there is no EPC.

These events can include e.g. lectures, panel discussions or masterclasses. The committee should try to organize events or sessions that are interesting for a broad audience of PhD students. For example about publishing, writing abstracts etc. Next to these two main events, the committee is free to organize other activities or initiatives that they feel are useful and interesting for PhD students in the field of population studies.

The network falls under the auspices of European Association for Population Studies (EAPS). In practice this means that the EAPS council has an advising and supporting role. The steering committee meets with a representative of the EAPS council at least once a year (between september and november) to discuss their plans for that year. This meeting is initiated by the EAPS PhD Network. Proposals for events are submitted to the EAPS council's representative for suggestions and feedback. In case the EAPS council has plans that specifically target PhD students they get in touch with the PhD network for input.

Connecting to other PhD initiatives

There are several initiatives that have been developed for PhD students, such as PopFest, Young Demographers, the Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies ECR group and Association for Young Historical Demographers. The EAPS PhD network aims to strengthen ties with these other initiatives. To do so they will organize an annual meeting with representatives from these networks to keep each other updated on plans and events. During this meeting ideas about what is needed among PhD scholars can be exchanged and coordinated, for example by aligning dates for events. In this way it can be ensured that

initiatives and activities are complementary. The aim is that events of all organizations will be promoted on the webpage of the EAPS PhD Network, and vice versa.

How to become a member of the steering committee

In order to become a member of the steering committee someone has to be a PhD student in the field of population studies at a European university or institute. They also need to be a member of the European Association for Population Studies upon entering the steering committee. As a member of the steering committee, you are expected to attend regular (virtual) meetings and the events organized by the steering committee.

Membership of the steering committee is for two years, and individuals can stay on until 1 year after finishing their PhD. To safeguard continuation of the network and transfer previous knowledge 2 to 3 members will change every year. The shift of members occurs at the yearly event, so one year during EPC and the other year after the EAPS PhD event. A call for applications will be announced before the event, and the new committee members will be introduced during the event. Candidates can send an email to one of the current members of the steering committee (see website) expressing their interest and motivation (including CV). In their motivation statement, candidates should explain why they are suitable to join the committee, what their research field is and propose ideas they have for further enhancement of the network and its activities. The steering committee should try to appoint new members that ensure geographical, gender and research interest balance.

Website: <https://www.eaps.nl/activities/working-groups/phd-network>

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