

51M112

POPULATION AND SOCIAL POLICY: METHODS AND APPLICATIONS

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Selection course - Cycle B - Semester B

The course provides an introduction to the techniques of demographic analysis and the interpretation of demographic data. The aim is to study how demographic trends are related to social policy aspects. Topics covered include sources of information about demographic data; period and cohort methods of description and analysis; measurement of fertility, mortality, and migration; the determinants of age structure; use of survey data; the interpretation of demographic statistics. Socio-economic impact of demographic shifts is also examined with emphasis to labour market, pensions, health and education. Moreover, the role of population trends and prospects as potential inputs for social policy measures is studied.

Evaluation: Essay.

Reading list:

- Dykstra, P., Grundy, E. Fokkema, T. et al. 2009. *Health and well-being at older ages: The interlinkage with family life histories, gender, and national contexts*. Final report prepared in the context of the MAGGIE (Major Ageing and Gender Issues in Europe) research project, 45 p. (<http://www.nidi.nl/shared/content/output/2009/maggie-2009-final-report.pdf/view>).
- European Commission, 2013. *Evidence on Demographic and Social Trends. Social Policies' Contribution to Inclusion, Employment and the Economy*. Brussels, 20.2.2013, SWD(2013) 38 final, 49 p.
- European Commission, 2012. *Demography, active ageing and pensions*, Social Europe guide, Volume 3. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, 88 p. (<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=el&pubId=6805>).
- Bagavos, C. (2012). *Health status of the population of Greece: Life and health expectancies*. Institute of Labour Editions, Athens, Studies Series 20, 68 p., (in greek).
- Bagavos, C. (2003). *Demographic Shifts, Labour Market and Pensions in Greece and the European Union*, Gutenberg Editions, Athens, 406 p., (in greek, with a 30-page summary in english).
- Tapinos, G. Ph., 2002. *Demography*. Volos: University of Thessaly Editions, 240 p., (in Greek).