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## About the Panellists



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**Lina Bassarsky** is a Population Affairs Officer in the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations. She has worked in the Population Policy Section and the Population Estimates and Projections Section.



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Sarah Brauner-Otto (Assistant Professor of Sociology, McGill University) is a sociologist and social demographer with a research programme within the broad sociological area of macro-micro linkages, or the impact of social context on the individual. To increase our understanding of which specific aspects of social context influence family-related behaviors and the mechanisms through which this happens, Ms. Brauner-Otto has two main branches of research. One branch of research is on the relationship between institutions, organizations and delayed fertility in low-fertility settings. Work in this area has addressed emerging divergent fertility patterns in low fertility countries, Canadian provincial variation in both social institutions and fertility behavior, how employment and economic insecurity are related to fertility intentions among young adults in the U.S. and Germany, and the importance of accounting for multiple institutions simultaneously. A second branch is set in rural Nepal and investigates both programmatic (e.g. school quality) and attitudinal mechanisms through which macro-level institutions influence various micro-level family-related behaviors.



Minja Kim Choe is a Senior Adjunct Fellow at East-West Center's Research Program. She holds a Ph.D. degree in Epidemiology-Biostatistics from University of Hawaii. Her research interests include family change, low fertility and population ageing, and statistical analyses of demographic processes. She served as the chair of IUSSP Scientific Panel on Below Replacement Fertility: Causes, Consequences, and Policy Responses, 2010-2013. She is a co-author of the book Statistical Models for Causal Analysis (John Wiley & Sons), co-editor of the book The Changing Family in Comparative Perspective: Asia and the U.S. (East-West Center and Nihon University), and has published numerous research papers on family change, fertility and mortality in Asian countries.



**Kyunghee Chung** is currently Head of Research Center on Aging Society, Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs. She is former member of Scientific Program Subcommittee, IAGG 2013 (the 20th IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics) and former vice-president of the Population Association of Korea. She has served as a member of several governmental and NGO committees related to ageing such as the Committee of Lower Fertility and Population Ageing. She is the principal investigator of the national survey on Korean older persons and has authored of over 50 articles and book chapters. She graduated from Yonsei University in Korea and got her PhD in Sociology at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1995.



Fabiana Del Popolo works at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) headquarters in Santiago of Chile, since 2001. She's Population Affairs Officer of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC. Graduate in statistics and postgraduate Diploma in Population Dynamics and Development Policies and Programs, currently a PhD in Demography at the National University of Cordoba (Argentina). She has developed numerous research and publications on socio-demographics topics, in recent years mainly related to indigenous peoples and Afro-descendants in the region's countries. She coordinates the activities of CELADE in these matters and those regarding the implementation and follow-up the ICPD and Montevideo Consensus of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, which include research and technical reports with policy recommendations, technical assistance to region's countries, population training and dissemination at national, regional and international levels.



Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich is a chief of Population Unit of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and is responsible for the UNECE work in the area of population ageing and intergenerational relations. She coordinates activities of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing and oversees the organization of the reviews of national policies and strategies in implementing the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in the UNECE region, capacity development and publication of policy briefs in the area of population ageing. She also acts as the UNECE coordinator for the Generations and Gender Programme. In addition, she leads UNECE activities related to the review of implementation of the Programme of Action of International Conference on Population and Development. Ms. Gaucaite Wittich has been a staff member at UNECE since 1994; prior to this post, she worked in the Statistics and Economic Analysis Divisions. She has a doctoral degree in social sciences and, before joining UNECE, was an Associate Professor of Economics at Vilnius University in Lithuania.



Anne H. Gauthier is senior researcher at the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) and honorary professor of comparative family studies at the University of Groningen. She is also the Scientific Coordinator of the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP). She obtained her doctorate from the University of Oxford in 1992 and has since held teaching and research positions in Britain, Canada, the United States and the Netherlands. She was the Canada Research Chair in Comparative Family Policy at the University of Calgary from 1999 to 2010. During her career, she has published widely in the field of comparative family policy, fertility and parenting. She is currently working on projects examining the determinants and consequences of parental investment into children.



Terence H. Hull (Terry) is Emeritus Professor in Demography at the Australian National University, and current President of the Asian Population Association. He earned the degree of AB (Hons) in Economics at University of Miami in 1968, MA Economics and Certificate of Population Studies from the University of Hawaii and the East-West Center in 1970. Following marriage to Valerie J. Hull, he pursued a career in Social Demography, including fieldwork in Fiji and Indonesia. Together they carried out village studies for their PhDs, under the supervision of J.C. Caldwell and Masri Singarimbun at the Australian National University. In 1975 they took up a secondment from ANU to assist Singarimbun in the establishment of the Population Institute at Gadjah Mada University. They returned to Canberra in 1979 where Mr. Hull coordinated the International Population Dynamics Program. In this position, he set up training and research activities in universities across Asia, including UNFPA-funded projects in China, Viet Nam and Cambodia. He has served in numerous administrative and teaching posts at ANU, and was a member and then-Chair of the Board of ICDDR,B in Dhaka, and a founding member and eventually President of the APA. Since retirement in July 2012, Hull has continued working from his base at the recently renamed School of Demography at ANU, supervising PhD students, mentoring junior colleagues, and consulting on a range of issues related to population, public health, sexuality and civil registration in Asia.



Gavin W. Jones retired at the end of 2014 as Director of the JY Pillay Comparative Asia Research Centre at the National University of Singapore. He was with the NUS for more than 11 years. After working for the Population Council in New York, Thailand and Indonesia, he moved to Canberra and worked in the Demography and Sociology Program at the Australian National University for 28 years, serving as head of program for an eight-year period. Mr. Jones has conducted research on varied subjects in the field of demography and human resource development, in recent years focusing especially on low fertility regimes in Asia, delayed and non-marriage, urbanization issues, and equity aspects of educational development. He has served as consultant to many international agencies, and has published about 30 books and monographs and some 170 refereed journal articles and book chapters. Mr. Jones now lives in Perth, and is a Visiting Fellow of the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute at the Australian National University, Canberra, and Associate of the Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Perth.



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Sangho Kim is President of the Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA) and Chairman of the Social Security Working Committee. He is also a member of the National Council for Social Security and of the National Pension Fund Operation Committee. He was Chairman of the Korean Social Security Association in 2014. Dr. Kim has served as a member of ministerial policy advisory committees on various issues including social security projections, labour relations and employment insurance. His professional articles include "Pension Assets and Household Savings" (The Korean Economic Review, 2007), "National Pension and Special Occupational Pension Schemes: Viewed from a Lifetime Income Perspective" (The Korean Economic Review, 2008), "The Effects of Public Pensions on Private Wealth: Evidence on the German Savings Puzzle" (Applied Economics, 2010), and "The Financial Stabilization Effect of Reforms on the National Pension and the Private School Teachers' Pension (Korean Journal of Public Finance, 2012) Dr. Kim holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, where he also received his bachelor's and master's degrees in economics. Before joining KIHASA, he taught at the Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology and before that at Catholic Kwandong University.

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**S. Philip Morgan** is Director of the Carolina Population Center and Alan Feduccia Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is former president of the Population Association of America and former editor of the journal *Demography*. He has chaired the sociology departments at the University of Pennsylvania (1993-96) and Duke University (2002-08). Morgan was Director of Duke's Social Science Research Institute 2008-12 and is emeriti Norb R. Schaeffer Professor of International Studies at Duke University. Morgan's work focuses on family and fertility change (over time) and diversity (across groups). Much of his work has focused on the United States but he has collaborated on projects focusing on other countries, both developed and developing. Morgan's recent NIH funded projects have focused on developing new models of family and fertility change and diversity, late 20<sup>th</sup> century fertility trends and differences in the U.S., emerging low fertility in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the association between fertility intentions and behavior in the United States.



**Petter Odmark** is an economist and political scientist. He is presently working as Chief analyst at the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Sweden. Prior to that, he worked as Director of the Social Insurance Division at the ministry and as an advisor to the Director General of the Swedish Social Insurance Agency, primarily with issues related to the sickness insurance. Mr. Odmark has also worked for several government commissions related to social insurance, the latest being the Work Ability Commission. Before that he has worked as a researcher for the Swedish Federation of Professional Associations, in the Swedish Parliament and in the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs.



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Ignacio Pardo, PhD, is a Professor in the Population Studies Program of the Universidad de la República (Uruguay). He obtained his PhD in Sociology in the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, after obtaining a degree and a Master's degree in Sociology and a Diploma in Demography in the Universidad de la República (Uruguay) and attending short courses in the Universities of Essex, Oxford and Brown. His research interests include fertility, population and development, population policy and quantum and tempo measures. He mainly teaches Thesis Seminar and Population and Development courses, both at graduate and postgraduate level. He is the Associate Editor of the Revista Latinoamericana de Población, the journal of the Latin American Population Association (ALAP).



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Wendy Sigle is Professor of Gender and Family Studies at the London School of Economics where she convenes an MSc degree in Gender, Policy and Inequalities. Her previous research has focused on a range of issues related to fertility, families and family policy in historical and contemporary societies. Ongoing work considers the Interaction of family structure and ethnic status in the production of child health outcomes in the US and the UK. Another project explores how quantitative social scientists approach the study of fatherhood, men's unpaid work and care, arguing that the empirical portrait is potentially distorted when the topic is examined through a "motherhood lens". Finally, a number of recent contributions ask whether demographers have become too reliant on simplistic economic models and microeconometric methods. Together these interventions make the case for a more conscious consideration of a wider range of critical theoretical perspectives in social demographic research.



Rachel Snow is the Chief of the Population and Development Branch of the United Nations Population Fund. She has more than 25 years of experience conducting research on the burden of sexual and reproductive health, gender differentials in health, access to health services, and the gendered vulnerabilities of young people. Trained as a population scientist and reproductive biologist, her early research was on contraceptive clinical trials, and the burden of reproductive health in poor countries. Snow received her doctorate in Population Sciences from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1988, where she was subsequently a MacArthur Fellow in Population and Development Studies, and Assistant Professor in Population and International Health. From 1997-2003 she taught at the University of Heidelberg (Germany), and in 2003 she joined the tenured faculty at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and the Michigan Center for Population Studies. Snow was recently the lead author of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) 20-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD Beyond 2014).



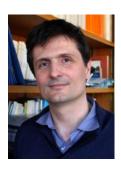
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**Nicolaas van Nimwegen** is a social demographer who was trained as a sociologist at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. He has been associated with the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) for most of his career, as a researcher and Deputy Director. Working on the interface of science and policy, his research focuses on the social impacts of demographic change. He has led both national and international population research projects, including a series of studies for the Government of the Netherlands and the Demography Network of the European Commission. His ambition is to bridge the gap between research and practice. Currently he is Honorary Fellow at NIDI, Editor in chief of its main dissemination publication DEMOS and liaison with Population Europe, the international network of population research institutes. He has been involved in the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) in several roles, including Secretary General and Vice President and currently as Executive Director.



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