

***The Third International Conference on
Population Geographies***

RGS-IBG Population Geography Research Group

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University of Liverpool
Liverpool, UK**

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**SECOND CALL FOR PAPER ABSTRACTS
UPDATE ON CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS**

Dear Colleagues,

We are conscious that our first Call for Paper Abstracts may not have reached all the parts that it should have reached so we are circulating a second call for paper abstracts, with a deadline of the **17th February 2006**. The Conference represents an exciting opportunity to present your work to an international audience (we already have nearly 50 abstracts submitted) and also to combine your attendance with a second Conference, the European Population Conference 2006 which follows on directly (21-24 June 2006) at the same venue. We look forward to hearing from you.

Event

The 1st and 2nd International Conferences on Population Geographies were held in St Andrews in 2002 and 2004. These were successful meetings each attracting over 100 participants from more than 20 countries. The range of papers on various issues relating to migration, fertility and mortality were impressive and we hope that the participants enjoyed the occasion as much as the organisers. It was agreed that the conference should become a biennial event, and we are therefore hosting the third meeting in **Liverpool** in the summer of 2006. The fourth meeting will be held in the summer of 2007 in Hong Kong, so as not to clash with the 31st Congress of the International Geographical Union (IGU).

Participants

Although the conference is designed for geographers, contributions are welcome from those who would not regard themselves as population geographers, but are working in pertinent research areas. For example, we would welcome speakers from other disciplines including Demography, Sociology, Economics, Social Anthropology, who are interested in broadly geographical aspects of population. Postgraduates are also encouraged to attend and offer papers and there will be a Postgraduate prize for the best one. Attendance does not require the presentation of a paper, but we would strongly encourage people to submit papers.

The plenary address to the Conference will be given by Professor Martin Bell of the University of Queensland. Martin Bell founded the Queensland Centre for Population Research in 2001, which has already established a position as a leading centre for innovation in population and migration research.

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Papers

The remit for papers is intentionally broad and papers should be submitted on any topic relevant to population geography. Please ensure that you send abstracts of papers to Darren Smith (see below) before **17th February 2006**. Those who wish to organise themed sessions are encouraged to contact Darren Smith or Phil Rees (see below). The organising committee will decide the strands of the conference once they have received the abstracts. Papers will be 20-25 minutes long, allowing for 5-10 minutes discussion in ½ hour slots.

Bursaries

The Population Geography Research Group with support from the Royal Geographical Society is pleased to offer eight bursaries for students and the unwaged, which will consist of the registration fee and a contribution towards travel and accommodation. A separate form will be made available on the Population Geography Research Group Website soon (see below).

Liverpool

Liverpool is a wonderful conference venue. It has an unrivalled range of internationally celebrated cultural facilities – Walker, Tate North and Lady Lever Art Galleries, Merseyside Maritime Museum, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra – not to mention the Beatles and its football teams, all now fully recognised by Liverpool being selected as European City of Culture 2008. So come in 2006 and beat the rush - but enjoy the buzz!

Liverpool is also famous for its warm, open ambiance and its rich diversity of pubs, clubs and social activities. Since our conference will be in the mid-summer, you can look forward to long evenings of relaxation with old and new friends after a hard day of conference sessions. We look forward very much to welcoming you all to the city. The Conference will provide time for delegates to explore the city and the local area, as well as opportunities to play golf.

Registration

The deadline for registration is **31 March 2006**. A copy of the registration form and booking accommodation will be available from the Population Geography RG website very soon:

www.geog.leeds.ac.uk/groups/pgrg/conf2006.html

This site will be updated regularly as more details about the programme become available.

Further Information

For further details about the academic content of the meeting, contact:

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European Population Conference 2006

Please note that an additional attraction is that the EAPS European Population Conference will be held in Liverpool, UK, from Wednesday 21st until Saturday 24th June, 2006. The main theme for the conference will be “**Population challenges in ageing societies**”. Our meeting has been scheduled just prior to the EAPS meeting and we would encourage international visitors in particular to consider using a single flight to attend both meetings, and perhaps present papers at both conferences. If you are interested in attending the EAPS meeting further information is available at: www.epc2006.co.uk

The plenary address for the European Population Conference will be given by Professor Ian Diamond, a familiar figure to many members of EAPS as a demographer, but also currently the Chief Executive of the Economic and Social Research Council, Britain’s major agency for funding and directing research in the social sciences. He is thus ideally placed to address the central theme of the conference, to offer a perspective that links the needs and agendas of population scientists with the needs and agendas of governments and the wider society.

Accommodation arrangements

Accommodation has been arranged through the **Merseyside Partnership Conference Bureau** at local hotels in the centre of Liverpool. Accommodation has been specifically arranged at the following hotels:

HOTEL	Rating	Location	Single	Double
Feathers Hotel	3	Mount Pleasant, Liverpool	£65.00	£90.00
The Liner at Liverpool	3	Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool	£60.00	£72.00
The International Inn	Hostel	South Hunter Street, Liverpool	£16 (shared dorm)	£38 (private twin)

All these hotels are within 5-7 minutes walking distance of the meeting rooms in the University of Liverpool. An accommodation form for those who only wish to attend the Third International Conference on Population Geographies will be available on the conference website very soon:

www.geog.leeds.ac.uk/groups/pgrg/conf2006.html

Delegates also attending the EPC2006 conference can use the form provided via www.epc2006.co.uk to book their accommodation for both meetings in one go.

We look forward to seeing you in Liverpool at the Third International Population Geographies Conference.

The Conference is organised by the Population Geography Research Group (PopGRG) of the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) and the Department of Geography, University of Liverpool.

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