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## School of Demography Newsletter

### Message from the Head of School

Dear demographers,

Warm congratulations to **Brian Houle** and **Edith Gray** for their success in securing that juicy ARC linkage grant! This project aims to provide an exemplar model of Indigenous data governance for the Anindilyakwa people in Groote Eylandt. Expected outcomes include enhanced Anindilyakwa self-determination, and new best practice knowledge for implementing such platforms elsewhere—providing a potential model for other First Nations communities across Australia.

We also celebrate **James Raymer** and **Edith Gray** for the launch of Poplab: a great initiative that will bring many positive outcomes for the School! (more information below).

The ANU School of Demography did it again! With a big contingent of presenters at the APA and DEMO-ECR Symposium in Adelaide (November 19 to 21), and the other APA in Kathmandu (November 27-30).

Have a very well-deserved summer break. Please make sure to disconnect, and recharge, to be ready for one of the most exciting years for Australian Demography with the IUSSP 2025 conference.

Cordially,  
Vladimir

## Publications & in the media

- **Timonin S**, Leon DA, Banks E, Adair T, **Canudas-Romo V**. 2024. 'Faltering mortality improvements at young-middle ages in high-income English-speaking countries'. *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 53(3). DOI:[10.1093/ije/dyae128](https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyae128) - (Media outreach counted **3 million heads**... well done Sergey!)
- Anson J, **Booth H**. 2024. 'Capital and Cohesion: A new perspective on the analysis of mortality differentials'. *Population Review*, 63(2), pp. 1-34. DOI:[10.1353/prv.2024.a934267](https://doi.org/10.1353/prv.2024.a934267)
- Esmaeili, N., and **Abbasi-Shavazi, MJ.**, 2024. 'Impact of family policies and economic situation on low fertility in Tehran, Iran: A multi-agent-based modelling' *Demographic Research*, 51 (5): 107-154. DOI:[10.4054/DemRes.2024.51.5](https://doi.org/10.4054/DemRes.2024.51.5)
- Razeghi-Nasrabad, H., **Hosseini Chavoshi, M., Abbasi Shavazi, M.J.** 2024, Socio-demographic Determinants of Infertility: A Study in Four Selected Provinces of Iran, *International Journal of Women's Health and Reproduction Sciences*, 12(2), 94–102. DOI:[10.15296/ijwhr.2024.6005](https://doi.org/10.15296/ijwhr.2024.6005)
- **Somboonsin, P., & Canudas-Romo, V.** (2024). Life-years lost attributable to air, water and earth pollution in Asia and Pacific countries, 2000–2019. *Asian Population Studies*, 1–15. DOI: [10.1080/17441730.2024.2402605](https://doi.org/10.1080/17441730.2024.2402605)

### In the media:

Professor Edith Gray published an Op-ed [The Conversation](#) regarding Australia's fertility declining.

## Staff and Student highlights



The **Population Lab (Poplab)** launched on October 22. Poplab is an initiative of the School of Demography to expand the University's research impact. Partnering with external organisations, Poplab will co-design research of importance for government and non-government organisations. Read more about Poplab [here](#).



Congratulations to **Associate Professor Brian Houle** for his recently awarded ARC Linkage grant for delivering Anindilyakwa data governance. Brian will be leading this project in conjunction with other investigators: **Professor Edith Gray**, Professor John Taylor (ANU School of Computing) and Mr Jonah Lafferty (Anindilyakwa Data Unit Coordinator).



Two **Global South Visiting Fellowships** were awarded to School of Demography visitors for 2025:

\* **Catalina Torres**, Universidad de la República, Uruguay



### **Council elections:**

Edith Gray was invited to nominate as Vice-President of the Asian Population Association.

If you're a member of the Asian Population Association, **please support her in the upcoming election.**

\* **Ben Malinga John**, University of Malawi

## Special demography moments



ANU takes Melbourne (5 cohorts of ANU demographers!)



Flashback – how many demographers do you recognise and where are they now?



ECR DEMO Symposium was held in Flinders University (Adelaide) on November 19, just before the APA conference.



We had short presentations followed by a Q&A session and a long poster session.



Our School present in Flinders University (Adelaide) for the APA Conference!  
- photo courtesy V.Canudas-Romo

## Event Reminders

- Save the date for the [IUSSP 2025!](#)  
Brisbane, Australia, 13-18 July 2025



The 3rd RSSS door competition is on! Register your door by **6 pm Wednesday 11 December** to be added to the judging map and join the fun 🍪 🎄 .

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### *Acknowledgment of Country*

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.