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*In loving memory of Professor Raimondo
Cagiano de Azevedo*

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Editorial

The Chair honors the memory of its cherished founder, Professor Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo, who passed away on January 3rd, 2025, leaving an enduring legacy of scholarship, vision and humanity, and inspiring generations to come. Professor Emeritus of Demography at Sapienza University of Rome, he served as Dean of the Faculty of Economics from 1996 to 2002 and as Rector's Delegate for International Relations from 2005 to 2012.

A figure of extraordinary academic and human stature, his career stands as an enduring example of dedication to educating new generations committed to the study of population issues and European integration. Among his many appointments, he served for over thirty years as the Italian Government's Delegate to the Council of Europe's Population Committee, where he was also the Chairholder of the position.

At the beginning of the 2000s, he conceived the idea of creating a laboratory to promote cultural diversity and elaborate scenarios for the future of migration, recognizing population, migration, and development as some of the key issues of concern of the time. He believed international migrations were evolving as a result of the global transformations affecting the world, and he saw migration as an opportunity to foster growth and development as well as strengthen intercultural relations.

However, migration was (and is) often understood as a problem. Indeed, the increased population flows across borders of individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds have given rise to a number of challenges in both origin and destination countries. Over the years it was becoming increasingly clear that unilateral approaches would not be sufficient to address these challenges and that the international community needed to collectively find ways of benefitting from the positive effects of migration.

Out of this vision, in 2008 he founded our UNESCO Chair in Population, Migration and Development – the first UNESCO Chair hosted by Sapienza University. Under his guidance, the Chair has successfully contributed to building capacity in teaching and in research and to promoting a multidisciplinary scientific approach in the field of development, population and migrations, with the basic premise that human rights should be at the core of any approach to human mobility.

Were he with us today, he would remind us that the *acquis communautaire* (a set of rights and duties that Europeans have given themselves over the past decades and that more than anything distinguish the "European model" in the world) is a new frontier among extra-European migrants, asylum seekers and Europeans to be progressively crossed thanks to the access to rights, citizenship and to the fight against any form of discrimination. The answer to the request of *acquis communautaire*, which arises from migrants' mobility, is to be found in a European subsidiarity approach: at the local level, the solutions to the problems of integration and interculturalism, at the national level, the planning of legal flows, and at the supranational level, the political governance of migration flows including relations with the sending countries.



Activities 2025

Conferences and Meetings

Zurich Population Research Conference - Zurich (Switzerland) | 19-22 January 2025

Contributions: Daniela Foresta: Pre- and post-arrival effects on state and development of Refugees' mental health status in Germany.

IX Convegno SISEC - "Visibili e invisibili nel capitalismo che cambia: imprese, lavoro, territori e politiche" - Pavia (Italy) | 29 January - 1 February 2025

Contributions: Eleonora Miaci: Teachers' Evaluations and Ethnic Penalty on Academic Achievement in Italy and Refugees' health in the destination country. Relationship between vulnerability and self-related health in Italy - Eralba Cela, Eleonora Miaci, Elisa Barbiano di Belgiojoso, Maurizio Ambrosini

16th Conference Young Demographers - Prague, Faculty of Science, Charles University | 4-6 February 2025

Contributions: Giuliana Polo: Investigating the Impact of Traumatic Events on Young Migrants' Mental Health in United Kingdom

DSSR - "Towards a holistic understanding of society: bridging social sciences, statistics and computational sciences" - Pescara (Italy) | 19-21 February 2025

Contributions: Eleonora Miaci: Social Inequality and Student Mobility from Southern to Northern Italy. An Analysis of the Interplay between Social Origin, Academic Achievement and Track at Upper Secondary Education.

"Quelle démographie pour le XXIe siècle ?" (Académie Royale de Belgique) - Brussels (Belgium) | 27 March 2025

Invited Talk: Elena Ambrosetti spoke about L'avenir démographique de l'Europe

58th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (United Nations) - New York (USA) | 7-8 April 2025: Elena Ambrosetti attended the event



Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting 2025 - Washington, D.C. (USA) | 10-13 April 2025

Contributions:

Elena Ambrosetti: Sex Ratio at Birth Among Migrants in Italy: what's the impact of COVID-19?

Cecilia Fortunato: Secondary Migration Intentions of Refugees Living in Germany

Agostino Cristofalo: Housing tenure trajectories and health in later life across Europe and Educational disparities in dementia and healthcare utilization: evidence from Italy

Daniela Foresta: Pre- and post-arrival effects on state and development of Refugees' mental health status in Germany and Life Expectancy Among Immigrants in Sweden pre and during COVID-19: A Consideration of Different Types of Residence Permits

Giuliana Polo: Racial Discrimination and Mental Health Inequality in France

Giacomo Lanfanti Baldi: The Decline of Deaths of Despair in Italy and Age-Period Modelling of Mortality Gaps: the Cases of Cancer and Circulatory Diseases

Giornate della Ricerca MEMOTEF 2025 - Sapienza Università di Roma | 29-30 May 2025

Contributions:

Alessandra De Rose: Welcome act as Director of the Annals of the MEMOTEF Department

Alessandro Feraldi: Investigating Disparities in Cause-Specific Mortality based on Education in Italy

Daniela Foresta: The Subjective Well-being of Immigrant and Native Adolescent

Giuliana Polo: The UNESCO Chair in Population, Migration and Development and the MAPS Project



Trente ans de Recherches Internationales sur les Migrations: Bilan et Perspectives (1995-2025) - SciencesPo, Paris (France) | 15 May 2025

Contributions:

Catherine Withol de Wenden: Trente ans de séminaire sur les migrations au CERI

Cristina Giudici: Migrations et développement en Afrique subsaharienne: enjeux et perspectives pour la coopération

SIEDS - LXI Riunione Scientifica "Povertà e disuguaglianze: popolazioni e territori nell'era delle transizioni" - Rome (Italy) | 28-30 May 2025

Contributions:

Eleonora Miaci: Health and vulnerability among refugees in Italy: exploring self-rated health, mental health, and unmet health needs and Differences in health perception between refugees and other migrants: a cross-country study in the EU

Agostino Cristofalo: The mortality advantage of being partnered by migration background

Benedetta Marcozzi: Exploring Health Differences Among Workers: Insights From Two Italian Cohorts

Giacomo Lanfanti Baldi: The Decline of Deaths of Despair in Italy

Statalk 2025 - Milan (Italy) | 13-14 June 2025

Contributions: Eleonora Miaci: Refugees' health in the destination country. Relationship between vulnerability and self-related health in Italy



PopDays - Giornate di Studio sulla Popolazione 2025 (AISP-PopDays 15th Edition) - Cagliari (Italy) | 4-6 June 2025

Contributions:

Cristina Giudici: Moving Forward: The Transition of Second-Generation Immigrants from High School to University in Italy

Elena Ambrosetti and Cinzia Castagnaro: Sex Ratio at Birth Among Migrants in Italy: what's the impact of COVID-19?

Eleonora Miaci: Refugees' health in the destination country. Relationship between vulnerability and self-related health in Italy and Differences in health perception between refugees and other migrants: a cross-country study in the EU

Agostino Cristofalo: Housing tenure trajectories and health in later life across Europe

Daniela Foresta: Pre- and post-arrival effects on state and development of Refugees' mental health status in Germany - Flash session

Giacomo Lanfanti Baldi: The Decline of Deaths of Despair in Italy

Martina Bodo: When Do We (Expect To) Become Adults?

Giuliana Polo: Disentangling the association between Racial Discrimination and Depression Symptoms in the Migrant-Origin Population in France

SIS 2025 - "Statistics for Innovation" (Società Italiana di Statistica) - Genoa (Italy) | 16-18 June 2025

Contributions:

Benedetta Marcozzi: The Relationship Between Work, Health, and Well-Being: A Comparative Study of Two Italian Cohorts

Giacomo Lanfanti Baldi: Hierarchical forecasting of Italian mortality data with gender and cause-of-death reconciliation

Giuliana Polo: Discrimination and Mental Health: a Study of Immigrants in France



Doctoral Seminar Series - PhD in Statistical Sciences (Demography Curriculum) - Sapienza Università di Roma | November 2024 - June 2025

Contributions from all the PhD candidates member of the Unesco Chair



Activities 2025

Schools and Visitings

- From November 2024 to July 2025, Martina Bodo attended the European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD), at Ined - Institut national d'études démographiques in Paris (France).
- From January to April 2025, Agostino Cristofalo did a Research visiting to the Stockholm University.
- From February to May 2025, Elena Ambrosetti was a visiting researcher at the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies.

Teaching

- Cristina Giudici participated to the 8th EAEPE-YSI Summer School - Roma Tre University | July 1st 2025, presenting a contribution on Migration and Displacement Action Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa
- Alessandro Feraldi taught the course of Population, Migration and Development - Bachelor's degree program in Global Humanities
- Cristina Giudici taught the courses of Demography, Bachelor's degree program in Economics and Finance

Selected Publications

Ambrosetti E., Miccoli S. (2025) The perceptions of the migratory phenomenon in Italy communicated through social media. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.

Ambrosetti E., Bazaga I., et al. (Edited by) How do migrants imagine Europe? Insight from the H2020 Project PERCEPTIONS, Edizioni Nuova Cultura, Roma.

Bodo, M., Paparusso, A., Ambrosetti, E. (2025). Life Satisfaction and Institutional and Interpersonal Trust: A Comparative Analysis of Italian and Foreign Citizens. In: Pollice, A., Mariani, P. (eds) Methodological and Applied Statistics and Demography III. SIS 2024. Italian Statistical Society Series on Advances in Statistics. Springer, Cham.

Feraldi, A., Giudici, C., & Brouard, N. (2025). Estimating the Sex Gap in Depression-Free Life Expectancy Among Widowed Americans Aged 50 and Older: An Application Using the Interpolated Markov Chain Approach. *Journal of Aging and Health*, 37(1-2), 117-130.

Forestà D., Ambrosetti E., (2025) Comparing Risky Behaviours Among Teenagers With Native or Immigrant Parents in Italy, *Journal of Early Adolescence*.

Giudici C., Trappolini E., Priulla A. (forthcoming). Gli studenti di origine straniera nelle università italiane. Dossier statistico immigrazione 2025. Edizione IDOS

Miaci, E. (2025). Migrants and motherhood: unveiling the fertility trends of migrant women in Italy. Phd thesis.

Miaci, E., Mussino, E., Trappolini, E., Alderotti, G., & Giudici, C. (forthcoming). Formal Childcare Use and Mothers' Fertility Intentions and Behaviours: Evidence in Italy by Migration Background, *European Journal of Population*.

Pangallo C. (2025). "La partecipazione degli stranieri al mercato del lavoro italiano: le abilità, la specializzazione nelle attività ed i salari". PhD Thesis

Paparusso, A., Wihtol De Wenden, C. (2025). The shifting of traditional understanding of citizenship due to international migration. *Frontiers in Sociology*.

Paparusso, A., Sanguinetti, A., Vitiello, M. (2025). Individual take-up and occupational outcomes of immigrant regularization measures in Italy. *WELFARE e ERGONOMIA*, 2024/2: 211-228.

Paparusso, A., Arcagni, A., Heins, F., Bonifazi, C. (2025). Poset-based analysis of mental well-being of immigrants and natives in Europe. In: Pollice, A., Mariani, P. (eds.) Methodological and Applied Statistics and Demography II. SIS 2024. Italian Statistical Society Series on Advances in Statistics, pp. 349-354. Springer, Cham.

Polo, G., & Obucina, D. (2025). Discrimination and Mental Health: A Descriptive Study of Immigrants in France. In Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society (pp. 215-219). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.

Priulla, A., Miaci, E., & Panichella, N. 2025 Social Inequality and Student Mobility from Southern to Northern Italy. An Analysis of the Interplay between Social Origin, Academic Achievement and Track at Upper Secondary Education. *BOOK OF 65*.

Sun, F., Brouard, N., Giudici, C., Larmarange, J., & Qiao, X. (2025). Demopædia-Multilingual Demographic Dictionary Unified Volumes. In 30th International Population Conference (IPC2025).

Trappolini, E., Raybould, A., & Alderotti, G. (2025). Health in early adulthood and fertility: A study based on the 1958 British cohort. *Population Studies*, 1-18.

Trappolini, E., & Kim, W. (2025). Overqualification and Job/Wage Satisfaction Among Migrants: Insights from Italy. In Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society (pp. 432-436). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.

Trappolini, E., Wooseong, K., & Alderotti, G. (2025). Overqualified, Still Satisfied? Revisiting Job Satisfaction Among Overqualified Migrants (No. 2025_07). Universita'degli Studi di Firenze, Dipartimento di Statistica, Informatica, Applicazioni" G. Parenti".

Congratulations to

Cristina Giudici was appointed a member of the UNESCO Liaison Standing Committee (ULSC) at the World Council of Comparative Education Societies (WCES). She was also appointed a member of the Technical-Scientific Committee for Lazio Region Statistical Activity



Congratulations to Eleonora Miaci, Daniela Forestà and Camilla Pangallo for defending their PhD thesis this year, respectively on "Migrants and motherhood: unveiling the fertility trends of migrant women in Italy", "The health of immigrants in Europe: perspectives from multiple countries" and "La partecipazione degli stranieri al mercato del lavoro italiano: le abilità, la specializzazione nelle attività ed i salari".



Activities 2025

UNESCO Chair Network

Convegno ReCUI 2025 - Sapienza University, Roma, 24th January 2025

On January 24 the ReCUI Annual Meeting took place in Sapienza University. The conference was opened by the Minister of Universities and Research, Anna Maria Bernini, who awarded the ReCUI with the Ministry's Seal of Merit. The Minister praised the strong sense of network created by the UNESCO Chairs and emphasized the importance of their "ecosystemic" approach, which fosters a high-quality synergy not only at the national level but also within the educational system, particularly in strengthening relations between Italy and Africa.



1º Forum Nazionale "Formazione per la Ricerca e l'Innovazione Sostenibile" - Sapienza University of Rome (Italy) | 15 July 2025

Eleonora Miaci presented *Experiences in UNESCO's fields of action*, sharing how the UNESCO Chair supported her doctoral research. Supporting her in her research on migration and education inclusion

Biennial International Conference: Towards the Foundation of a Universal Economy based on Human Rights Assisi (Italy) | 16-18 October 2025

Our Chairholder Cristina Giudici had the role to introduce and moderate a session about *Economics and Education*.



Migration and Displacement Action Plan for Sub-Saharan Africa - MAPS Developing policy-oriented research on Migration and Displacement



Seminar Series

The maps seminar series in memory of prof. Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo began in May 2025 and is continuing with the following schedule

09/05/2025—IOM Activity in Sub-Saharan Africa – Laura Nistri, IOM

13/06/2025—Population Growth and Exposure to Multiple Environmental Burdens in Sub-Saharan Africa – Valérie Golaz, INED

20/06/2025—Dynamiques migratoires et déplacements forcés en Afrique de l'Ouest: enjeux et perspectives de recherche - Alain Tiiga Ouedraogo, Menan Kouamé, Ramadan Diallo, Mamadou Dindé Diallo, MAPS Consortium

11/07/2025—Economic Interaction between Refugees and Hosts in Uganda – Rama Dasi Mariani, Roma Tre University

18/07/2025—Evolution of the International Refugee Protection System: From the First Universal Instruments to African and European Regional Legislation – Nadaan Petrovic, Sapienza University of Rome

18/07/2025—External dimension of migration policy in Africa - Prof. Enza Roberta Petrillo, Sapienza University of Rome

10/10/2025—Drivers of migration. Why do people move? - Prof. Castelli, University of Brescia

31/10/2025—Predicting foodsecurityusing secondary data, and a reflection on the links of food and migration, Francesca Panero, Sapienza University of Rome & Emma Kopp, Paris Dauphine University

MAPS Conference

Migration and Displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa: Towards a knowledge-based Agenda | 28 July 2025 - Serena Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania | Hybrid modality

The MAPS Conference 2025 served as an interactive forum for scholars, policymakers, and stakeholders to exchange knowledge on migration and displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Supported by the EU, it gathered diverse actors from ten African countries and Europe to discuss human

rights, gender equality, and sustainability.

The conference opened with institutional remarks from distinguished representatives, including Razack Bakari Lokina of the University of Dodoma, Giuseppe Coppola, Ambassador of Italy to Tanzania, Maurizio Busatti of the International Organization for Migration, Sobhi Tawil from UNESCO, Marc Stalmans of the European Union Delegation, and Anna Peter Makakala from the Tanzanian Ministry of Interior. Their interventions highlighted the shared responsibility in addressing displacement and underscored the importance of knowledge exchange between African and European institutions.

Four thematic roundtables addressed peace, people, planet, and prosperity, fostering dialogue on key migration challenges and solutions. The Conference concluded with a strong commitment to advance a knowledge-based agenda on migration and displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa, by fostering academic and policy cooperation between Africa and Europe, strengthening data governance, and promoting holistic and sustainable approach.



MAPS Summer School (forthcoming)

Nairobi, 9-15 November 2025, AMREF International University. The Summer School seeks to provide participants with a rigorous and interdisciplinary framework for understanding migration as a multifaceted global phenomenon through lectures, practical workshops and role-plays.

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