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Editorial

On 26 November, the UNESCO Chairs Network hosted the event "The Commitment of UNESCO Chairs to Peace" at Sapienza University of Rome. The initiative provided an opportunity to reflect on peace education and on the pathways through which peace can be rediscovered and sustained through education, research, and culture.

Peace should not be understood merely as the absence of conflict, but rather as a dynamic process through which conflict is regulated. This perspective requires going beyond a narrow and predominantly militarised interpretation of conflict, which is most commonly associated with the concept.

In its broader sense, conflict is intrinsic to the human condition. Individuals become persons through their experience of tension—both internal, within the self, and external, in the relationship between individuality and the surrounding world. The metaphor of a battery is helpful here: what matters are not the poles themselves, but the tension between them, the energy generated by the coexistence of opposing forces.

This principle extends beyond individual experience to collective systems, which mirror the same agonistic structure as human beings. Society as a whole operates according to this logic: when tensions are effectively regulated, they serve as engines of creativity, innovation, and progress. Conversely, when left unmanaged, these tensions may degenerate into violence or conflict, representing a pathological distortion of their generative potential.

Accordingly, when appropriately managed, tensions can be transformed from potential threats into valuable resources, highlighting their central role as drivers of both personal and collective development.

Our UNESCO Chair addresses issues of peace and conflict through the study of migration and migration policies, as migration lies at the intersection of multiple tensions—political, economic, social, and cultural. In particular, among the current activities, the MAPS project seeks to serve as a tool of scientific diplomacy, contributing to peace in the broader sense outlined above—that is, the constructive regulation of conflict through the creation of bridges between universities, policymakers, and society at large. Through our activities, we aim to give concrete expression to the transformative role that universities can—and must—play in fostering more cohesive societies, by strengthening human capital and actively promoting intercultural dialogue.

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Activities 2025 - Second Semester

Conferences and Meetings

July 13–18, Brisbane (Australia), 30th International Population Conference (IPC2025). Contributions were presented by Alessandra De Rose on “The Influence of Contraception in Women’s Lives”; Martina Bodo on “When Do We (Expect to) Become Adults?”; Alessandro Feraldi on “We Need More Sex-Disaggregated Data: Unveiling the Data Gap and Showing the Benefit of Sex-Disaggregated Data along the Health Pathways for Hypertension, Diabetes, HIV and AIDS” and “Investigating Disparities in Cause-Specific Mortality Based on Education in Italy”; Cecilia Fortunato on “The Demographic Perspective on the Environment–Migration Nexus: A Systematic Literature Review”; and Giacomo Lanfiuti Baldi on “The Decline of Deaths of Despair in Italy: Unveiling This Phenomenon in a New Context”.



July 15, Sapienza University of Rome, the Forum Formazione per la Ricerca e l’Innovazione Sostenibile took place. Eleonora Miaci contributed for our Chair with “Il ruolo dell’università nello sviluppo sostenibile: strategie di inclusione di migranti e rifugiati”.

September 4–5, Sapienza University of Rome, the III Sapienza Ph.D. Conference in Social Sciences and Economics was held. Martina Bodo presented a contribution titled “A Subjective Old-Age Dependency Ratio?”.

September 11–12, University of Padua, 1st Conference of the Sustainable Ageing Working Group (EAPS). Eleonora Miaci was session discussant of “Digitalization and digital divide” and presented “Health and Well-being among Older Refugees: A Textual Analysis from Italy”.

September 22–25, Naples, RC33 Eleventh International Conference on Social Science Methodology. Angela Paparusso, Elena Ambrosetti and Daniela Foresta presented “The Subjective Well-Being of Immigrant and Native Adolescents in Europe”.

September 30, University of Milan, Workshop Social Stratification and Geographical Mobility: Inequalities in Education, Work and Family Dynamics. Eleonora Miaci presented “Social Selection in Student Mobility: The Interplay of Origin, Achievement and Track in the Italian North–South Divide”.

October 9–10, University of Palermo, the Final Conference of the AVRAl project was held, with the participation of Eleonora Miaci.

October 10 - MAPS webinar: Drivers of migration. Why do people move?, Prof. Francesco Castelli, Università di Brescia.

October 16–19, Treviso, the StatisticAll – Festival della Statistica e della Demografia took place. Elena Ambrosetti, Cinzia Castagnaro, Cecilia Fortunato, Eleonora Miaci and Giuliana Polo organized and presented the workshop “Laboratorio di Demografia”.

October 23, Rome, the PRIN2022 conference DREAMS – Rethinking Territories: Challenges and Opportunities for the Future was held. Alessandra De Rose took part in the event as a member of the Organizing Committee.

Oltre le frontiere - in memory of professor Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo

On **October 24** Sapienza University of Rome hosted **Oltre le Frontiere**, a study day in memory of professor Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo, bringing together leading scholars and institutions to reflect on his scientific legacy. The event opened with institutional greetings by Donatella Strangio and Cristina Giudici. The first round table, moderated by Alessandra De Rose, featured contributions from Giorgio Alleva, Giancarlo Blangiardo, Andrea Lenzi and Massimo Livi Bacci. A dedicated session commemorated Professor Cagiano de Azevedo’s academic and human contribution. The afternoon continued with a poster session and a second round table on The Frontiers of Europe, moderated by Stefano Baldi, with contributions from Pier Virgilio Dastoli, Catherine de Wenden, Angela Paparusso, Cinzia Castagnaro and Elena Ambrosetti.



October 29–30, Naples, the 2nd Age-IT General Meeting was held. Contributions were presented by Elisabetta Barbi and Giacomo Lanfiuti Baldi on “Where Would You Rather Live? Blue and Green Zones of Longevity in Italy”.

October 31 - MAPS webinar: Predicting food security using secondary data, and a reflection on the links of food and migration, Francesca Panero, Sapienza Università di Roma & Emma Kopp, Università Paris Dauphine.

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November 26, Sapienza University of Rome, our Chair took part to the meeting **L'educazione alla pace: L'impegno delle Cattedre Unesco italiane per la pace**.

November 27 - MAPS seminar: Training and research for sustainable development: the MAPS project towards the goals of the 2030 Agenda - UNESCO - CNESA 2030 Education for Sustainability Week, Sapienza Università di Roma Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia. Contributi di Roberta Petrillo, Giuliana Polo, Cecilia Fortunato, Cristina Giudici.

December 4 - Webinar organized by Sapienza's Research Services Department: **Sapienza's Participation in International Cooperation Programs**. Cristina Giudici presented the MAPS project.

December 12 - MAPS webinar: Unsettled Grounds: Climate Risk, Migration, and the Quest for Secure Housing. Laura Colini e Gianfranco Pozzer, Università IUAV di Venezia.

December 17 - Presentation of the book "Peace, Cultural Heritage and the Economy of Human Rights," Chamber of Deputies - Palazzo Valdina - Sala della Sacristia, Piazza in Campo Marzio, 42 - Rome. Contribution by Cristina Giudici and presentation of the MAPS project.

November 9-16 - MAPS Summer School in Nairobi (Kenya)



Within the MAPS Summer School "Understanding Migration and Forced Displacement in Sub-Saharan Africa", 40 talented early career researchers from across Sub-Saharan Africa gathered at AMREF International University (AMIU) in Nairobi. Throughout the week, participants explored the themes related to the four pillars of Peace, People, Planet and Prosperity, gaining new tools and perspectives to better understand and address migration and displacement dynamics in the region. The Summer School convened a diverse network of international scholars and practitioners from Europe and Africa, offering not only an academic learning setting but also a venue that encouraged multi-stakeholder dialogue.



Schools and Visitings

In **July 2025**, Martina Bodo concluded the European Doctoral School of Demography— EDSD courses for the Academic year 2024/25, at the Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED) in Paris. In the same Institute, Chiara Baldan, Emma Bellotti and Geraldina Saraci are attending the EDSD courses, a.y. 2025/26.

Activities 2025 - Second Semester

Selected Publications

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- Bodo, M., Paparusso A., Ambrosetti E. (2025). Exploring the Nexus Between Life Satisfaction and Institutional Trust: Evidence From Italian and Foreign Citizens. *Population, Space and Place*, 31(8).
- Cisotto, E., Silan, M., Giulia, C., De Rose, A. (2025). Old Age Informal Caring and Impact on Health Among Adults in Italy. In: di Bella, E., Gioia, V., Lagazio, C., Zaccarin, S. (eds) *Statistics for Innovation I. SIS 2025. Italian Statistical Society Series on Advances in Statistics*. Springer, Cham.
- Giudici C., Polo G., (2025) Popolazione e migrazioni in Africa subsahariana. In Pace, Cultural Heritage, Economia dei Diritti Umani, ed. Nuova Cultura, Roma.
- Giudici, C., Priulla, A., & Trappolini, E. (2025). La transizione scuola-università degli studenti di origine straniera in Italia: progressi lenti, sfide costanti. In *Dossier Statistico Immigrazione 2025* (pp. 202-206). Centro Studi e Ricerche IDOS in collaborazione con Centro Studi Confronti Istituto di Studi Politici "San Pio V".
- Cristofalo, A., & Trappolini, E. (2025). Housing tenure trajectories and health in later life across Europe. *Advances in Life Course Research*, 66.
- Cristofalo, A., Drefahl, S., Mussino, E., & Trappolini, E. (2025). Partnership Status and Mortality Across Migration Generations: Evidence from Sweden (Version I). *Stockholm Research Reports in Demography*.
- De Rose, A., Racioppi, F. (2025). Demography and Sustainability: A Prolonged Active Life for an Ageing Workforce. *Research in Social Sciences*, 4, 375-392
- Feraldi, A., Pappagallo, M., Giudici, C., & Frova, L. (2025). Monitoring All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality Inequalities in Italian Regions. In *Methodological and Applied Statistics and Demography III SIS 2024, Short Papers, Contributed Sessions I* - ISBN: 9783031644306
- Feraldi, A., Shubhankar S., and Giudici C. (2025) "Gender Gap in Cancer-Free Life Expectancy in the United States: The Association With Smoking, Poor Diet, and Physical Inactivity." *Journal of Aging and Health*
- Marchesini, N., De Rose, A. (2025). The Three-Dimensional Gender and Fatherhood: A Profile of Italian Men. In: Pulcher, S., Basaglia, S., Cuomo, S., Simonella, Z. (eds) *Diversity and Inclusion in Italy. Diversity and Inclusion Research*. Springer, Cham
- Miaci, E., Mussino, E., Trappolini, E. et al. (2025), Formal Childcare Use and Mothers' Fertility Intentions and Behaviours: Evidence in Italy by Migration Background. *Eur J Population* 41, 31
- Miaci, E., Stranges, M., & Cela E. (Accepted October 2025). Differences in health perception between refugees and other migrants: A cross-country study in the EU". *Rivista Italiana di Economia Demografia e Statistica*.
- Priulla, A., Miaci, E., & Panichella, N. (2025). Social Selection in Student Mobility: The Interplay of Origin, Achievement and Track in the Italian North-South Divide. *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*.
- Trappolini, E., Priulla, A., Giudici, C., & Vicari, D. (2025). Migration-Related Differences in Academic Outcomes: Insights from the Italian Higher Education System. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 1-29.

Upcoming Events (2026 - First Semester)

- 24 January:** ReCUI General Meeting - Naples (Italy)
- 2-6 February** MAPS second Summer School on Methods - Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)
- 4-6 February** Young Demographers Conference - Prague (Czech Republic)
- 11-13 March**, 37th REVES conference - Tokyo (Japan)
- 6-9 May** PAA 2026 - St. Louis, Missouri (USA)
- 3-6 June** European Population Conference 2026 - Bologna (Italy)
- 22-25 June** LIII Riunione Scientifica della SIS - Rome (Italy)
- June/July** MAPS Third Summer School on Migration and SDGs - Kampala (Uganda)

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