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# UNESCO CHAIR in "Population, Migrations and Development"

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## Editorial

Till recently January 25<sup>th</sup> has been the National Police Day celebration in Egypt. From now on, the nature of the celebration on this date will be changed. After 25 January 2011 this day will be remembered as the starting day of the Egyptian revolution. With more than 80 million inhabitants, Egypt is one of the most populated Arab countries. While the problem of over-population has been a government concern for many decades, birth control policies have not succeeded in curbing fertility, which remains at a high level (3 children per woman in 2008). As one of the few Arab countries whose demographic transition is still not fully completed, despite a decline in mortality, Egypt remains an exception in the rapidly evolving demographic landscape.

The existence of family planning organizations, the relative tolerance of the religious authorities, the population policies in place and an open approach to the outside world are not sufficient to turn the tide. The reason for this resistance is to be found in the foundations of Egyptian society – importance of the family, ideal number of children – and at institutional level, in both the economic (labour market, growth) and sociocultural spheres. The importance of marriage, the role of education and media and the religious dimension are all powerful forces shaping individual behaviour.

Lying at the heart of this strategic region, Egypt plays a key role in the Middle East and its future demographic prospects represent a major challenge for both the country and the region as a whole.

In the future, the trend of fertility decline could be affected by two factors: first, the evolution of the economic crisis, which currently contributes to fertility decline and second, the institutional factor that contributes strongly to its maintenance. In this framework falls the great revolt that rocked Egypt early this year and that led to the departure of Mubarak after more than 30 years in power. The mass media have shown images of a revolution mainly led by an extraordinary number of young people. Indeed, the population below 30 years represents 61% of Egypt total 80 million inhabitants. Young people and women therefore have been the promoters of change and the role they can play is still huge because they may represent an important resource for development, for the country's democratic transition and for introducing innovative behaviors that will lead to complete the demographic transition. Will the young Egyptians manage to bring real change in family and gender relations? Until now the political climate had not allowed such transition. In addition, will the wider political and social participation allow to regain confidence in family planning policies?

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# Unesco Forum: Education and Research without Borders

**Thursday 12 May 2011**

Sapienza University of Rome - Faculty of Economics, Council Hall

**9h00 Registration and welcome coffee**

**9h30 Opening session:** Luigi Frati, Rector of Sapienza University of Rome; **Attilio Celant**, Dean of the Faculty of Economics; **Giovanni Puglisi**, President of the Italian Commission for UNESCO; **Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo**, Director of the Unesco Chair *Population, Migrations and Development*

**10h00 Keynote speeches:**

*Income inequality and poverty in the EU Member States*, **Giuseppe Burgio**, EuroSapienza Research Centre, Rome

*Europe goes global - a new generation for European education*, **Hartmut Marhold**, University of Cologne

**11h15 Round table: The EU Policy for Education and Research and the Internationalisation of Higher Education Institutions**

**Chair Graziella Caselli** Sapienza University of Rome,

**Introduction:** **Maria Sticchi Damiani**, National Coordinator Bologna Promoters

**Panel:** **Dragana Dulic**, University of Belgrade, **Claudio Cecchi**, Sapienza University of Rome, **Claude Nigoul**, Institut Européen des Hautes Études Internationales, Nice, **Boris Samotakin**, Kyiv International University, **Maria Sticchi Damiani**, National Coordinator Bologna Promoters, **Donatella Strangio**, Sapienza University of Rome, **Margrit Wetter**, Sapienza University of Rome, **Margrit Wetter**, Sapienza University of Rome.

**14h30 Unesco Chair's Scientific Committee**

**15h30 Round table: The Value of Europe and its Fundamental Freedoms**

**Chair Massimo Gajani**, Diplomatic Advisor for the Italian Ministry of European Policies

**Introduction:** **Paolo Guerrieri**, Sapienza University of Rome

**Panel:** **Piervirgilio Dastoli**, European Parliament, Rome, **Giuseppe Eusepi**, Sapienza University of Rome, **Elizabeth Kardos Kaponyi**, Corvinus University Budapest, **Janez Malacic**, University of Ljubljana, **Maria Grazia Melchionni**, Sapienza University of Rome, **Roberto Miccù**, Sapienza University of Rome, **Giuseppe Procaccini**, Ministry of Interior, Rome.

**17h00 Book review:** **Elena Ambrosetti**, Sapienza University of Rome: *Egypte, l'exception démographique*, Ed. Ined-PUF, Paris, 2011.

**Friday 13 May 2011**

Sapienza University of Rome - Faculty of Economics, Council Hall

**9h00 Registration and welcome coffee**

**9h30 Opening session:** **Clara Albani**, Head of the European Parliament Office in Italy; **Antonella Cammisa**, Head of the International Relations Office, Sapienza University of Rome; **Giorgio Alleva**, Head of the Department on Methods and Models for Economics, Territory and Finance; **Lucio Alberto Savoia**, Secretary of the Italian Commission for UNESCO

**10h00 Keynote speeches:** *Respect at borders, respect of borders*, **Peter Schatzer**, International Organization for Migration, Geneva.

*Migration flows facing with immigration and emigration polizie*, **Catherine Wihol De Wenden**, CERI Sciences-Po, Paris

**11h15 Round table: Population, Migrations and Development**

**Chair Guillaume Wunsch**, University of Louvain

**Introduction:** **Antoine Pécard**, Unesco, Paris

**Panel:** **Alicia Bernasconi**, CEMLA, Buenos Aires, **Ana Cabré**, Universi-dad de Barcelona, **Serge Feld**, Université de Liège, **John Morgan**, UK National Commission UNESCO, **Enrico Todisco**, Millennium Project Italian Node, **Ayman Zohry**, Egyptian Society for Migration Studies,

**15h00 Book review:** **Maurizio Franzini** Sapienza University of Rome: *Ricchi e Poveri*, Un. Bocconi Ed., Milano, 2010.

**Introduction:** **Piero Di Pasquale**, Journalist. Former Director of RAI International, Italy

**Panel:** **Giuseppe Burgio**, EuroSapienza Research Centre, Rome, **Domenico De Masi**, Sapienza University of Rome, **Alberto Majocchi**, Pavia University,

**16h00 Special session with young researchers**

**Chair:** **Stefano Baldi**, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Introduction:** **Giovanna Tattolo**, French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

**Rome and Paris Chapter:** **Elena Ambrosetti**, **Laura Asara**, **Marie Bassi**, **Arianna Cascelli**, **Benedetta Cassani**, **Cinzia Castagnaro**, **Cristina Giudici**, **Cristiana Scoppa**, **Mauro Vaccaro**, **Pamela Valente**

**PEACE Phd student:** **Hani Qusa**, **Khalil Massri**

**17h30 Final session - Presentation of the Conference Statement "Respect at borders, respect of borders"**

**Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo**, Director of the Unesco Chair Population, Migrations and Development

# Research activities

**Rome, 22 February 2011** - The Department Memotef organized the annual "Research Day", to disseminate ongoing research work, particularly by young researchers: research projects were discussed in terms of the stage of development of projects, new topics to be explored, results obtained and lines to follow, together with existing or planned national and international links. [http://www.memotef.uniroma1.it/newdip/ricerca/giornata\\_ricerca.php](http://www.memotef.uniroma1.it/newdip/ricerca/giornata_ricerca.php)

**Ancona, 2-4 February 2011** - Scholars and researchers from the Unesco Chair's Rome chapter attended the IX edition of the "Research Days on Population 2011". **Elena Ambrosetti, Giorgia Capacci, Cinzia Castagnaro and Rita Sebastiani** presented a research paper on demographic issues. All the information are available on the web site [http://aisp.univpm.it/index.php?id\\_pagina=4](http://aisp.univpm.it/index.php?id_pagina=4)

**Bordeaux , 28 febbraio al 2 marzo 2011** - A meeting has been arranged within the Unesco Chair activities at **University of Bordeaux 3 Michel de Montagne**, l'Institut d'aménagement, de tourisme et d'urbanisme. **Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo** and the colleague **Annie Najim**, together with other scholars and researchers, will direct the Jean Monnet Chair on "formation de professionnels du développement durable".

**Buenos Aires 7 April 2011** - The Chair organized a seminar in Buenos Aires in collaboration with "Consorzio Interuniversitario Italiano per l'Argentina" CUIA. **Alicia Bernasconi** (CEMLA), **Maria Florencia Noya Dive**, **Juliana Burton** (UNESCO commission for Argentina), **Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo**, **Benedetta Cassani** (Cattedra UNESCO), **Uoldelul Chelati Dirar** (University of Macerata) will participate to the event. CUIA centre- Libertad 1173, 1º piso BUENOS AIRES | 18.00 - 20.00 ([www.cuia.net](http://www.cuia.net)).

**Barcelona 28/29 April** - Within the framework of **UN-HABITAT and UNESCO** common initiative on "Urban Policies and creative practices for migrants: inclusive cities for all", the **Second Experts Evaluation Meeting** will be held on 28/29 April 2011 in Barcelona within UNESCOCAT Offices.

## Italian Migrants in Argentina: project for the construction of a laboratory on stories of life,

The Unesco Chair "Population Migration and Development" together with the MEMOTEF department and the "History, Culture and Religion" department of Sapienza University of Rome realized a proposal for a project on "Italian Migrants in Argentina: project for the construction of a laboratory on stories of life". The project, that will involve both Italian and Argentinean Universities, has been selected and co-financed in the framework of CUIA research activities for 2010-2012.

The research project will be developed in various phases. First it will study the transnational migration flows between Italy and Argentina over time, underlining the important role of the transnational links between the countries. Secondly the research will focus on those specific migrants who now have between 60 and 85 years old. The importance of this particular selected group may be found in their historical memory as the historical context and their lives have brought into question the concept of "borders" both in its national and cultural meaning. The life stories of this particular class of individuals must therefore be known and preserved. The awareness of the right to witness the territorial memory and history and the desire of fostering the transmission of such important values, suggest a complex scientific and cultural approach.

The project is embedded in a complex research of the social and cultural interactions existing between Italy and Argentina both in quantitative and in qualitative terms. Other than a demographic analysis, the project will focus on the community integration process together with the development of an active social and economic network.

Finally the project aims to the construction of a permanent laboratory in the Argentine universities with audio, video and paper material collected during the researches that testimony a key period for both Argentina and Italy's society. On the other hand the demographic analysis will permit to understand the italo-Argentine migration underlining the fundamental role played by the migration network in the social economic integration process of the two communities and their transnational characteristics ([www.cuia.net/CUIA/ricerca](http://www.cuia.net/CUIA/ricerca)).

# Information



## Publication



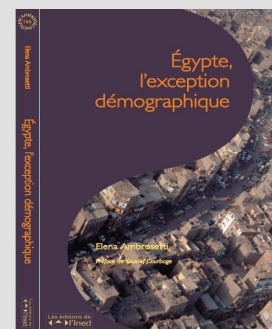
**Catherine de Wenden** (CERI Sciences-Po, Paris), **“La question migratoire au XXIe siècle Migrants, réfugiés et relations internationales”** (The Migration Question in the 21st Century. Migrants, Refugees and International Relations). Published by Sciences—Po Les Presses. October 2010

Migrations, forevermore a global occurrence, have become one of the dominant issues facing the planet. The destination state, a central player in international relations and in the definition of migratory politics, finds itself facing the challenge of border control; the citizenry confronted with new mobility patterns is redefined within these contours, as are its makeup and its relationship with its own sense of nationality; refugees transform relations between destination states and departure states, themselves engaged in a kind of migration diplomacy.

**Elena Ambrosetti** (Sapienza, University of Rome)  
**“Égypte, l'exception démographique”-**

Les cahiers de l'ined, N°166, 2011, 256 p., n° ISBN 978-2-7332-0167-1

For further details: [http://www.ined.fr/fr/ressources\\_documentation/publications/cahiers/bdd/publication/1531/](http://www.ined.fr/fr/ressources_documentation/publications/cahiers/bdd/publication/1531/)



## Courses

**Academic course on Population and Development, Sapienza, University of Rome . The 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2011**

The course deals with the relationship between population issues and economic, social and political aspects of development. It introduces the theoretical frameworks to analyze the population changes and assesses the consequences of population growth with a particular focus on the factors affecting the components of population change including fertility and mortality decline, changing sex ratios, migration and ageing. Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo, Elena Ambrosetti, Cristina Giudici and Benedetta Cassani will assure the tutorship and the academic assistance to the students.

## Flash

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> of March**, the **International Migration Outlook 2010** published by OECD was presented in Rome at the National Council of Work and Labour.(CNEL) The publication was presented by George Lemaitre and Jonathan Chalogff - OECD international migration division, while the Italian SOPEMI report was in detail presented by the CENSIS vice director Carla Collicelli.

[http://www.oecd.org/document/41/0,3746,en\\_2649\\_33931\\_45591593\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1,00.html](http://www.oecd.org/document/41/0,3746,en_2649_33931_45591593_1_1_1_1,00.html)



**The World Assembly of Migrants (WAM)** and the **World Social Forum (WSF)** took place from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2011 on Goree Island and at the Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar. The Assembly was initiated by a migrant rights organization in France, Sans Papier (Without Papers), to provide the opportunity for migrants from all over the world to give input into a draft of the **“World Charter of Migrants”**. This Charter is intended to create a global charter of principles "guaranteeing the freedom of movement and of establishment for men and women everywhere on our planet." The draft document presents four fundamental rights which should be granted to all migrant in an universal vision. Free movement of people, elimination of visas and borders; equality of rights for those living in a common geographical location; a full right of a citizenship based on residence and not on nationality.

**Louvain-la-Neuve, 16-18 November 2011: The 2011 Chaire Quetelet “Urbanisation, internal migrations and demographic behaviour”** will take place at the Research Centre in Population and Societies, Catholic University of Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. The **2011 Chaire Quetelet** will be devoted to the urban phenomenon and trends, to internal migrations and the different patterns they have, but also on the role of urbanisation and migration in changes of demographic behaviours, and generally in modifying social and demographic composition of urban, periurban and rural areas. <http://www.uclouvain.be/en-359391.html>