



UNESCO CHAIR "Population, Migrations and Development"

*UNESCO Chair wish you
a Merry Christmas*



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Editorial

The major economic, as well as social and environmental transformations that have taken place in the world in recent decades, have long called for a transformation of the tertiary education and research system. Additionally the latest repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic on learning opportunities, which have been amplified for the most vulnerable populations, have revealed even more urgency for action towards rethinking the higher education systems.

For years, education has spread only one-way learning, excluding wisdom and ways of interpreting the world which we must now demand to hear, in order to unlock human potential, enrich the debate and walk the path of knowing by abandoning the assumption to know. We are currently witnessing a widening of differences between social classes with an ever decreasing intergenerational social mobility and we cannot continue in this direction. The call is to break down borders in education and realise the central promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: 'Leave no one behind'. The transformative potential of the University must move towards the elimination of all class, social, ethnic and gender barriers and the strengthening of education as a global common good.

There is an urgent obligation to establish a new social contract between political and academic communities to work together for a peaceful and egalitarian world, rediscovering thoughts and actions that value social bonds, collective goods and the ability to share.

The third UNESCO World Higher Education Conference (WHEC2022), held from 18 to 20 May in Barcelona, took place during this challenging time and precisely with this aim in mind. The conference set itself as a crucial event to bring together education actors of varied ages, from many countries and with different roles and experiences to participate united by the common goal of nurturing the dialogue on the topic of higher education and to enhance key proposals for reinventing Higher Education for a Sustainable Future.

Throughout the Conference, a strong call has been raised on the articulation of intergovernmental initiatives in favour of higher education and the strengthening of international inter-university collaboration, also through networks, platforms and knowledge management, sharing expertise and coordinating work, in order to multiply opportunities instead of duplicating them.

Particular emphasis should be placed on promoting national and institutional policies and practices to build a global campus for learning, teaching and research and to expand access and international mobility for students from diverse backgrounds. In this regard, there is an urgent need to recognise the specific needs of refugee students, of whom only 5% have access to tertiary education, and to pursue projects aimed at access and retention of those students.

Given the urgency to act and the state of great uncertainty worldwide, the message of the WHEC2022 is to rediscover hope, to work together in our community and around the world to ensure that education best sustains our common future.

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Activities 2022

Conferences and meetings

24 January Expo 2020 Dubai, Italy Pavilion. **Alessandra De Rose** and **Donatella Strangio** participated to the UNESCO Chairs Day.

2-4 February Conference of Young Demographers, Prague. **Cecilia Fortunato** presented a study on *Return migration: a Systematic Literature Review*.

18-20 March Conference "Il percorso nascita del neonato - La continuità assistenziale dal Neonatologo al Pediatra di Famiglia", Roma. **Cinzia Castagnaro** presented *L'inverno delle nascite. L'Italia nella trappola perfetta tra pandemia e denatalità*.

2 April MFE, Genova. **Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo** presented a contribution on *Demografia e Mondialismo*.

6-9 April Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America - PAA, Atlanta, Georgia. **Sara Miccoli**, **Cecilia Reynaud**, **Elena Ambrosetti** and **Francesca Licari** presented *The impact of the L'Aquila earthquake on demographic changes*; **Alessandro Feraldi**, **Cristina Giudici**, **Stefano Mazzuco** and **Virginia Zarulli** presented *Functional Data Analysis Approach in Population Studies: An Application on the Gender Gap in Life Expectancy*; **Cecilia Fortunato** presented *Return migration: a Systematic Literature Review*; **Angela Paparusso** and **Elena Ambrosetti** presented *Subjective well-being and the quality of the neighborhood. A comparison between immigrants and natives in Europe*; **Eleonora Trappolini**, **Elisa Barbiano di Belgiojoso** and **Eralba Cela** presented *Health differences between migrants in the host country and non-migrants in the home country: the case of Albanians in Italy*; **Giammarco Alderotti**, **Ryohei Mogi** and **Ryota Mugiya** presented *Economic uncertainty and partnership status in lowest-low fertility countries*; **Giammarco Alderotti**, **Letizia Mencarini** and **Daniele Vignoli** presented *Recent birth trends in Europe: disentangling the effect of the pandemic and the demographic trap*.

12-14 May Sabir Festival Matera **Enza Roberta Petrillo** presented *Mental Health and Psycho Social Support Services for Migrant and Refugee adolescents*

13-15 May Congresso di medicina Estetica, Roma. **Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo** and **Cinzia Castagnaro** presented *Invecchiamento della popolazione ai tempi del Covid*.



UNESCO World Higher Education Conference (WHEC2022), Barcelona

On May 18-20th, thirty-seven Italian UNESCO Chairs, contributed to the Conference with a consultation report on “*Dialogues of the UNESCO Chairs: a laboratory of ideas for the world to come*”. **Cristina Giudici**, **Eleonora Miaci** and **Benedetta Cassani** produced a policy paper on “*Socially responsible University in the era of refugee crisis*”. The Chair also contributed to the WHEC2022 with a video.



31 May - 01 June XII Giornata della Ricerca Memotef **Marina Zannella**, **Sara Miccoli**, **Elena Ambrosetti** presented *PERCEPTIONS and COVINFORM. Preliminary findings and analysis of two H2020 PROJECTS*

7-10 June Sapienza University, Rome. **Benedetta Cassani** and **Cristina Giudici** contributed to the organisation of the *UNI(di)VERSITY Training week*.

June Network of UNESCO Chairs dialogues promoted by UNIBAS. The Chair organized a session.

29 June – 1 July 19th IMISCOE annual conference **Elena Ambrosetti**, **Cecilia Fortunato**, **Sara Miccoli**, **Cecilia Fortunato**, **Donatella Strangio** presented *Drivers of Migration: The Role of Aspirations, Capabilities, and Perceptions*.

29 June – 2 July European Population Conference - EPC, Groningen, the Netherlands. **C. Castagnaro**, **A. Guarneri** and **S. Prati** presented *Covid effect on births in Italy: preliminary results*. **Cecilia Fortunato**, **Miccoli**, **Sara**, **Elena Ambrosetti**, **Cecilia Fortunato**, **Donatella Strangio** presented *Drivers of Migration: The Role of Aspirations, Capabilities, and Perceptions*; **Sara Miccoli** presented the poster: *Fertility in Italian regions: analysis and estimation of cohort indicators*.

4 October A delegation of the Italian Unesco Chairs met the General Secretary of the Italian Commission for Unesco, Min. Enrico Vicenti. **Raimondo Cagiano** participated to the initiative.

18-21 October XVII Congresso Società Italiana Medicina delle Migrazioni **Enza Roberta Petrillo** presented the poster: *I servizi di supporto psicosociale per i minori migranti e rifugiati*.

Activities 2022

30th Anniversary of the UNITWIN programme, Paris, 3-4 November



The conference, organized by UNESCO with the support of the French National Commission for UNESCO, celebrated the accomplishments of the UNITWIN Programme over the last three decades. Dedicated to the theme of “Transforming knowledge for just and sustainable futures”, the two-day event has been grounded in the spirit of global scientific, moral, intellectual, and academic solidarity.

Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo presented the project “DIALOGUES OF THE UNESCO CHAIRS: a laboratory of ideas for the world to come” during the plenary session dedicated to the theme “UNITWIN/ UNESCO Chairs Programme: A global observatory?”. **Alessandra De Rose, Cristina Giudici and Eleonora Miaci** attended the conference.

Watch the recording of the event in this link:

<http://webcast.unesco.org/events/2022-11-UNITWIN/>



2-4 December 2022 The chair participated to the organization of the Statistical: Festival della Statistica e della Demografia, Treviso.

Press Ctrl and click here to watch the video of **Elena Ambrosetti** describing the 'demografia in gioco' workshop at the Festival.



UNI(di)VERSITY final event, Barcelona, Rome, Bruxelles, 14-16 December

UNI(di)VERSITY opened the debate on the role of universities in promoting social in the Great Hall of the Historical Building of the University of Barcelona on December 14th. Benedetta Cassani participated to the event.

The activities continued in the 15th, with the screening of the documentary “Refugee Students” at the Cinema Farnese in Rome. The documentary film tells the story of three university students who are refugees in Rome and Barcelona, capturing what it means to be a refugee, the difficulties, the traces of the past, their cultures, and above all the new opportunities that Europe is giving them.

A webinar on the social responsibility of universities in the era of migration closed the three-days. **Cristina Giudici** presented the fourth outcome of the project and showcased the crucial role played by higher education institutions in fostering the social inclusion of migrants and cultural diversity.

The video of the Webinar "The social responsibility of universities in the era of migration" is available at this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzcy80Z14Qc>

Workshop
Socially responsible universities for inclusive societies in the era of migration

Documentary
Refugee Students

Webinar
Socially responsible university for inclusive societies in the era of migration

UNI(di)VERSITY
widespread final event

Programme 2023

Seminars and Conferences:

18 January **Raimondo Cagiano** will participate to the launch event of the second cycle of UNESCO Chairs' Dialogues webinars. The initiative will be based on a series of reflections and contributions from the members of the Chairs participating on the UNESCO document "Reimagining our futures together: A new social contract for education". The document belongs to the series of major UNESCO reports that have been the foundation of international education guidelines globally for the past fifty years. This third document published in 2021 presents a clear assessment of the challenges facing education currently and in the future. A new social contract for education must guarantee public financing of education and involve the whole of society in public discussions on the topic. This emphasis on participation comes from the awareness of education as a common good, a form of shared well-being that is chosen and achieved together.



19-20 January **Elena Ambrosetti, Cecilia Fortunato, Arianna Furegon, Sara Miccoli, Donatella Strangio** will participate to the Final symposium of Perceptions H2020 project: <https://www.perceptions.eu/perceptions-final-symposium/>

1-3 February **Alessandro Feraldi, Cristina Giudici, Eleonora Miaci, Cecilia Fortunato** will present their contributions to the AISP Popdays 2023, RomaTre University, Rome

22 February In the context of the activities of the Network of Italian UNESCO Chairs, the Chair in Population Migrations and Development is organising, in collaboration with the Chair in Urban Quality and Urban Culture, notably in Africa and the Chair in Urban Health, a seminar on 'Conflicts: implications on populations, territories and cultural heritage', Sapienza University of Rome

23 February **Elena Ambrosetti, Cecilia Fortunato, Arianna Furegon, Sara Miccoli, Donatella Strangio** will participate to the Final Round table of Perceptions H2020 project, Sapienza University

23-24 February the Chair participate to the debate on "migration and development in countries of origin and destination" organised for the launch of Bergamo and Brescia as European Capital of Culture

23 March European meeting promoted by Bruno Gabellieri on the themes of poverty and mutualism (Paris)

12-15 April Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America - PAA, New Orleans, Louisiana. **Cecilia Fortunato, Sara Miccoli e Elena Ambrosetti will present a poster on "Information on social media during migration-related border crisis"; Elena Ambrosetti, Marina Zannella, James Rhys Edwards will present a poster on "Perceived social exclusion during the COVID-19 pandemic across EU countries"; Elena Ambrosetti et al. will give an oral presentation on Ideal family size in Egypt before and after the Egyptian Revolution; Alessandro Feraldi and Cristina Giudici will give an oral presentation on "Sex gap in cancer-free life expectancy: the association with smoking, obesity and physical inactivity"**

May Meeting of the European Movement for the anniversary of The Hague Congress

3-5 May **Elena Ambrosetti** will participate to the Consortium meeting of COVINFORM H2020 project, Berlin

21- 2 June SIS 2023 conference - Statistical Learning, Sustainability and Impact Evaluation, Ancona

September 9th Edition of the Festival Statisticall, Treviso, **Elena Ambrosetti, Alessandra De Rose, Cecilia Fortunato, Daniela Foresta, Eleonora Miaci** will be involved in the organisation.

11-15 September **Elena Ambrosetti** will participate to the CIVIS Student Week "Global Migration on the Ground" University of Tubingen

October Mentorship project will present the photographic exhibition 'Journey to Sapienza' realised by S  l  ne de Condat

Academic teaching:

Demografia - Bachelor degree course held by **Cristina Giudici**, October-December, Sapienza University of Rome.

Population, migrations and development - Bachelor degree course held by **Cristina Giudici**, February-May, Sapienza University of Rome.

Population and development - Master degree course, February - May, Sapienza University of Rome.

Consequences of International Migration - Phd Course held by **Elena Ambrosetti** 27 February-2 March, European Doctoral School of Demography EDSD, Barcelona.