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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Sustaining Fertility Rates: An Interdisciplinary Approach

January 21–22, 2027

Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP)

Puebla, Mexico

Format: On-site and Virtual

The Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP) is honored to invite researchers, health professionals, demographers, economists, philosophers, bioethicists, sociologists, public policy specialists, undergraduate and graduate students, and members of the international academic community to participate in the International Symposium “Sustaining Fertility Rates: An Interdisciplinary Approach”, to be held on January 21–22, 2027.

The decline in fertility rates observed across many regions of the world constitutes one of the most significant demographic phenomena of the twenty-first century. Its implications extend beyond statistical considerations, encompassing economic, health, social, cultural, ethical, and political dimensions that directly affect the sustainability of human communities and the future of societies. Understanding this phenomenon requires an approach that integrates multiple disciplines and perspectives. Reproductive decisions, family structures, economic conditions, health systems, cultural transformations, technological advances, and public policies interact in complex ways, creating a scenario that demands rigorous reflection and high-level academic dialogue.

This symposium seeks to bring together national and international experts to analyze, from an academic perspective, the causes, consequences, and potential responses to the challenges associated with demographic sustainability and population replacement rates. The academic discussions will be grounded in the contributions submitted in response to the Call for Papers “Sustaining Fertility Rates: An Interdisciplinary Approach,” whose authors address fertility across multiple fields of knowledge. Based on these contributions,



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the sessions will integrate empirical evidence, theoretical reflection, and critical analysis of the factors influencing fertility rates and their social, health, economic, cultural, and bioethical implications.

Discussion Topics

The symposium aims to address current transformations in fertility from an interdisciplinary perspective, considering both global demographic trends and the economic, labor, and family-related factors that influence reproductive decisions. Discussions will examine the relationships among labor markets, family economics, marriage, household formation, and reproductive timing, as well as the role of reproductive health, reproductive medicine, and technological innovation in shaping new demographic scenarios. The symposium will also explore the implications of public policies, social protection systems, population aging, and economic sustainability, as well as the cultural, religious, philosophical, and bioethical factors that shape contemporary understandings of human fertility.

Keynote Speakers

We will be joined by Dr. Gherardo Girardi, Associate Professor of Economics and Finance at St Mary's University, London, who holds a doctoral degree from the London School of Economics (LSE). We will also welcome Dr. Pia Matthes, a distinguished scholar specializing in theological studies, whose research explores the anthropological, cultural, and ethical dimensions of the human person, the family, and social life.

Objectives

- Promote academic exchange on contemporary fertility trends.
- Foster collaboration among researchers and institutions interested in population and family studies.
- Generate spaces for reflection on the ethical and bioethical challenges associated with demographic sustainability.



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- Contribute to developing evidence-based proposals to understand and address these phenomena.

Participation

Attendance will be open to academics, researchers, undergraduate and graduate students, health professionals, public policy specialists, and all individuals interested in the symposium topics.

General Information, Fees, and Registration

Dates: January 21–22, 2027

Venue: UPAEP Central Campus, Sor Juana Hall
21 Sur 1103, Barrio de Santiago, Puebla, México

Information: investigacioncssalud@upaep.mx

Fees:

Academics and professionals, in person: US\$100

Academics and professionals, online: US\$60

Students, in person: US\$30

Students, online: US\$20

Includes:

Access to all lectures and discussion forums

Welcome dinner for in-person academics and professionals

Coffee break

Certificate of participation with curricular value: 16 hours

Digital Compendium of Symposium Presentations