Evidence and Policy Summer School
Science, Policy and Demography:
The role of population and migration for sustainable development in the European Neighbourhood
5–7 September 2018, Laxenburg, Austria

Programme

Official event under the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union
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In a world flooded with information from a multitude of sources, collecting, managing, making sense of and communicating knowledge, or evidence, is highly challenging.

With scientific controversies, post-fact politics and societal challenges to the use of evidence in public policy, evidence-informed policymaking needs advocates and skilled practitioners, both in scientific and policy bodies.

To help researchers to have more impact and policymakers to use evidence for policy solutions, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre (JRC), in collaboration with the International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) and the Global Young Academy (GYA), organise an Evidence and Policy Summer School in Laxenburg, Austria. The event is held under the auspices of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, with the support of the Austrian Ministry for Education, Science and Research and the Austrian Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs.

The thematic topic of the 2018 Summer School is migration and demography – a key strategic area for the future of Europe. However, the workshop will not present either the latest science or specific policy solutions in this domain, but will focus on the tools and approaches to inform the policymaking process through evidence.

What is unique about the event?

• Policymakers and scientists meet and together develop skills in using evidence for creating policy solutions;
• Participants will learn how their respective professional worlds operate;
• Leading thinkers and practitioners producing science and policy around migration, population and demographic changes engage closely with participants through participatory, interactive masterclasses;
• The thematic focus stimulates cross-policy dialogue and interdisciplinarity.

Who will be there?

• Scientists interested in how to achieve impact on policy and
• Policymakers interested in how to commission and use research to support them in their daily work
• Both having experience of working within the themes of migration and demography changes (producing science or policy tackling them, using related data in their work on other topics, interested in the implications of these societal challenges on other fields, etc.) and
• Working primarily in the Eastern and Southern European Neighbourhood countries, including Western Balkans, and EU Member States.

While the school is open to all EU Member States and EU Neighbouring countries, including Western Balkans, priority for participation has been given to applicants from the Eastern and Southern European Neighbourhood countries, including Western Balkans. Moreover, 35 places with full funding (travel and accommodation) have been given to participants from the following countries and territories: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine Authority, Serbia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.
What will you gain?

• New knowledge on how to better integrate scientific evidence into policy-making;
  – Scientists will learn how to better communicate and visualise their results, tackle uncertainty and align their projects with policy needs.
  – Policymakers will learn how research can support policy, which science can be relevant to their field, where to find it and how to interpret it, and what can be expected from researchers.
• New insights on how ‘the other side’ operates;
• Enlarged network of likeminded professionals, working on migration and demography with ambition of using evidence in policymaking;
• Access to a global community of practice, exchanging top resources and expertise.

The use of country names in this program does not imply any position by the organizers on the official name or legal status of these countries.
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PROGRAMME

4 September 2018

19:00 – 20:00
*Welcome drinks* for those who arrived already (Ibis Hotel Restaurant 1st floor)

5 September 2018

08:00 – 08:45
*Bus transfer from Ibis Hotel to IIASA*

08:45 – 09:15
*Registration* (IIASA Lobby)

09:15 – 10:00
*Opening remarks* *(Wodak room)*
  - Mike Clegg, Chair of the IIASA Council
  - Nebojsa Nakicenovic, Acting Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
  - Kristiann Allen, International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA)
  - Koen Vermeir, Global Young Academy (GYA)
  - Vladimír Šucha, Director-General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

10:00 – 10:30
*Key note lecture I: Population and migration as a policy challenge* *(Wodak room)*
  - Heinz Faßmann, Federal Minister for Education, Science and Research of the Republic of Austria

10:30 – 11:00
*Key note lecture II: Population and migration as a scientific challenge* *(Wodak room)*
  - Wolfgang Lutz, Director of World Population Program, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

11:00 – 11:15
*Coffee Break* *(Coffee area outside Wodak room)*

11:15 – 11:30
*Walk to Paradise Garden*

11:30 – 12:00
*MIGRASPECTIVES – A dance theater game* *(Paradise Garden – in case of rain, Gallo Rosso Restaurant)*
  - Gloria Benedikt, Project Leader Science & Art, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
  - Piotr Magnuszewski, Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
  - Krisztian Gergye, Artist
  - Nour Barakeh, Artist
  - Hannah Kickert, Artist
  - Scientific advisors: Guillaume Marois, World Population Program (IIASA)
  - Wei Liu, Risk and Resilience Program (IIASA)
  - Playwright: Chantal Bilodeau

12:00 – 12:15
*Walk to Schloss Restaurant*

12:15 – 13:15
*Lunch* *(Schloss Restaurant)*
6 September 2018

08:00 – 08:45
Bus transfer from Ibis Hotel to IIASA

09:00 – 09:15
Introduction to masterclasses (Wodak room)
  Jan Marco Müller, Head of Directorate Office, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

09:15 – 09:30
Walk to masterclasses

09:30 – 11:00
Masterclasses session #1

11:00 – 11:15
Walk to coffee break

11:15 – 11:30
Coffee Break (Coffee area outside Wodak room)

11:30 – 11:45
Walk to masterclasses

11:45 – 13:15
Masterclasses session #2

13:15 – 13:30
Walk to Schloss Restaurant

13:30 – 14:30
Lunch (Schloss Restaurant)

14:30 – 14:45
Walk to masterclasses

14:45 – 16:15
Masterclasses session #3

16:15 – 16:30
Walk to coffee break

16:30 – 18:00
Dinner with poster session (Paradise Garden – in case of rain, Schloss Restaurant)

18:00 – 22:00
Dinner with poster session (Paradise Garden – in case of rain, Schloss Restaurant)

19:00 – 21:30
Dinner with poster session (Paradise Garden – in case of rain, Schloss Restaurant)

21:30 – 22:00
Bus transfer from IIASA to Ibis Hotel

13:15 – 13:30
Walk to Wodak room

13:30 – 15:00
Panel discussion - Population and migration: Exploring the science-policy nexus in the EU Neighborhood

Moderator:
  Natalie Herold, Unit Head for Research, Knowledge Management and Integration Monitoring, Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs
  Simon Mordue, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
  Daniela Cujba, Head of the European Integration Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova
  Adila Pašalić Kreso, Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina
  Ahmet Içduygu, Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities and Director of the Migration Research Center at Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
  Yamina El Kirat, Vice Dean for Research and Cooperation of the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences, Mohammed V University, Morocco

15:00 – 15:15
Coffee Break (Coffee area outside Wodak room)

15:15 – 15:30
Walk to Paradise Garden – in case of rain, group stays in Wodak room

15:30 – 18:00
Roleplay ‘Changing Demographics: Retirement Age and Evidence-Informed Decision Making’ (Paradise Garden)

Moderator:
  David Mair, Head of Unit, Knowledge Management, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

18:00 – 19:00
Dos and Don’ts of evidence in policymaking: plenary lessons learned from the roleplay (Paradise Garden – in case of rain, group stays in Wodak room)

Moderator:
  Kristiann Allen, Chief of Staff, Office of the Prime Minister’s Chief Scientific Advisor, New Zealand

19:00 – 21:30
Dinner with poster session (Paradise Garden – in case of rain, Schloss Restaurant)

21:30 – 22:00
Bus transfer from IIASA to Ibis Hotel
16:30 – 16:45
Coffee Break (Coffee area outside Wodak room)

16:45 – 17:15
Lecture: Big data for migration (Wodak room)
  Michele Vespe, Scientific Officer, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
  Marzia Rango, Research Officer, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

17:15 – 18:45
Discussion with scholars at risk (Wodak room)
  Moderator: Karly Kehoe, Global Young Academy (GYA)
  Pinar Aksu, Admin and Development Officer, Maryhill Integration Network, Glasgow, UK

18:45 – 19:00
Wrap-up of the day
  Koen Vermeir, Global Young Academy (GYA)

19:00 – 19:30
Bus transfer from IIASA to Ibis Hotel
Free evening to explore Vienna

7 September 2018

08:00 – 08:45
Bus transfer from Ibis Hotel to IIASA

09:00 – 10:00
Key note lecture: Science for the Sustainable Development Goals (Wodak room)
  Nebojsa Nakicenovic, Acting Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

10:00 – 10:15
Walk to masterclasses

10:15 – 11:45
Masterclasses session #4
  Walk to Schloss Restaurant

11:45 – 12:00
Walk to Schloss Restaurant

12:00 – 13:00
Lunch (Schloss Restaurant)

13:00 – 13:15
Walk to masterclasses

13:15 – 14:45
Masterclasses session #5

14:45 – 15:00
Walk to Wodak room

15:00 – 16:00
Closing session (Wodak room)
  David Mair, Head of Unit, Knowledge Management, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
  Jan Marco Müller, Head of Directorate Office, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

16:00
Bus transfer from IIASA to Ibis Hotel/Airport

Organising Team of the Summer School

David Mair, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
Jan Marco Müller, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
Sergey Sizov, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
Lene Topp, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Mohammed Almahfali, Researcher, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, Sweden
Özge Yaka, Researcher, Institute of Sociology, University of Jena, Germany
Masterclasses

Participants will choose five preferred masterclasses, which are run throughout two days in five parallel sessions.

1. **Strengthening Dialogue for Research Impact**  
   Facilitators:  
   Emily Hayter and Verity Warne, International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP)

2. **What are the Challenges of Using Migration Data?**  
   Facilitators:  
   Marlene Alvarez Alvarez and Michele Vespe, European Commission, Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography (KCMD), European Commission

3. **Explaining Attitudes to Immigration in Europe**  
   Facilitator:  
   James Dennison, European University Institute

4. **Understanding Interests**  
   Facilitator:  
   Laura Smillie, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

5. **System Thinking for Policy Making**  
   Facilitator:  
   Elena Rovenskaya, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

6. **Principles of Population Dynamics**  
   Facilitators:  
   Sergei Scherbov and Warren Sanderson, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

7. **Infographics and DataViz for evidence-driven decision making: a hands-on approach**  
   Facilitators:  
   Rafa Hohr, Prodigioso Volcán and Emiliano Bruno, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

8. **Foresight in the area of Migration**  
   Facilitators:  
   Alice Szczepanikova, Anna Hakami and Laurent Bontoux, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

9. **The Challenge of Bridging Disciplines in Scientific Advice**  
   Facilitators:  
   Kristiann Allen, Office of Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of New Zealand, and Jan Marco Müller, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

10. **Human Mobility and European Integration: From Qualitative Approaches to Citizens’ Engagement**  
    Facilitators:  
    Clarissa Rios and Cristina Blanco Sío-López, Global Young Academy (GYA)

11. **Fostering Scientists and Policy Makers’ Synergies for Migration Policy Consistency**  
    Facilitator:  
    Abdeslam Badre, Global Young Academy (GYA)

12. **Roles of Scientists and Policy Makers in Mitigating Policy-framing Uncertainties**  
    Facilitators:  
    Toni Verbeiren, Global Young Academy (GYA)

13. **The use of economic evaluation in demographic policy-making**  
    Facilitators:  
    Christian Böhler, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research