

EDITORIAL

Editor's Note

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It brings me great pleasure to announce the launch of *International Journal of Population Studies (IJPS)* published by Whioce Publishing Pte Ltd. IJPS is a new open access, multidisciplinary journal that aims to publish high quality original research and reviews of recent advances and emerging issues in population processes, including dynamics of fertility, mortality, and migration and linkages with socioeconomic and environmental change across time, space, and cultures. The Journal publishes the following types of articles: original research, research reviews, commentaries, perspectives, technical research notes, and book reviews. The range of the Journal's coverage includes substantive empirical analyses, theoretical work, methodological papers, qualitative studies, policy analyses, and applied research. The Journal focuses on formal and applied demography but covers a broad range of disciplines: social gerontology, anthropology, business and marketing, behavioral sciences, economics, environmental sciences, geography, history, psychology, public health, politics, sociology, and statistics.

It is my greatest honor and pleasure to have my remarks included in the inaugural issue of the International Journal of Population Studies. As the Editor-in-Chief, my primary goal is to develop IJPS into a leading international journal in the study of human populations. I will dedicate myself to several strategic goals: (1) using a rigorous double-blind peer review process to ensure that the papers published in the Journal reflect the most important and cutting edge issues in the field of population and development investigated with science that is high quality, original, theoretically grounded, and methodologically rigorous; (2) creating a diverse editorial board and generating a reviewer pool that from all corners of the world, reflecting today's best scholarship in the field of population and development; (3) encouraging submissions from authors worldwide, especially those from less developed regions; (4) meeting the professional needs of readers, authors, and reviewers by publishing several special issues on a regular basis that reflect rapidly emerging interests and research areas in population studies; (5) sharing our valuable work with a wide audience network; and (6) making the Journal an important cross-disciplinary platform for the important connections between science and policy-making.

We are very excited and thankful that this first issue is composed of eight excellent papers in the field of aging and migration studies (see editorial by Professor Bernardo L. Queiroz in this issue). I sincerely hope you enjoy reading these fine pieces in the inaugural issue of IJPS. I feel confident that the issues to come will cover other perspectives as noted earlier and look forward to reading more about the latest achievements in population studies.

It is my hope that you will find IJPS useful in your research work and that it will help you to develop skills and strategies to address challenges you face in research. Please register as a site user so that you can offer feedback to our authors about their work and participate in the dialogue we have just started. I also invite you to contribute a research article or a comprehensive review to be considered for publication in this journal.

Finally, I wish to give a special Thank You to the associate editors, the managerial editor, all members of the editorial board, and the authors who have contributed to the journal in various ways and whose insights and passion spearheaded the launch of this journal.

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