IUSSP Panel on Contraceptive Transition Theories

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The objective of the panel is to develop an overarching theory of contraceptive use at the population level. This will be a conceptual framework of how modern contraceptive use transitions from low to high rates in contemporary Asian, African, and Latin American populations. The framework will be firmly grounded in the empirical record of the past six decades, either existing empirical research or fresh empirical research invited by the panel. In concrete terms, the goal is a collection of invited papers on theories of contraceptive transition, representing a variety of disciplinary perspectives, to be published in a special issue of a journal.

The panel was constituted during 2019. The membership of the panel is shown below.

The panel held a first planning meeting in Entebbe, Uganda, in November 2019. An "expert group meeting" was planned during the first half of 2020, and this meeting occurred virtually in three sessions during October 2020. Subsequently the panel prepared a report containing the main points from the expert group meeting; this report is available here. During the first half of 2021, the panel identified topics for the collection of papers – nine papers in total -- and possible authors for each paper. Invitations to authors were extended in May 2021, with the full set of authors finalized in July 2021. An orientation meeting was held with authors in August 2021.

The next meeting of the panel and authors will occur in December 2021 or January 2022. The specified deadline for drafts of the papers is July 2022. Following internal review by members of the panel, final versions will be due in November 2022, at which point the collection will be passed to a journal for further review and eventual publication.

The panel is organizing a Sponsored Research Leader Session for IPC 2021.

Panel Members

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