



2025 BSPS Conference
Tuesday 2 September – Thursday 4 September
Swansea University
CALL FOR SESSIONS AND STRANDS
[Submit here](#)

BSPS welcomes suggestions and proposals for inclusive **sessions or strands** suitable for an in-person event. Sessions should last 60 or 90 minutes. A strand is a series of themed sessions. [See previous Conference programmes and strands here.](#)

Topic areas might include (but are not limited to):

- Population & the environment/climate change
- Families and households
- Demography of crisis
- Historical demography
- Ageing
- Health and mortality
- Migration
- Ethnicity
- AI and automation
- Demographic challenges for the 21st century
- Engaging with data / data science
- Official population statistics
- Influencing policy
- Disability studies
- ‘Back to basics’ discussion sessions e.g. ‘How do we define ethnicity?’
- 2021/22 Census outcomes
- Qualitative population studies

Format variations are welcome:

- Networking/conversation/meet-up sessions
- Workshops or panel sessions with convenor
- Sessions with discussant (discussions with a convenor and moderator or with invited discussants)
- Conversation formats – which have proved popular as a plenary & could be extended to session formats
- Training sessions

BSPS welcomes sessions aimed at early-career researchers or other constituencies where BSPS can widen understanding of and participation in population studies, such as local authorities/NGOs/policy makers.

Session suggestions can be submitted as stand-alone or as part of a strand with a specific focus in mind: a single session could focus on a particular methodological or substantive

topic or a specific data set. Each session would need to attract at least 3 to 4 high-quality submissions to be viable.

Organizers of strands and sessions will be expected to:

- Actively solicit papers outside of the regular call for papers, with international perspectives in mind
- Assess submissions and allocate accepted papers into a session or sessions
- Invite presenting authors to participate once accepted and manage replacements if needed
- Identify session Chairs and ensure Chairs and presenters have the information required for their session

Suggestions will be considered by BSPS Council at their first meeting following the deadline, after which BSPS will let you know the outcome and the call for papers will be issued.

Please submit suggestions by the end of Wednesday 5 February 2025 at:

<https://forms.office.com/e/L2TrkXpj1s>