

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

These events are offered at no charge, but attendees will need to organise and fund their own travel and accommodation. For those attending after the IUSSP International Population Conference in Brisbane, Melbourne is a 2.5 hour flight (1,700km) from Brisbane.

To apply for either or both events, please [fill out this form](#).

Training Course on Coding Historical Causes of Death

Tuesday 22 July 2025, Caulfield Campus, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Applications close: Wednesday 11 June 2025
Outcome notification: Monday 16 June 2025

The recently launched ICD10h coding system is designed to support historical demographers and historians in coding historical causes of death. Widespread adoption of this system across diverse countries and linguistic contexts will significantly enhance the comparability of research on historical cause-specific mortality patterns, while preserving the integrity of the historical context.

Participants will explore best practices for tidying cause-of-death data and effective parsing strategies. Additionally, time will be dedicated to the actual coding process—how to select the appropriate code and achieve this efficiently.

We invite researchers at all stages of their academic careers to apply, with a special emphasis on PhD candidates and early-career researchers working with historical causes of death. Applicants should possess a basic understanding of historical causes of death and bring their own dataset of causes to work on during the course if they have one.

The course will be led by Dr Michail Raftakis, who is a postdoctoral fellow ([GENPOP](#)) at the University of Bologna, and a member of the *COST Action GreatLeap ICD10h Coding Committee*. Maximum 20 participants.

Death, Demography and Digital History Symposium

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As digital methods and artificial intelligence (AI) revolutionise historical demography and associated disciplines, this symposium gives the opportunity to showcase innovative projects, discuss new methodologies, and foster collaboration across fields of research.

This interdisciplinary event will bring together researchers harnessing new technologies—including AI—to explore the lives and deaths of past populations.

Whether you work with historical databases, spatial analysis, machine learning, digitised records, or are investigating the intersections of technology and population history, we welcome your participation.

We invite proposals for presentations at any stage of research. The symposium is particularly focused on mortality studies, but research on other aspects of population history is also welcome.

There will be a limited number of places available for attendees who are not presenting.

Note: This symposium promotional blurb was written with the assistance of [ChatGPT](#).

Please email any queries to Associate Professor Rebecca Kippen, rebecca.kippen@monash.edu.

Hosted by the COST Action [GreatLeap](#) (Europe) and [Putting Death in its Place](#) (Australia) projects in collaboration with the [IUSSP Panel on Epidemics and Contagious Diseases](#).