

# European Population Trends

## ENVS311

European countries are witnessing fundamental changes to their population dynamics and structure. Population ageing, low fertility, increasing international migration and ethnic minority populations have consequences at the national, local and individual levels and pose challenges to social and regional policies. This module focuses on long-term demographic trends in European countries. We will examine fertility, mortality and migration dynamics in European countries from a comparative perspective and will discuss competing explanations for demographic changes. We will also outline the challenges that current population changes pose to public policy. The module is based on eight double lectures and two double seminars. Readings are provided for each lecture and seminar.

The assessment consists of an exam and an essay on a demographic topic (2,500 words).

