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## Research interests

Migration and the socio-demographic outcomes of immigrants and their descendants  
Development and demography, including the evaluation of policies and interventions  
Partnership, childbearing and reproductive health  
Research design, applied statistics and methodology

## Academic and research positions

2016 -	<b>Postdoctoral researcher</b> , Stockholm University Demography Unit
2016 -	<b>Visiting Fellow</b> , Department of Methodology, London School of Economics
2014 - 2016	<b>Fellow</b> , Department of Methodology, London School of Economics
2012 - 2013	<b>Researcher</b> , Department of Social Policy, London School of Economics
2007 - 2010	<b>Senior researcher</b> , Office for National Statistics
2006	<b>Researcher</b> , Food Ethics Council
2005	<b>Analyst</b> , BG Group
2001 - 2003	<b>Researcher</b> , University of Brighton
2000 - 2001	<b>Analyst</b> , South East Water

## Education

2011 - 2015	<b>PhD (Demography)</b> , London School of Economics Thesis title: " <i>Origin, destination and convergence: Understanding the fertility of international migrants and their descendants</i> " Supervisors: Wendy Sigle and Jouni Kuha
2012 - 2014	<b>Postgraduate Certificate of Higher Education (full certificate)</b> , London School of Economics
2010 - 2011	<b>MSc Social Research Methods (distinction)</b> , London School of Economics Dissertation title: <i>Migrant fertility in England and Wales: Measuring fertility convergence</i> (distinction)
2001 - 2003	<b>MSc Statistical Consultancy</b> , University of Brighton Dissertation title: <i>Best-practice in statistical consultancy</i>
2000 - 2002	<b>BSc Psychology</b> , Open University
1996 - 1999	<b>BEng Civil Engineering</b> , University of Leeds

## Google scholar profile

Citations: 153; H-index: 8      [\[link\]](#)

## Peer-reviewed publications

Wilson, B. and Kuha, J. (2017) **Residential segregation and the fertility of immigrants and their descendants**, *Population, Space and Place*, in press.

Busetta, A., Cetorelli, V., and Wilson, B. (2017). **A Universal Health Care System? Unmet Need for Medical Care Among Regular and Irregular Immigrants in Italy**. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, Published online: 16 March 2017

Wilson, B. and Dyson, T. (2016) **Democracy and the demographic transition**. *Democratization*, Published online: 16 June 2016

Adserà, A., Ferrer, A. M., Sigle-Rushton, W. and Wilson, B. (2012). **Fertility Patterns of Child Migrants Age at Migration and Ancestry in Comparative Perspective**. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 643(1), 160–189

O’Leary, L., Natamba, E., Jefferies, J., and Wilson, B. (2010). **Fertility and partnership status in the last two decades**. *Population Trends*, 140, 5-35

Wilson, B. (2010). **Children with a non-resident parent**. *Population Trends*, 140, 53-81

Wilson, B. and Stuchbury, R. (2010). **Do partnerships last? Comparing marriage and cohabitation using longitudinal census data**. *Population Trends*, 139, 37-63

Wilson, B. (2009). **Estimating the cohabiting population**. *Population Trends*, 136, 21-27

Wilson, B. and Smallwood, S. (2008). **Age differences at marriage and divorce**. *Population Trends*, 132, 17-25

Wilson, B. and Smallwood, S. (2008). **The proportion of marriages ending in divorce**. *Population Trends*, 131, 28-36

Wilson, B. and Smallwood, S. (2007). **Understanding recent trends in marriage**. *Population Trends*, 128, 24-32

## Edited publications

Wilson, B. and Smallwood, S. (2007). *Focus on Families 2007*, London: Palgrave Macmillan

## Book chapters and other publications

Wilson, B. (2015). **Origin, destination and convergence: understanding the fertility of international migrants and their descendants**. *PhD thesis*, LSE

Wilson, B. (2011). **Migrant fertility in England and Wales: Measuring fertility convergence**. *Masters dissertation*, LSE

ONS (2009) **Households, Families and Children**. *Social Trends* 39 (pp. xxvi-xxx)

McConnell, H., & Wilson, B. (2007). **Families**. In S. Smallwood & B. Wilson (Eds.), *Focus on Families 2007* (pp. 1–18). London: Palgrave Macmillan

Wilson, B., & Smallwood, S. (2007). **Family geography**. In S. Smallwood & B. Wilson (Eds.), *Focus on Families 2007* (pp. 71–86). London: Palgrave Macmillan

## Working papers and work in progress

Wilson, B. (2017) **Understanding how immigrant fertility differentials vary over the reproductive life course** (under review)

Wilson, B. (2017) **Intergenerational assimilation of completed fertility: Comparing the convergence of different origin groups** (under review)

Bijlsma, M.J. and Wilson, B. (2017) **A new approach to understanding the socio-economic determinants of fertility over the life course**, Stockholm Research Reports in Demography, 2017:08 (available online and under review)

Wilson, B. and Sigle, W. (2017) **Defining and testing the convergence of migrant fertility** (available on request)

Cetorelli, V., Wilson, B., Batyra, E. and Coast, E. (2017) **Female genital mutilation in Mali and Mauritania** (under review)

Mendola, D., Busetta, A., Cetorelli, V., Wilson, B. (2017) **Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Informal Settlements in Italy: A Multidimensional Vulnerability Assessment** (available on request)

Wilson, B., Ga, E., Hangartner, D. and Kaoukji D. (2017) **What does the recent refugee crisis mean for the future of European demography? From policies and statistics to the voices of Syrian refugees** (work in progress)

Herman, M. and Wilson, B. (2017) **Understanding the fertility transition in Africa: Life course fertility in Ghana and Nigeria** (work in progress)

Panico, L., Toulemon, L., Wilson, B. and Goisis, A. (2017) **Unmarried cohabiting parenthood as a marker of socio-economic disadvantage? A comparison of France and Britain** (work in progress)

Bouanchaud, P. and Wilson, B. (2017) **What is the effect of UGN+NP on levels of key ANC and ENC indicators in a lab experiment in Bangladesh?** (under review)

## Grants, funding, and consultancy

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| 2016 | <b>Forte program</b> (Sweden): Co-applicant, 9m SEK (£780,000)<br>Migrant Trajectories: Geographical Mobility, Family Careers, Employment, Education, and Social Insurance in Sweden 1990-2016<br>[Migranterns livsförlopp: flyttningar, familj, arbete, utbildning och socialförsäkring i Sverige 1990-2016] |
| 2016 | <b>LSE RIIF</b> (UK): Co-investigator, £29,800<br>Funding to carry out the first wave of a longitudinal survey of Syrian and Iraqi refugees arriving in Greece                                                                                                                                                |
| 2016 | <b>STICERD Grant</b> (UK): Co-applicant, £4,700<br>Seed funding for a project to understand trends and evaluate policies relating to female genital mutilation in Africa                                                                                                                                      |
| 2016 | <b>FP7-funded project, CARDIOPROOF</b> (UK): Consultant, £2,000<br>Design, conduct, and analysis of a randomized survey-based experiment                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2015 | <b>LSE RIIF</b> (UK): Co-investigator, £3,200<br>Seed funding to pilot a longitudinal survey of refugees who arrive in Lesbos, Greece                                                                                                                                                                         |

- 2015            **Unilever (UK): Consultant, £700**  
Methodological advice for research to evaluate the impact of low cost washing devices on gender equality in Kenya
- 2015 – 2016    **BBC Media Action (UK): Consultant, £3,300**  
Longitudinal analysis to evaluate the impact of targeted public broadcasting on reproductive health outcomes in Ethiopia
- 2014 – 2015    **BBC Media Action (UK): Consultant, £750**  
Propensity score matching to evaluate the effects of media exposure on governance outcomes in Kenya
- 2012 – 2013    **ESRC (UK): Consultant, £2,500**  
Analysis of UK data sources for the Joint Programming Initiative (European research project), *“More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change”*

## Awards

Economic and Social Research Council Studentship 2010-2014  
LSE Departmental Teaching Prize (Methodology) 2013  
Best Overall Performance: MSc Social Research Methods 2011

## Selected conference presentations

**A new approach to understanding the socio-economic determinants of fertility over the life course**, *Population Association of America* conference, Chicago, April 2017

**Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Informal Settlements in Italy: A Multidimensional Vulnerability Assessment**, *Euro-Mediterranean Migration Congress (EXOMED)*, University of Alcalá, Madrid, April 2017

**What does the recent refugee crisis mean for the future of European demography? From policies and statistics to the voices of Syrian refugees**, *British Society for Population Studies* conference, Winchester, September 2016

**Female genital mutilation/cutting in Mali and Mauritania**, *British Society for Population Studies* conference, Winchester, September 2016

**What is the influence of childhood exposure to cultural norms? The role of segregation and community composition in explaining migrant fertility**, *European Population Conference*, Mainz, September 2016

**A conceptual framework for migrant fertility**, *British Society for Population Studies* conference, Winchester, September 2014

**What is the influence of childhood exposure to cultural norms? The role of segregation and community composition in explaining migrant fertility**, paper presented at the *British Society for Population Studies* conference, Winchester, September 2014

**A conceptual framework for migrant fertility**, paper presented at the *European Population Conference*, Budapest, June 2014

**Disentangling the quantum and tempo of immigrant fertility**, paper presented at the *British Society for Population Studies* conference, Swansea, September 2013

**Disentangling the quantum and tempo of immigrant fertility**, paper presented at the *International Union for the Scientific Study of Population* conference, Busan, August 2013

**Understanding the Fertility Convergence of Migrant Generations**, paper presented at the *International Union for the Scientific Study of Population* conference, Busan, August 2013

**Disentangling the quantum and tempo of immigrant fertility**, paper presented at the postgraduate demography conference *Popfest*, Southampton, July 2013

**Disentangling the quantum and tempo of immigrant fertility**, paper presented at the *International Conference of Population Geography*, Groningen, June 2013

**The quantum convergence of migrant fertility in the UK**, paper presented at the *Population Association of America* conference, New Orleans, April 2013

**Migration and fertility convergence**, paper presented at the *British Society for Population Studies* conference, Nottingham, September 2012

**Migration and fertility convergence**, paper presented at the postgraduate demography conference *Popfest*, Loughborough, July 2012

**Generational fertility convergence in England and Wales: Assessing the own-child method**, paper presented at the *European Population Conference*, Stockholm, June 2012

**Migrant fertility in England and Wales**, paper presented at the *British Society for Population Studies* conference, York, September 2011

**Migrant fertility: origins, generations, and convergence**, paper presented at the postgraduate demography conference *Popfest*, Groningen, July 2011

**Do partnerships last?**, *European Population Conference*, Vienna, June 2010

**Age difference at marriage and divorce**, *European Network for the Sociological and Demographic Study of Divorce* conference, Oslo, April 2008

**Cohabitation ending in separation**, *British Society for Population Studies* conference, Manchester, September 2008

**Marriages ending in divorce**, *GSS methodology conference*, London, April 2008

**Age difference and trends in marriages ending in divorce**, *British Society for Population Studies* conference, Manchester, September 2007

## **Invited presentations**

**The quantum convergence of migrant fertility in the UK**, *Oxford Fertility Seminar Series*, Oxford, February 2013

**Migration and fertility convergence**, *Demographic Liaison Group*, City Hall, London, April 2011

**Family trends using the General Lifestyle Survey**, *GLF user group*, London, April 2009

**Social Trends: Families and households**, presentation to the *UK media marking the release of the report*, London, April 2009

**The proportion of marriages ending in divorce**, presentation to the charity *OnePlusOne*, London, April 2008

## Professional memberships

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population  
European Association for Population Studies  
Population Association of America  
British Society for Population Studies  
Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

## Professional service

**Work as a referee:** I have refereed more than 25 articles for journals including: *Canadian Journal of Political Science, Demographic Research, European Journal of Population Studies, Population, Population and Development Review, Population Research and Policy Review, Population Space and Place, Population Trends, and Studia Demograficzne*

## Conference and seminar organisation:

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| 2013      | Methodology: multi-level modelling session organiser<br><i>British Society for Population Studies</i> |
| 2012-2013 | Population studies seminar organiser<br><i>London School of Economics</i>                             |
| 2012      | Methodology: event history session organiser<br><i>British Society for Population Studies</i>         |
| 2012      | Families and households strand organiser<br><i>British Society for Population Studies</i>             |
| 2008-2010 | Families and households strand organiser<br><i>British Society for Population Studies</i>             |

## Research networks:

Founder member and editor of '*demotrends*', a collaborative blog for population researchers  
Member of '*research network for the study of migration and fertility*'  
Former member of '*European network for the sociological and demographic study of divorce*'

## Languages (spoken, reading and writing):

Fluent / advanced: English  
Basic: Swedish, Danish, Norwegian and French

## Teaching experience

- 2017            **Lecturer and course leader**, London School of Economics Summer School  
*Survey research methods: from design to analysis*
- 2017            **Lecturer and course leader**, London School of Economics  
*Event history methods for the social sciences*
- 2016            **Lecturer and course leader**, London School of Economics Summer School  
*Survey research methods: from design to analysis*
- 2014 – 2016    **Fellow**, Department of Methodology, London School of Economics  
*Fundamentals of social science research design*  
*Survey methodology*  
*Causal inference for experimental and observational studies*  
*Statistical analysis of survey data and the use of survey weights*  
*Event history analysis*  
*Introduction to quantitative analysis*  
*Applied regression analysis*  
*Dissertation supervision*
- 2011 – 2014    **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, London School of Economics  
*Causal inference for experimental and observational studies*  
*Assessing social progress*  
*Applied regression analysis*  
*Introduction to linear regression*  
*Introduction to quantitative analysis*  
*Survey methods (LSE methods summer school)*
- 2013            **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Essex Summer School  
*Logit and probit models*
- 2012 & 2013    **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, ICPSR Summer Program, Berkeley  
*Causal inference for the social sciences*

## References

Available on request