

Pre-Conference Workshop No.1

Date: Saturday 22nd October 2022

Venue: Case Western Reserve University, USA

Duration: Half Day (09:00 – 13:30 (EDT) with refreshment break)

Fee: £30

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Harmonized Census & Survey Data for Comparative Life Course Research: An Introduction to IPUMS

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IPUMS offers free, harmonized census and survey data from the U.S. and around the world. Harmonized cross-sectional and longitudinal data from IPUMS allow researchers to explore all stages of the life course, conduct comparative research, and analyze individuals within family and community contexts. This workshop will provide an overview of IPUMS data, with specific focus on longitudinal data and resources for conducting comparative research and considering contextual factors. Our goals are to describe the data available through IPUMS, to highlight their applicability to longitudinal and life course research, to provide hands-on experiences with IPUMS data and access systems, and to discuss research ideas with participants.

The first half of the workshop will provide an overview of the IPUMS data collections and summary of the topical, temporal, and geographic coverage of these data as well as a demonstration of the IPUMS data access system and online analysis tools (available at <https://ipums.org>). The second portion of the workshop will be tailored to participant needs. We will provide time for guided hands-on exploration of the IPUMS data websites and consult with individual participants about their research ideas. Workshop leaders have detailed knowledge of the U.S. and International data available through IPUMS, have used these data in their own research, and have trained others in how to use these data to study the life course and leverage longitudinal aspects of the data.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Network for Data-Intensive Research on Aging (NDIRA) initiative at the University of Minnesota's Life Course Center. NDIRA is committed to building and supporting a diverse community of aging scholars and offers additional training resources designed to lower the barriers to leveraging complex and underutilized data for aging and life course research.