

Fourth International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Emotional Geographies

Session Title: Depopulation and fatalism

Call for Abstracts

Depopulation is a complex phenomenon observed at both national and regional levels. While the process of population decline at national level is a relatively recent phenomenon, rural depopulation in some countries dates back to early 20th century. The depopulation process is predominantly determined by negative natural increase, negative net migration and regional economic decline. Among the main consequences of depopulation are population ageing, increased unemployment, lack of educational opportunities, disrupted infrastructure, abandonment of the physical environment, and rupture of social networks. In addition, a large body of research has shown that the consequences of the depopulation process are manifested in feelings of dissatisfaction, isolation, loneliness, social exclusion, boredom, and even fatalism (Glendinning, et al. 2003; Jamieson, 2000; Paniague, 2000; Stockdale, 2002 and 2004).

This session on 'Depopulation and Fatalism' aims to provide the floor for a discussion on findings related to emotions and feelings arising from the process of population decline, its determinants and consequences. Work-in-progress as well as finalised research projects addressing different regions and levels of depopulation are welcome.

Please send abstracts of 250-300 words to Nina Conkova (conkova_nina@yahoo.com). The submission deadline is January 5th, 2013.