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CURRENT POSITIONS

Professor of Social Science and Public Policy; Associate Dean (Research, Global Engagement, and Equity and Inclusion), School of Humanities and Social Science; and Associate Director (Founding Director), Center for Aging Science — The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong SAR
Guest Professor, iDeaC (Education and Research Institute for Death Control and Prevention), University of Osaka, Japan
Adjunct Clinical Professor, School of Medicine and Health Science, Khalifa University, UAE

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Demography (esp. fertility, ageing, population policy; regional focus on Asia) • Social Policy • Survey Methodology

EDUCATION

2015 PGDip in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, University of Oxford, UK
2008 PhD in Historical Demography [ESRC studentship], University of Cambridge, UK
2003 MPhil in Economic and Social History [ESRC studentship], University of Cambridge, UK
2002 BA(Hons) in History, University of Cambridge, UK

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS HELD

2022–23 *Professor of Social Science*, Khalifa University of Science and Technology, UAE
2017–19 *Associate Professor of Social Science and Public Policy*, HKUST, Hong Kong SAR
2017 *Visiting Associate Professor of Social Science and Public Policy*, HKUST, Hong Kong SAR
2013–17 *Associate Professor of Social Policy*, University of Oxford, UK
2012–13 *ESRC Research Fellow in Demography and Social Policy*, University of Oxford, UK
2011–12 *Postdoctoral Research Officer*, University of Oxford, UK
2009–11 *Research Scholar*, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria
2008–09 *Postdoctoral Research Officer*, University of Oxford, UK
2008 *Postdoctoral Research Officer*, University of Hertfordshire, UK

PUBLICATIONS

Metrics

Google Scholar: 3,586 Citations [2,080 since 2021]; *h*-index 31; *i10*-index 78

Metrics current as of April 2026. Google Scholar: scholar.google.com/citations?user=jh_Fm7oAAAAJ

Peer-reviewed articles by SCImago quartile and discipline:

Q1 (54 articles): Demography ×27; Medicine ×10; Sociology and Political Science ×2; Public Health ×2; Multidisciplinary ×2; and 1 each in Ageing/Gerontology, Arts and Humanities, Community and Home Care, Environmental Science/Geography, Food Science/Nutrition, Gender Studies, Interdisciplinary, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Public/Environmental/Population Health, Religious Studies, Social Science

Q2 (19 articles): Demography ×9; Sociology and Political Science ×3; History ×2; and 1 each in Arts and Humanities, Clinical Psychology, Community and Home Care, Economics and Econometrics, Social Sciences

Q3 (4 articles): Demography ×4

Q4 (3 articles): Demography ×3

Books

Gietel-Basten, S.A. (2019) *The Population Problem in Pacific Asia*. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Dorling, D. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2018) *Why Demography Matters*. Cambridge: Polity Press

Gietel-Basten, S.A., Choe, M. and Casterline, J. (eds.) (2018) *Family Demography in Asia: A Comparative Analysis of Fertility Preferences*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

SCImago Journal & Country Rank quartiles in [bold blue]. Hyperlinked [doi] where available.

2026

Gietel-Basten, S. and Pardo, I. (2026) Beyond Lowest-Low Fertility: Why Post-Transitional Populations Follow Divergent Paths. *Population and Development Review*. [Q1: Demography] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S. (2026) The Roots of Equality?: Marital Age Homogamy and Female Agency in Lesotho, 1880–Present. *Canadian Studies in Population*. 53(1):1. [Q2: Demography]

Al-Habbal, K., Chen, W., Kaddoura, R., Bender, A., Mousa, M., Hassan, Z., Elsiwi, B., Abushar, W., MIHMS Consortium, Al Suwaidi, H., Hantouche, M., Gietel-Basten, S., Al Hammadi, Y., Alhajeri, O., and Everett, D. (2026) Risk Factors for Low Birthweight among Multinational Mothers in UAE. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*. [Accepted]. [Q1: Obstetrics and Gynecology]

2025

Gauthier, A.H. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2025) Family policies in low fertility countries: Evidence and reflections. *Population and Development Review*. 51(1):125–161. [Q1: Demography] [doi]

Chen, S. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2025) Only children and low family size ideals: Did the one-child policy create a 'low-fertility trap' in China? *European Journal of Population*. 41(1):32. [Q1: Demography] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S. and Snow, R. (2025) Capitalizing on Population Dynamics for Sustainable Development Thirty Years on from ICPD. *Studies in Family Planning*. 56(2):177–197. [Q1: Demography] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S., Pothisiri, W. and Scherbov, S. (2025) Investments in health and mortality reduction to address population decline. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. 104(2):94. [Q1: Public Health]

Marois, G., Lutz, W., Gietel-Basten, S. (2025) The Demographic Race between India and China. *Population Research and Policy Review*. 44(4):44. [Q1: Demography]

Lau, B. et al., Gietel-Basten, S. (2025) Revealing the nuances of 'Grey Digital Divide' in Hong Kong: A latent profile analysis. *PLoS ONE*. 20(7):e0326413. [Q1: Interdisciplinary] [doi]

2024

Marois, G., Gietel-Basten, S. and Pothisiri, W. (2024) Population Ageing and Economic Dependency in Thailand: A Multidimensional Prospective Analysis. *Population*. 79(2-3):329–343. [Q1: Demography]

Gietel-Basten, S. (2024) Contemporary demographic challenges and population policies. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. 102(4):227. [Q1: Public Health] [doi]

Cruz, C.J.P., Matus, K., Gietel-Basten, S. (2024) The extent of use of surveys in policymaking: the case of Hong Kong. *Evidence and Policy*. 20(3):261–282. [Q1: Social Science]

Gietel-Basten, S., Marois, G., Torabi, F., Kabiri, K. (2024) Reframing policy responses to population aging in Iran. *Genus*. 80(1):8. [Q1: Demography] [doi]

Chen, S. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2024) How genuine are sub-replacement ideal family sizes in urban China? *Population Studies*. 78(2):305–324. [Q1: Demography] [doi]

Rahman, K.M.M. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2024) Influence of Knowledge and Attitudes on Youth Smoking in Rural Areas of the Mymensingh Districts of Bangladesh: A Cross-Sectional Study. *SAGE Open*. 14(2):21582440241252489. [Q1: Arts and Humanities] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S., LoPalo, M., Spears, D., Vyas, S. (2024) Do fertility preferences in early adulthood predict later average fertility outcomes of the same cohort? Pritchett (1994) revisited with cohort data. *Economics Letters*. 244:111975. [Q2: Economics and Econometrics] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S. (2024) Asian Family Planning Programs and the Construction of Fertility Preferences. In: Zagel, H. (ed.) *Reproduction Policy in the Twenty-First Century: A Comparative Analysis*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. pp.53–67.

2023

Lau, B., Huang, Y-T., Forth, M.W., Gietel-Basten, S. (2023) Does Same-Sex Marriage Legalization Make Gay Men Want to Have Children? Findings from a Panel Study in Taiwan. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. 20(3):1267–1275. [Q1: Gender Studies]

Gietel-Basten, S. and Yeung, A.S.W. (2023) Self-Definition and Evaluation of the Term 'Childfree' Among Hong Kong Women. *SAGE Open*. 13(4). [Q2: Arts and Humanities] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S. and Chen, S. (2023) From protests into pandemic: demographic change in Hong Kong, 2019–2021. *Asian Population Studies*. 19(2):184–203. [Q2: Demography]

Brzozowska, Z., Zhelenkova, E., Gietel-Basten, S. (2023) Population decline: Towards a rational, scientific research agenda. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*. 21:1–11. [Q3: Demography]

Gietel-Basten, S. (2023) Depopulation or population decline? Demographic nightmares and imaginaries. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*. 21:57–68. [Q3: Demography]

Boydell, V., Mori, R., Shahrook, S., Gietel-Basten, S. (2023) Low fertility and fertility policies in the Asia-Pacific region. *Global Health and Medicine*. 5(5):271–277. [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S. (2023) Population aging in China from a multidimensional, comparative perspective. *China Population and Development Studies*. 7(2):104–110.

Gietel-Basten, S. (2023) Family Change in the Context of Social Changes in Asia. In: Daly, M. et al. (eds.) *International Handbook of Family Policy: A Life-Course Perspective*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2022

Gietel-Basten, S., Rotkirch, A., Sobotka, T. (2022) Changing the perspective on low birth rates: why simplistic solutions won't work. *BMJ*. 379:e072670. [Q1: Medicine] [doi]

Scherbov, S., Gietel-Basten, S., Ediev, D., Shulgin, S., Sanderson, W. (2022) COVID-19 and excess mortality in Russia: Regional estimates of life expectancy losses in 2020 and excess deaths in 2021. *PLoS ONE*. 17(11):e0275967. [Q1: Medicine] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S., Matus, K., and Mori, R. (2022) COVID-19 as a trigger for innovation in policy action for older persons? Evidence from Asia. *Policy and Society*. 41(1):168–186. [Q1: Sociology and Political Science]

Li, Z., Gietel-Basten, S., Ganly, R., and Cruz, C.J.P. (2022) COVID-19 in Hong Kong: Policies and community actions mitigate the effects of age structure and population density. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*. 20. [Q2: Demography]

Gietel-Basten, S. and Verropoulou, G. (2022) (Un)married with children? Exploring marriage between parities in Hong Kong. *Asian Population Studies*. 18(3):239–256. [Q1: Demography]

Li, Z., Ganly, R., Cruz, C.J.P., Cheung, J.T.H., and Gietel-Basten, S. (2022) Population Policies in East Asia and Oceania. In: May, J. and Goldstone, J. (eds.) *International Handbook of Population Policies*. Dordrecht: Springer.

Gietel-Basten, S. (2022) Demographic and social anxieties: the second demographic transition in Asia. *China Population and Development Studies*. 6(3):338–349.

2021

Marois, G., Gietel-Basten, S., Lutz, W. (2021) China's low fertility may not hinder future prosperity. *PNAS – Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*. 118(40):e2108900118. [Q1: Multidisciplinary] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S. (2021) Adopting an adaptation-mitigation-resilience framework to ageing. *Age and Ageing*. 50(3):693–696. [Q1: Ageing; Geriatrics and Gerontology] [doi]

Channon, M., Puri, M., Gietel-Basten, S., Channon, A., Stone, E. (2021) Prevalence and correlates of sex selective abortions and missing girls in Nepal. *BMJ Open*. 11:e042542. [Q1: Medicine] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S. (2021) Political demography: A depressing outlook? In: Vanhuyse, P. and Goerres, A. (eds.) *Global Political Demography: The Politics of Population Change*. London: Palgrave.

Cheung, J.T.H., Gietel-Basten, S., and Koh, K. (2021) The Food Environments of Fruit and Vegetable Consumption in East and Southeast Asia: A Systematic Review. *Nutrients*. 13(1):148. [Q1: Food Science; Nutrition and Dietetics] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S., Obispo, J., Zhang, S., and Wilcockson, C. (2021) Childless or 'free of children'? Self-definition and being 'childfree'. In: Cummins, H. et al. (eds.) *The Truth about (M)Otherhood: Choosing to be Childfree*. Bradford, ON: Demeter.

2020

Abel, G., and Gietel-Basten, S. (2020) International remittance flows and the economic and social consequences of COVID-19. *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*. 52(8):1480–1482. [Q1: Environmental Science; Geography, Planning and Development] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S., Saucedo, S.E.G., and Scherbov, S. (2020) Prospective measures of aging for Central and South America. *PLoS ONE*. 15(7):e0236280. [Q1: Medicine] [doi]

Cruz, C.J.P., Ganly, R., Li, Z., and Gietel-Basten, S. (2020) Exploring the young demographic profile of COVID-19 cases in Hong Kong. *PLoS ONE*. 15(6):e0235306. [Q1: Medicine] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S., Mau, V., Shulgin, S. and Scherbov, S. (2020) The gender gap in reaching 'old age' in the Russian Federation: A regional approach. *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*. 33(6):600–610. [Q2: Demography]

Scherbov, S., and Gietel-Basten, S. (2020) Measuring inequalities of development at the sub-national level: From the human development index to the human life indicator. *PLoS ONE*. 15(4):e0232014. [Q1: Medicine] [doi]

Gietel-Basten, S. (2020) 'Catching up with compressed modernity' — How the values of Millennials and Gen-Z'ers could reframe gender equity and demographic systems. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*. 18:39–42. [Q3: Demography]

Gietel-Basten, S. (2020) Circular visualisation of historical migration in England in the long eighteenth-century. *Heliyon*. 6(11):e05490. [Q1: Multidisciplinary] [doi]

Tong, L. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2020) A Quantitative Analysis of Socioeconomics of Illicit Drug Use for Improving Targeted Interventions in Hong Kong. *China Population and Development Studies*. 4(2):152–170.

Gietel-Basten, S. (2020) Quantifying the impact of medicalisation on the distribution of births over the course of the day: Evidence from pre-industrial Russia. *Journal of Applied History*. 1(1-2):68–85.

2019

- Gietel-Basten, S. and Verropoulou, G. (2019) Maternity migration and the normalisation of the sex ratio in Hong Kong. *Population Studies*. 73(3):423–438. [Q1: Demography]
- Guo, Z., Gietel-Basten, S. and Gu, B. (2019) The lowest fertility rates in the world? Evidence from the 2015 Chinese 1 percent sample census. *China Population and Development Studies*. 2(3):245–258.
- Gietel-Basten, S., Mau, V., Sanderson, W., Scherbov, S. and Shulgin, S. (2019) Ageing in Russia: A Regional Appraisal. *Journal of Population Ageing*. 13(1):63–80.
- Gietel-Basten, S. and Scherbov, S. (2019) Better way to measure ageing in Oceania that takes life expectancy into account. *Australasian Journal on Ageing*. 38(30):e98–e102. [Q2: Community and Home Care]
- Gietel-Basten, S. and Scherbov, S. (2019) Exploring the 'True Value' of Replacement Rate Fertility. *Population Research and Policy Review*. 39(4):763–772. [Q1: Demography]
- Gietel-Basten, S., Han, X. and Cheng, Y. (2019) Assessing the impact of the 'one-child policy' in China: A synthetic control approach. *PLoS ONE*. 14(11):e0220170. [Q1: Medicine] [doi]
- Liu, T. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2019) The demography of drug abuse in Hong Kong. *China Journal of Social Work*. 12(3):254–272. [Q2: Sociology and Political Science]
- Lin, Y-M. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2019) Considering regional policies towards ageing through a gendered lens. *Brazilian Journal of Policy and Development*. 1(1):25–44.
- Gietel-Basten, S. and Scherbov, S. (2019) Is half the world's population really below 'replacement-rate'? *PLoS ONE*. 14(12):e0224985. [Q1: Medicine] [doi]
- Chen, M., Gietel-Basten, S., and Yip, P.S.F. (2019) Targeting and Mistargeting of Family Policies in High-Income Pacific Asian Societies: A Review of Financial Incentives. *Population Research and Policy Review*. 39(3):389–413. [Q1: Demography]

2018

- Wang, F., Cai, Y., Shen, K. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2018) Is Demography Just a Numerical Exercise? Numbers, Politics, and Legacies of China's One-Child Policy. *Demography*. 55(2):693–714. [Q1: Demography]
- Gietel-Basten, S. and Verropoulou, G. (2018) The changing relationship between marriage and childbearing in Hong Kong. *PLoS ONE*. 13(3):e0194948. [Q1: Medicine] [doi]
- Freeman, E., Ma, X., Yan, P. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2018) 'I couldn't hold the whole thing': the role of gender, individualisation and risk in shaping fertility preferences in Taiwan. *Asian Population Studies*. 14(1):61–76. [Q1: Demography]
- Gietel-Basten, S. (2018) Fertility preferences in Taiwan. In: Gietel-Basten, S., Casterline, J. and Choe, M. (eds.) *Family Demography in Asia: A Comparative Analysis of Fertility Preferences*. Edward Elgar. pp.340–354.
- Zheng, Z., Gu, B. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2018) Fertility preferences in China. In: Gietel-Basten, S., Casterline, J. and Choe, M. (eds.) *Family Demography in Asia: A Comparative Analysis of Fertility Preferences*. Edward Elgar. pp.109–120.
- Casterline, J. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2018) Exploring family demography in Asia through the lens of fertility preferences. In: Gietel-Basten, S., Casterline, J. and Choe, M. (eds.) *Family Demography in Asia: A Comparative Analysis of Fertility Preferences*. Edward Elgar. pp.1–14.
- Gietel-Basten, S. (2018) Fertility decline. In: Zhao, Z. and Hayes, A. (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Asian Demography*. London: Routledge. pp.64–86.
- Gietel-Basten, S. (2018) Reconceptualising ageing for comparative analysis. *Wirtschaftspolitische Blätter*. 65(1):65–76.

2017

- Ding, X., Billari, F. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2017) Health of midlife and older adults in China: the role of regional economic development, inequality, and institutional setting. *International Journal of Public Health*. 62(8):857–867. [Q1: Public, Environmental and Population Health]
- Gietel-Basten, S., Scherbov, S. and Sanderson, W. (2017) Towards a reconceptualising of population ageing in Emerging Markets. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*. 2016:41–66. [Q3: Demography]

- Gietel-Basten, S. (2017) Family planning and fertility transition in China. In: Zeng, X. (ed.) *The Handbook on Family and Marriage in China*. Edward Elgar. pp.187–203.
- Li, Y., Jiang, Q., Gietel-Basten, S. and Li, S. (2017) Effect of sex composition of children on the gender of next birth in the context of low fertility in rural China. *China Population and Development Studies*. 1(1):83–97.

2016

- Gietel-Basten, S. (2016) Why Brexit? The toxic mix of immigration and austerity. *Population and Development Review*. 42(4):673–680. [Q1: Demography]
- Frejka, T. and Gietel-Basten, S. (2016) Fertility and family policies in Central and Eastern Europe after 1990. *Comparative Population Studies*. 41(1):3–56. [Q2: Demography] [doi]
- Gietel-Basten, S. (2016) Theory and population forecasting. *Asian Population Studies*. 12(1):1–3. [Q1: Demography]
- Scherbov, S., Sanderson, W. and Basten, S. (2016) Better way to measure ageing in East Asia that takes life expectancy into account. *Australasian Journal of Ageing*. 35(2):139–42. [Q1: Community and Home Care]
- Gietel-Basten, S., Verropoulou, G., Ma, X. and Yan, P. (2016) Indifferent gender preferences among childless Beijing citizens. *Finnish Yearbook of Population Research*. 50:71–83.
- Jiang, Q., Liu, Y., Li, S. and Basten, S. (2016) Rational persuasion, coercion or manipulation? The role of abortion in China's family planning policies. *Annales Scientia Politica*. 5(1):5–16.

2015

- Basten, S. and Verropoulou, G. (2015) A re-interpretation of the 'two-child norm' in post-transitional demographic systems: Fertility intentions in Taiwan. *PLoS ONE*. 10(8):e0135105. [Q1: Medicine] [doi]
- Wei, Y., Jiang, Q., and Gietel-Basten, S. (2015) The well-being of bereaved parents in an only-child society. *Death Studies*. 40(1):22–31. [Q2: Clinical Psychology]
- Gietel-Basten, S., Scherbov, S. and Sanderson, W. (2015) Remeasuring ageing in South-East Asia. *Asian Population Studies*. 11(2):191–210. [Q1: Demography]
- Basten, S. and Jiang, Q. (2015) Fertility in China: An uncertain future. *Population Studies*. 69(s1):S97–S105. [Q1: Demography]
- Coleman, D.A. and Basten, S. (2015) The demographic marginalization of the West: A less apocalyptic view. *Population Studies*. 69(s1):S107–S118. [Q1: Demography]
- Coleman, D.A., Basten, S. and Billari, F. (2015) Population: The long view. *Population Studies*. 69(s1):S1–S9. [Q1: Demography]
- Basten, S. (2015) Understanding ultra-low fertility in Hong Kong. In: Choe, M. and Rindfuss, R. (eds.) *Low and lower Fertility: Variations across Developed Countries*. Dordrecht: Springer.

2014

- Basten, S. and Jiang, Q. (2014) China's family planning policies: Recent reforms and future challenges. *Studies in Family Planning*. 45(4):493–509. [Q1: Demography]
- Basten, S. and Crespo Cuaresma, J. (2014) Modelling the macroeconomic impact of future trajectories of educational development in Least Developed Countries. *International Journal of Educational Development*. 36:44–50. [Q1: Sociology and Political Science]
- Barakat, B. and Basten, S. (2014) Modelling the constraints on consanguineous marriage when fertility declines. *Demographic Research*. 30(9):277–312. [Q1: Demography]
- Verropoulou, G. and Basten, S. (2014) Very low, low and heavy weight births in Hong Kong SAR: How important is socioeconomic and migrant status? *Journal of Biosocial Science*. 46(3):316–331. [Q2: Social Sciences]
- Testa, M.R. and Basten, S. (2014) Certainty of meeting fertility intentions declines in Europe during the 'Great Recession.' *Demographic Research*. 31(1):687–734. [Q1: Demography]

Basten, S., Muttarak, R. and Pothisiri, W. (2014) The persistence of 'parent repayment' and the anticipation of filial obligations of care in two Thai Provinces. *Asian Social Work and Policy Review*. 8(2):109–122. [Q2: Sociology and Political Science]

Basten, S., Sobotka, T. and Zeman, K. (2014) Future fertility in low fertility countries. In: Lutz, W., Butz, W. and KC, S. (eds.) *World Population and Human Capital in the 21st Century*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [Reprinted as paperback 2018]

Wei, Y., Jiang, Q. and Basten, S. (2014) Observing the transformation of China's first marriage pattern through net nuptiality tables: 1982–2010. *Finnish Yearbook of Population Research*. 48:65–75.

2013

Basten, S., Lutz, W. and Scherbov, S. (2013) Very long range global population scenarios to 2300 and the implications of sustained low fertility. *Demographic Research*. 28(39):1145–1166. [Q1: Demography]

Basten, S. and Verropoulou, G. (2013) Maternity migration and the growing sex ratio at birth in Hong Kong SAR. *Population Studies*. 67(3):323–332. [Q1: Demography]

Basten, S. (2013) Redefining 'old age' and 'dependency' in East Asia: Is 'prospective ageing' a more helpful concept? *Asian Social Policy and Social Work Review*. 7(3):242–248. [Q2: Sociology and Political Science]

Basten, S. (2013) Comparing projections assumptions of fertility in Advanced Asian Economies. *Asian Population Studies*. 9(3):322–331. [Q1: Demography]

Basten, S., Yip, P., Chui, E. (2013) Remeasuring ageing in Hong Kong SAR, or 'keeping the demographic window open'. *Journal of Population Research*. 30(3):249–264. [Q2: Demography]

Basten, S., Sobotka, T., Zeman, K., Choe, M. and Zhao, Z. (2013) A qualitative understanding of future drivers of fertility in Pacific Asia. In: Tchoe, B. and Choe, M. (eds.) *Socioeconomic Impacts of Demographic Change*. Seoul: KIHASA.

Basten, S. (2013) Declining fertility, television and the (mis)representation of motherhood. In: Buchanan, A. and Rotkirch, A. (eds.) *Fertility rates and population decline: No time for children?* Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

2012

Rotkirch, A., Basten, S., Väisänen, H. and Jokela, M. (2012) Baby longing and men's reproductive motivation. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*. 9:283–306. [Q2: Demography]

Stonawski, M., Skirbekk, V. and Basten, S. (2012) The religious composition of the Chinese Diaspora, focusing on Canada. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 51(1):173–183. [Q1: Religious Studies]

Basten, S. (2012) Traffic in corpses: Further evidence from late-Georgian north-east England. *Local Population Studies*. 88:84–88. [Q4: Demography]

Lutz, W., Streissnig, E. and Basten, S. (2012) The future of fertility: Future trends in family size among low fertility populations. In: Wilcox, B. and Kaufmann, E. (eds.) *Whither the child?* Abingdon: Routledge.

2011

Miettinen, A., Rotkirch, A. and Basten, S. (2011) Gender equality and fertility intentions revisited: Evidence from Finland. *Demographic Research*. 24(20):469–496. [Q1: Demography]

Basten, S., Kleuesner, S. and Huinink, J. (2011) Spatial variation of sub-national fertility trends in Austria, Germany and Switzerland. *Comparative Population Studies*. 36(2-3):573–614. [Q2: Demography]

2010

Basten, S. (2010) Television and fertility. *Finnish Yearbook of Population Research*. 2010:67–82. [Q2: Demography]

Basten, S. (2010) The impact of the 1783 and 1785 Stamp Duty Acts on Scottish vital registration. *Scottish Historical Review*. 30(1):64–74. [Q2: History]

2009

Goose, N. and Basten, S. (2009) Almshouse residency in 19th century England: An interim report. *Family and Community History*. 12:65–76. [Q2: History]

2006

Basten, S. (2006) Outpatient maternity relief in Late-Georgian Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire. *Local Population Studies*. 77:58–65. [Q4: Demography]

Basten, S. (2006) From Rose's Act to Rose's Bill: A reappraisal of the 1812 Parish Register Act. *Local Population Studies*. 76:43–62. [Q4: Demography]

GRANTS

As Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator [External]

Note: 100 HKD ≈ 11 EUR

2025– Frontier and Human-centric AI and Robotics Technology for Geriatric Care. Hong Kong RGC Area of Excellence Award. HKD 88,000,000

2018–19 A multilevel analysis of the demography of drug abuse in Hong Kong. Beat Drugs Fund, Narcotics Division, Security Bureau, HKSAR Government. HKD 377,328 [+ matched internal funding]. (BDF18HS01)

2018–19 Developing capacity and international co-operation in therapeutic landscape architecture for an ageing population. Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme, HKSAR Government. HKD 166,224. (PS173007)

2017 Less economically developed countries research participation grant. British Society for Population Studies. £2,000.

2015–16 Evidence and action for reducing sex-selective abortion in Nepal. Birth Control Trust of the Galton Institute. £9,968.

2015 Less economically developed countries research participation grant. British Society for Population Studies. £1,500.

2014 'Celebrating Impact' award prize. UK Economic and Social Research Council. £7,500

2014 Less economically developed countries research participation grant. British Society for Population Studies. £2,000.

2012–15 The gap between fertility ideals and reality in East Asia: a mixed-method comparative study. ESRC 'Future Research Leader' grant. £170,144. (ES/K001434/1)

As Principal Investigator [Internal]

2020– Creating a population and health data ecosystem for Hong Kong. HKD 3,000,000

2019–22 Population sustainability survey pilot project [GGS Urban Asia]. HKUST-GZ Campus Project. HKD 1,000,000

2015–17 Cities, children and childbearing. OUP/Oxford University Fell Fund Grant. £44,987

2015–16 Impact accelerator award (China migration data sharing). University of Oxford and UK ESRC. £7,500

2014–15 Maximising the social and economic impact of demographic research in Oxford and the UK. University of Oxford HEIF 5+. £16,466

As Co-Investigator

2024–26 Achieving Successful Caregiving through Social Media Engagement. HK RGC GRF. HKD 560,000

2023–25 Mapping the grey digital divide and diversity in older ICT users post-COVID. HK RGC IDS. HKD 4,388,777

2019–22 Virtual Therapist Platform for Negative Emotion Detection, Monitoring and Intervention in Elderly People. Innovation and Technology Fund. HKD 3,999,974

2011–14 Precarious family formation: youth and population dynamics in Europe and Asia. KONE Foundation. £179,796

2011–12 Technical input [demography] into BP's Energy Sustainability Challenge (with focus on China). BP plc. £133,071

HONOURS AND AWARDS

2020 Best Teaching Award, School of Humanities and Social Science, HKUST

2017 Social Science Research Prize, Shaanxi Province Ministry of Education, China

2015 Appointed Senior Fellow of Higher Education Academy, UK

2015 OxTALENT Award Winner (Application of Technology to Research and Impact), University of Oxford, UK

2015 Appointed Fellow of Royal Society of Arts, UK

2014 Outstanding International Impact Award Winner, UK Economic and Social Research Council

2013 Appointed Fellow of Royal Geographical Society, UK

SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH

Invited Media Articles

2026 Demographic shift moves beyond old sad story. *China Daily*. 21/01/2026

2026 Beyond Lowest-Low Fertility: Why a Quarter-Century-Old Label No Longer Captures Today's Demographic Reality (with Ignacio Pardo). *Population Council Insights*. March 2026

2026 South Korea's birth rate is rising – but the population is still shrinking. *The Conversation Weekly*. 26/02/2026

2024 Delayed retirement a challenging task. *China Daily*. 13/09/2024

2024 Gerontech can help address aging problem. *China Daily*. 18/07/2024

2024 Aging a challenge but also an opportunity. *China Daily*. 29/01/2024

2023 Thinking beyond new births for a sustainable future. *China Daily*. 17/01/2023

2021 If China wants more babies, it needs a better understanding of young people. *South China Morning Post*. 04/06/2021

2021 China's new three-child policy won't fix its economy – but it could change lives. *The Guardian*. 02/06/2021

2021 Coercive pro-birth policies are not the way to solve China's ageing population problem. *South China Morning Post*. 19/05/2021

2021 Policy offers more reproductive choices / More than money needed to help families grow. *China Daily*. 2021

2020 Better childcare can help raise fertility rate. *China Daily*. 06/06/2020

2020 Aging need not be a threat to China's future. *China Daily*. 14/11/2020

2020 SAR must work harder to reconcile its intergenerational conflicts. *China Daily Hong Kong*. 08/12/2020

2019 Reform vital to respond to ageing problem. *Daily Telegraph UK*. 04/03/2019

2019 Coming budget needs to tackle inequality in Hong Kong. *China Daily Hong Kong*. 27/02/2019

2019 Why a baby bonus won't work in an aging HK / More births won't solve aging problem. *China Daily*. 2019

2018 Whole new world to fixing birth rate woes. *The Standard HK*. 19/09/2018

- 2018** China looks to relax two-child policy – but it won't solve demographic problems. *The Conversation*. 05/09/2018
- 2018** Domestic workers need to feel welcomed in HK. *China Daily*. 31/05/2018
- 2018** Why China doesn't need a baby boom, just a skilled population. *South China Morning Post*. 16/02/2018
- 2018** Why life expectancy in Britain has fallen so much that a million years of life could disappear by 2058. *The Conversation*. 07/02/2018
- 2017** Multiple media articles in China Daily, South China Morning Post, The Conversation on two-child policy, life expectancy, Hong Kong demographics. 2017
- 2016** Multiple media articles in The Conversation, China Daily on Brexit, fertility campaigns, China's two-child policy. 2016
- 2015** Multiple media articles in The Conversation, China Daily, Daily Telegraph on one-child policy, fertility, population. 2015
- 2014** Old at 65? Not in the 21st century. *South China Morning Post*. 24/11/2014

Selected Media Appearances and Press Quotes

Based on Nexis search (500+ appearances identified). Lists major international outlets by year, most recent first. AP and AFP wire syndication carried individual stories to hundreds of additional regional and international publications simultaneously.

- 2026** CNN International / CNN Wire (January, February); The Conversation UK (February — South Korea birth rate); Associated Press wire (January — syndicated to PBS NewsHour, US News & World Report, Orlando Sentinel, Boston Herald, San Diego Union Tribune and 30+ US regional outlets); Popular Mechanics (February); ZME Science (March); MENAFN
- 2025** Financial Times (July — front page, kindergarten closures; January — China births); South China Morning Post (multiple, August–September); BBC (Afrique, Brasil, Türkçe, Chinese Traditional & Simplified — June); Nature (August); New Scientist (March); The Daily Telegraph (November, March); Handelsblatt (November, June, March); TheHill.com (May); Indian Express (June); Folha de São Paulo, Brazil (June); El Universal, Mexico (August); La Tercera, Chile (July); Expansion, Spain (July); Postimees, Estonia; CNN Wire (September); EFE Spanish Newswire (December)
- 2024** Financial Times (January); Time magazine (March, April); Al Jazeera English (March); The Sunday Telegraph (June); The Daily Telegraph (June); Channel NewsAsia (March, November); CNN Wire (September); BBC (Mundo, Brasil, Chinese — multiple); Neue Zürcher Zeitung and NZZ am Sonntag (December); Handelsblatt (December); Irish Examiner (October); South China Morning Post (multiple); Japan Government News / NHK (January); China Daily (multiple)
- 2023** The New York Times (January, February — multiple times, including China population coverage); Financial Times (February — China census); The Guardian (November); Associated Press wire (January, April — syndicated internationally to The Hindu, The Canadian Press, Euronews, Irish Independent, Bangkok Post, Trouw Netherlands, Postimees Estonia, La Nación Argentina, El Universal Mexico, El Comercio Peru, Reforma Mexico, Clarin Argentina and others); CNN Wire (March); BBC (Mundo, Brasil — multiple); Channel NewsAsia; The Business Times Singapore; Times Higher Education (May); The Christian Science Monitor (July); The Daily Telegraph; Reason magazine (May); The Week UK
- 2022** The Atlantic (February — 'The Next Century's Big Demographic Mystery'); Quartz (May); The Guardian (November); Business Insider / Insider (April — China millennials and marriage)
- 2021** The New York Times (May–June — multiple times, including census and three-child policy); The Guardian (May, June); Financial Times (August — Hong Kong population); Nature (September — global population projections); CNN Wire (February, May); AFP / Agence France Presse (May — English, French and Spanish services); Deutsche Welle (June — World and Asia); Times Higher Education (March, June, December); South China Morning Post (multiple); Le Point, France (April); O Globo, Brazil (May)
- 2020** Le Figaro (September); South China Morning Post (multiple); The Business Times Singapore; Times Higher Education
- 2019** Financial Times (March); South China Morning Post (multiple)

2018 Financial Times (January); The Guardian (August — life expectancy, with Danny Dorling); Deutsche Welle (July — Asia and World); The Conversation UK (September); South China Morning Post (multiple); Hong Kong Free Press

2015–16 The New York Times (November 2015 — one-child policy); The Guardian (October 2015); The Daily Telegraph (October 2015); O Globo, Brazil; Hong Kong Free Press; The Canberra Times

Governmental and Parliamentary Contributions

2021 Population Situation Analysis. UNFPA Iran Country Office.

2021 Project on institutional change in the provision of services to older persons under COVID-19. HelpAge International Asia.

2020 Comprehensive Policy Framework for UNFPA Thailand FutureLab on a Life-course Approach to Ageing. UNFPA.

2019 The evaluation of current ageing strategies, and the development of new approaches for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. UNFPA.

2018 'Unfavourable' demographic change in Europe. Special section in European Commission Report on Science, Research and Innovation Performance of the EU 2018.

2017 Information gaps and data needs for monitoring policies. Presentation to UN Expert Group Meeting on 'Policy responses to low fertility'.

2017 Developing Expert-Based assumptions on future fertility, mortality and migration. Contribution to Sixth Eurostat/UNECE Work Session on Demographic Projections.

2013 Uncertainty in Population Projections. POSTnote 438, July 2013. Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, UK Houses of Parliament.

2013 Taxation and the informal sector in Least Developed Countries. Written evidence to UK International Development Committee, House of Commons.

2012 Youthful populations, employment challenges and poverty in Least Developed Countries. Commissioned report for UNFPA.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPOINTMENTS

2017– *Teaching Fellow in International Health and Tropical Medicine*, Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health, Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford, UK

2017– *Faculty Associate*, HKUST Institute for Emerging Market Studies, Hong Kong

2014– Honorary Professor, Beijing Administrative College, China

2013–18 Honorary Research Fellow, Risk Society and Social Policy Research Centre, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

2013–17 *Governing Body Fellow*, Green Templeton College, Oxford, UK

2015–17 *Non-stipendiary Lecturer in Demography*, St. John's College, Oxford, UK

2013–17 *Associate Member*, Nuffield College, Oxford, UK

2012–13 *Postdoctoral Research Fellow*, Nuffield College, Oxford, UK

2012 *Adviser on Population and Development*, Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, UK

2007 *Marie Curie/CEPR Fellow*, Jagiellonian University, Poland | European University Institute, Italy

2004 *ESRC Technical Training Fellowship*, Brown University, USA

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Demography as Research Area

2021– Editorial Board Member, *Canadian Studies in Population*

2019– International Advisory Board Member, *Asian Population Studies*

2019– Editorial Board Member, *Brazilian Journal of Population and Development*
2018– International Advisory Board Member, *Journal of Applied History*
2015– Editor, European Studies of Population Book Series (Springer)
2014–17 Founding Editor, openpop.org — collaborative blog on population issues
2013–17 Council Member, British Society for Population Studies
2013–16 Chair, Scientific Panel on Fertility Preferences, Asian Population Association
2012–16 Scientific Review Board, *Demographic Research*

Teaching and Assessment Quality Assurance

2021 External reviewer for tenured positions, Tallinn University, Estonia
2020 External reviewer for tenured position, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
2017– External examiner and faculty referee, Department of Social Work, University of Sargodha, Pakistan
2016– External Examiner, Department of Social Policy, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
2016 Curriculum adviser, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

External Funding Reviewer

2021 Reviewer, Dutch Research Council
2017– Reviewer, Riksbanken Jubileumsfond, Sweden
2015 Reviewer, Medical Research Council, UK | European Research Council, Belgium
2015–16 Peer review college member, Economic and Social Research Council, UK

External Examiner, Advanced Degrees

2021 Macquarie University; The University of Hong Kong
2020 The University of Liverpool, UK; University of Malaya, Malaysia
2017 The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR; Australian National University, Australia
2016 University of Malaya, Malaysia

Peer Reviewer (Selected Journals)

Ageing International; Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association; American Journal of Preventive Medicine; American Journal of Sociology; Asian Population Studies; Asian Social Work and Policy Review; Australian Economic Papers; BMC Public Health; BMJ Global Health; Canadian Studies in Population; Chinese Sociological Review; Demographic Research; Family Relations; Humanities and Social Sciences Communications; INQUIRY; Journal of Personality; Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics & Gynecology; PLOS ONE; Population and Development Review; Population Studies; Population, Space and Place; Royal Society Open Science; Sage Open; Sociological Inquiry; Sociology Compass; Studies in Family Planning; The History of the Family; The Lancet; The Lancet Regional Health – Western Pacific; Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie

TEACHING

Executive Education

Leadership and Public Policy Program, Division of Public Policy, HKUST

2017– Aging societies: Challenges and opportunities (course director); Uncertainty in an interconnected world (course director)

Postgraduate Taught

Divisions of Social Science and Public Policy, HKUST

2021– Applied Demography (course director)

2020– Interdisciplinary Research Methods (team taught)

2018–20 Aging, Demography and Policy (course director)

2017 Research Methods for Public Policy (course director)

Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford

2013–16 Qualitative research methods; Research design; Policy challenges of aging societies; Core course on comparative social policy

Postgraduate Research Supervision

HKUST (Division of Public Policy, Division of Social Science, HKUST-GZ Campus)

2019– One PhD student (population ageing in China); One PhD student (fertility preferences in Asia)

2020– Five MPhil students in: ageism; elder abuse; retirement migration; birth weight and nutrition; gerontechnology; income protection for migrant domestic workers

Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford

2014–18 Six DPhil (PhD) students; two MPhil students; 14 MSc. students in Comparative Social Policy

Undergraduate Taught

HKUST (2017–): Population and society (course director); Social science research methods (course director)

University of Oxford (2008–17): Demography and sociology; Comparative demographic systems (team taught)

University of Birmingham (2008–09): British economic history, 1700–1900 (course director)

University of Cambridge (2004–07): British economic and social history 1450–1750; British economic and social history 1700–1914; Themes and sources: Disease and society (team taught)

SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

2024 Gietel-Basten, S. (2024) Book review: Demographic Deception. *Population and Development Review*. 50(1).

2014 Basten, S. (2014) Book review: The family and social change in Chinese Societies. *Population Studies*. 69(1):127–128.

2014 Basten, S. (2014) Review: Population and Public Policy. Essays in Honor of Paul Demeny. *Anthropos*. 109(2):720–721.

2014 Basten, S. (2014) Review of Demographic Avant-Garde: Jews in Bohemia. *European Journal of Population*.

2013 Review of: Wieringa, S. and Sívori, H. (eds.) The sexual history of the Global South. *Feminist and Women's Studies Association Blog*.

2011 Book reviews in: *Population Studies* 65(2) and *European Journal of Population* 27(2).

2010 Book review in: *Population Studies* 64(3):307–316.

Working Papers and Pre-Prints

2025 Zhang, Y., Liu, J., Correa, A., Deng, J., Yan, W., Gietel-Basten, S. and Gram, L. (2025) What Family Policies do Chinese Women Want? A Discrete Choice Experiment. *medRxiv*. 2025-08. [Preprint]

- 2024** Marois, G., Gietel-Basten, S., Crespo Cuaresma, J. et al. (2024) Measuring Human Capital with Productivity-Weighted Labour Force: Methodology and Projections for China, India, the US, and the EU. Working Paper WP-24-005.
- 2020** Cruz, C.J.P., Ganly, R., Li, Z., Gietel-Basten, S. (2020) Imported Cases, Community Action, Policy and Institutional Systems Drive Hong Kong's COVID-19 Experience. *SocArXiv*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/5zuv7
- 2020** Gietel-Basten, S. and Sobotka, T. (2020) Uncertain Population Futures: Critical Reflections on the IHME Scenarios. *SocArXiv*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/5syef
- 2018** Gietel-Basten, S., Verropoulou, G. and Ganly, R. (2018) Infant Mortality Among German Settlers in the Nineteenth-century Russian Empire. *SocArXiv*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/x6vde
- 2018** Gietel-Basten, S. and Rajbhar, M. (2018) One-child Ideation in India. *SocArXiv*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/mtd7x
- 2017** Gietel-Basten, S. et al. (2017) Ageing in Russia: Regional Inequalities and Pension Reform. HKUST IEMS Working Papers No. 2017-49.
- 2013** Basten, S. (2013) Re-Examining the Fertility Assumptions for Pacific Asia in the UN's 2010 World Population Prospects. University of Oxford, Barnett Papers in Social Research: 2013/1.
- 2012** Basten, S. (2012) Family Planning Restrictions and a Generation of Excess Males. University of Oxford, Oxford Centre for Population Research Working Paper 59.