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Global Trends in Lifespan Inequality

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Summary:

In this talk, I will present the results of a study documenting global trends in lifespan inequality from 1950 until 2015, using data from the UN World Population Prospects. Our findings indicate that (i) there has been a sustained decline in overall lifespan inequality, (ii) adult lifespan variability has also declined, but some plateaus and trend reversals have been identified, (iii) lifespan inequality among the elderly has increased virtually everywhere, and (iv) most of the world variability in age at death can be attributed to within-country variability. Such changes have occurred against a backdrop of generalized longevity increases. Our analyses suggest that the world is facing a new challenge: the emergence of diverging trends in longevity and age-at-death inequality among the elderly around the globe, particularly in high-income areas. As larger fractions of the world population survive to more advanced ages, it will be necessary that national and international health planners recognize the growing heterogeneity that characterizes older populations.

Biography:

Iñaki Permanyer is a Ramón y Cajal research fellow working in the Center for Demographic Studies (CED) since 2010. A mathematics graduate, he also earned a PhD in Demography from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) in 2007. Before joining the CED, he worked in the UAB Economics Department (2000-2008), the Institute for Economic Analysis (IAE-CSIC, 2007-2008), and the Department of City and Regional Planning at Cornell University (2008-2010). He has been awarded several research grants, including a Fulbright fellowship, Juan de la Cierva and Ramón y Cajal fellowships and, more recently, a Starting Grant from the European Research Council. He has published more than twenty papers in leading journals like the *Journal of Development Economics*, *World Development*, *Population and Development Review*, *Demography* and *Demographic Research*.

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