

ESH Roger Schofield Award 2022



To the best paper by a young demographer at the European Society of Historical Demography Conference.

Roger Schofield gained worldwide recognition for his contributions to the ingenious reconstruction of the population history of England, published in two seminal volumes: *The Population History of England 1541-1871* (1981) and *English Population History from Family Reconstitution 1580-1837* (1997). Both were true products of teamwork at the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, University of Cambridge. These works, whose impact goes far beyond traditional disciplinary borders, have provided inspiration for many scholars ever since they were published. Roger Schofield also played

an important role in the international development of historical demography, always encouraging young scholars to develop their skills, and always supportive.

Roger Schofield was born in 1937 and received both undergraduate and PhD degrees in history from the University of Cambridge. In 1966 he was appointed as Research Assistant at the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, then only two years old itself. He quickly began to play a major role in corresponding with and encouraging 'le secret weapon anglais': the small army of amateur local historians who collected and counted baptisms, burials and marriages from parish registers around the country in an early crowd sourcing exercise. He played a major role in the analyses of these data, offering important and novel interpretations of the course of

British population history published in numerous journal articles and books. He was Director of the Cambridge Group from 1974 to 1994, and played a significant role in British and international historical demography: among other roles he was President of the British Society of Population Studies, 1985-87, and was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1988. He has been a Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge since 1969. You can find more information about his life and career at his article "[Through a Glass Darkly](#)" Vol. 22, No. 2 (Summer, 1998), pp. 117-130.

The Roger Schofield Award has been established to recognize the best paper presented by a young demographer at the European Society of Historical Demography Conference.

Members of the ESHD designated by the Council will select the successful candidate(s) from among the works presented at the Society Conference, in Madrid. Requirements: Candidates must be < 35 years of age (or be a PhD Candidate). A full paper is to be submitted and content must represent original work and not have been presented or published previously. They must confirm their attendance at the Conference. Winners will be presented with a certificate confirming their prize during the Congress Closing Ceremony. Judgment criteria will be based on the scientific content of the paper and the presentation.

If you wish to be considered for this award, please submit your full paper to secretary@eshd.eu before **the 1st of March 2022**.