Transparency in Population Forecasting: Methods for Fitting and Projecting Fertility, Mortality and Migration

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Edita KNAW. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Transparency in Population Forecasting: Methods for Fitting and Projecting Fertility, Mortality and Migration, Joop de Beer, At the moment that a population forecast for the long run is published the user cannot decide whether the forecast will be accurate. The user can only judge the methods used and assumptions made by the forecaster. This requires transparency of forecasts. The forecaster should make his or her choices of methods and assumptions and the arguments behind these choices explicit. Population projections are based on assumptions about future changes in fertility, mortality and migration. This book describes methods that can be used for making these assumptions and discusses which choices have to be made by the forecaster. Forecasts should be based on good data. Data on international migration tend to be less reliable than data on fertility and mortality. Statistics on international migration can be improved on the basis of a comparison of data from different countries. If emigration statistics of a sending country are compared with the corresponding immigration statistics of receiving countries, one can estimate to what extent emigration statistics may underestimate the true migration flows. Different types of migrants, such as labour...

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