Formal Demography Working Group: Welcome

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Overview

- How did this come about?
- Why do it?
- Who signed up?
- What could we do?

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Short answer: Twitter

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Longer answer

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vdilego
@v_dilego

Agree on the appendix; sometimes is actually the MAIN part of formal demography papers. On the field: I actually wanted to set up a group on formal demography by juniors like me 🤓but it is such a classical and hard field that seems only the big shots will ever have a shot at it.

> **Elizabeth Wrigley-Field** @ewrigleyfield · Oct 18
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Ryohei Mogi @rmogimogi · Oct 20

Replying to @v_dilego

Let's make a formal demography group🙌🏼🙌🏼🙌🏼

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3. Discuss the past, present and future of formal demography

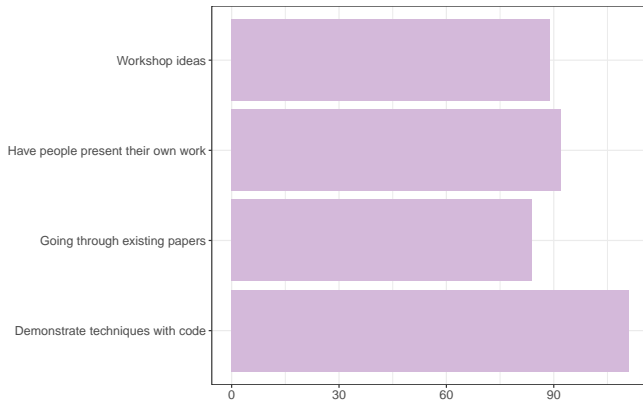*Well maybe it actually isn't that small

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What could we do?

- Presentations of works in progress
- Presentations/tutorials of code implementations
- 'Tutorial' style presentations of techniques and/or older papers
- Panel discussions

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- ▶ Most popular: Demonstrate techniques with code

Others:

- ▶ Lots of "Formal Demography not taught at my university so want to learn"
- ▶ Lots of "Meet people, form collaborations, join projects"
- ▶ Think of a topic, form groups, meet later to discuss
- ▶ Capacity building for Global South

Resources

- A little website in progress:
  https://formaldemography.github.io/working_group/
- Feedback is appreciated!