

## Presentation

**T**his time the presentation is dedicated to the journal *Papeles de POBLACIÓN*, published by the Center of Research and Advanced Studies on the Population (CIEAP) of the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico (UAEM) which is an editorial project which has been boosted as of 1994 as a space for the dissemination, divulgation and discussion of regional, national and international demographic topics from inter- and multidisciplinary standpoints. Our journal is a quarterly publication on scientific research whose particularity and originality has served researchers with diverse backgrounds have a space for encounters and connections to think and rethink the various topics related to population. A particular characteristic of the journal is the thematic heterogeneity, the authors' training and fields of study as well as their origin are increasingly diverse.

Such diversity expresses in the topics dealt with in the journal such as migration, internal and international migration, aging, labor, labor market, plus experiences as the role of family and woman, domestic unit, entrance in labor market, the achievements of the world conferences on women, participation in social and feminist movements and in migratory processes, as well as in education, wedlock, fertility and morbidity of women in rural and urban areas, among other topics. With this we have published 90 issues, 871 written by 645 authors and representing more than 200 institutions from all over the world.

This has meant the consolidation and recognition of the journal, as it has guaranteed its quality, continuity, timeliness and permanence in 20 international indexes, being distinguishable the Index of Scientific Journals of the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACyT), ISI Thomson Reuters, Escopus and Redalyc; the latter states that in 2015 more than 700 thousand full-text files were downloaded from its platform, but mainly the trust it has generated in the scientific community in demography at national and international levels.

With the present number, 90, the journal accounts for 22 years of uninterrupted publication. Demographically speaking, becoming 22 years really implies important changes, if it were a youth it would be in the last term

of its degree and it would be thinking of graduating, setting up a business or look for a job. According to some people, facing this challenge implies living with concerns, uncertainty and certain anxiety before the failures and obviously the challenges from a globalized world.

*Papeles de POBLACIÓN* has surpassed this situation and has matured, however it has important challenges to face in the context of the information era as is it on Open Journal System (OJS) and work for a market with larger scope of authors, readers and referees in the world who speak English.

Its maturation can be expressed in the bibliographic, multidisciplinary indexes or bibliometric indicators of *Web of Science* (WoS) which are produced by *Thompson Reuters* and *Scopus*, also reported by *Elsevier*. Moreover, there are indicators published by other indexes such as Journal Citation Report (JCR), SCImago and Scielo which present their bibliometric information and ranking in which *Papeles de POBLACIÓN* reaches fourth quartile and it is recognized as an indexed journal.

Such indicators measure the quality of scientific output in *Papeles de POBLACIÓN* and in the first place it is the so called impact factor. This index measures the frequency with which a journal has been cited over a particular year (*Papeles de POBLACIÓN* had this indicator from 2010 to 2015). This is an indicator that allows comparing journals and assess the relative importance of a journal in one scientific field. On this indicator we expose the following:

*Papeles de POBLACIÓN* is part of the 12500 journals of CORE COLLECTION de la WEB OF SCIENCE (WoS) and it is included in the 42 Mexican journals in WoS. *Papeles de POBLACIÓN* is a journal frequently cited in demography and social sciences in general, according to WEB OF SCIENCE.<sup>1</sup> Even JCR WoS placed it in quartile 4 and it is a good position regarding other journals of the same disciplinary field in Mexico and Latin America. As an additional datum, WoS states that *Papeles de POBLACIÓN* held the 23<sup>rd</sup> of 24 positions in 2009, the 24<sup>th</sup> in 2010 and 25<sup>th</sup> of 25 in 2013 in demography journals. In like manner, in the position table of *Papeles de POBLACIÓN* according to SJR of SCIMAGO between 2009 and 2013 in the set of social-sciences journals in the category demography, it located in quartile 4 and even in 2013 in quartile 3.<sup>2</sup> For Scielo, *Papeles de POBLACIÓN* is the second journal with the largest absolute number of citations (an impact fac-

1 See Incites Journal Citation Report, Journal Data Filtered By: Selected JCR Year: 2015 Selected Editions: SCIE,SSCI Selected Countries: 'MEXICO' Selected Category Scheme: WoS 2015.  
2 See Journal Citation Report, August, 2014.

tor of 1.06)<sup>3</sup> in the area of social sciences it followed *Revista Mexicana de Sociología* of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).<sup>4</sup> In plain terms this has meant the recognition of the journal as the second publication on social sciences with the most influence in the country.

In a highly competitive environment, characterized by diversity and rapid mortality of academic publications, the difficulty to consolidate efficacious work teams, the limited budgets allotted to public universities in the context of recurrent economic crisis and in a country with low reading indexes among a sizeable part of the population (according to official sources from two presidential terms, the average is half a book a year per inhabitant), it is meritorious that *Papeles de POBLACIÓN* not only had remained but that it appears regularly, that had extended its batches from a thousand to one thousand and five hundred and increased consultations to such an extent that Redalyc indicates that in 2015, 700 thousand articles were downloaded from the web, i.e., 59 thousand a month. This is an indicator of the confidence of the authors, readers, referees and an audience who have population studies as an objective and this is the best recognition to our journal.

This has also oriented the institutional recognition for *Papeles de POBLACIÓN* as a journal in the interior of the country to be placed in 20 specialized index including the Index of Mexican Journals of Scientific and Technologic Research of CONACyT since 2001.

In like manner, in 2008, *Papeles de POBLACIÓN* won the Second Contest of the Supportive Fund for Journals of Social Sciences of Latin America and the Caribbean “Juan Carlos Portantiero”, called by the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO). It has been awarded with a recognition from the Lower Chamber, LXIII Federal Legislature as it fulfilled the dispositions of the Decree of Legal Deposit of July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1991, in 2015, April 2016. Also the recognition of the Autonomous University of the State of Hidalgo via the Institute of Economic-Administrative Sciences owing to its rigorous and cutting-edge editorial contribution to population and demographic studies, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, City of Pachuca. As well as the recognition of the highest authority in the country. The recognition of the National Consortium of Resources of Scientific and Technologic Information (CONRICIYT) to the editor Juan Gabino González Becerril for his

3 See “Papeles de Población” [http://statbiblio.scielo.org/stat\\_biblio/index.php?state=19&lang=es&country=mex&issn=1405-7425&CITED%5B%5D=1405-7425&YNG%5B%5D=2016](http://statbiblio.scielo.org/stat_biblio/index.php?state=19&lang=es&country=mex&issn=1405-7425&CITED%5B%5D=1405-7425&YNG%5B%5D=2016)

4 See “Reporte Bibliométrico de Papeles de Población”, available at <http://biblat.unam.mx/es/conacyt/revista/papeles-de-poblacion>.

work in *Papeles de POBLACIÓN* and because it is one of the most influential journals in Social Sciences, a recognition received in the 5<sup>th</sup> Entre Pares Seminar, held in San Luis Potosí on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

This allows being grateful with the editorial board, authors, readers and referees from the various disciplines and institutions all over the world who have made this journal possible: *Papeles de POBLACIÓN* the second journal with the most influence in Social Sciences in Mexico and which implies greater commitment and dedication in the information era to accomplish a better positioning in Mexico and the world as an open access demography journal.

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