

SOUTHERN RE-CONFIGURATIONS OF THE AGEING-MIGRATION NEXUS

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Today, two thirds of the world's older adults live in developing regions, where their numbers are growing faster than in developed regions. In 2050, it is estimated that nearly 8 in 10 of the world's older persons (aged 60 years old and above) will be living in developing parts of the world (UN, 2019). While existing data clearly demonstrate that the numbers of ageing individuals are expected to increase more sharply in Asia, Latin America, Caribbean, and parts of Africa in the forthcoming decades, research agendas remain primarily focused on ageing populations in the Global North and the socio-spatial ramifications of these demographic processes on care economies of the Global South. What is overlooked is a recognition of experiences in regions of the South that are themselves ageing and the social transformations and forms of translocal mobility that occur in conjunction.

With this special issue, we focus on southern experiences of ageing and migration in and across multiple regions. We make an intervention in the fields of migration and ageing studies by showing how Eurocentric models of ageing are too often taken for granted as 'natural' or universal, while dominant approaches to migration have yet to fully acknowledge the diversity and magnitude of mobilities outside the Global North. This special issue attends specifically to groups that remain at the margins of existent scholarly and policy work: namely, ageing adults from low- and middle-income regions of the world whose experiences are shaped by migrations within national borders, across regions of the South (i.e. South-South mobilities), and to places in the North. Their experiences are bound up with contemporary expressions of global capitalism, postcolonial relationships, and border regimes in ways that also generate new inequalities within and across regions.



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Thursday 21 January

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome & Introduction

10:15 – 11:45 PANEL 1: CARE CIRCULATIONS

Care visits: Obligations, opportunities and constraints for Vietnamese parent visitors in Australia

HIEN THI NGUYEN (University of Western Australia)
LORETTA BALDASSAR (University of Western Australia)
LUKASZ KRZYZOWSKI (University of Western Australia)
RAELENE WILDING (La Trobe University, Australia)

(Discussant: SREERUPA)

'Transnational' care strategies and 'local' specificities: (Re)configuring eldercare in the Global South

SREERUPA (King's College London)

(Discussants: HIEN THI NGUYEN • LORETTA BALDASSAR • LUKASZ KRZYZOWSKI • RAELENE WILDING)

11:45 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:30 PANEL 2: HOME AND PLACE-MAKING

'I couldn't attend my mother's funeral and now have to live with it': Bringing death and funerals into the ageing-migration-home nexus

LUIS EDUARDO PÉREZ MURCIA (University of Trento, Italy)

(Discussants: YONGJIAN LI • AMANDA ALENCAR)

A Tale of Two Cities: Exploring digital place-making practices among elderly Houniao internal migrants in China

YONGJIAN LI (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands)
AMANDA ALENCAR (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands)

(Discussant: LUIS EDUARDO PÉREZ MURCIA)

Friday 22 January

10:00 – 11:30 PANEL 3: (IM)MOBILITIES AND DIASPORAS

Ageing and mobilities in transnational space: The British-Bangladeshi experience

MD FARID MIAH (University of Sussex)
RUSSELL KING (University of Sussex)

(Discussant: VICTORIA KUMALA SAKTI)

Multiple Peripheries of Ageing: Displacement Experiences in the 'South' among Older East Timorese in Indonesia

VICTORIA K. SAKTI (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany)

(Discussants: MD FARID MIAH • RUSSELL KING)

11:30 – 11:45 Break

11:45 – 13:15 PANEL 4: TEMPORARINESS AND WAITING

Doing nothing? Dynamics of Waiting among Ageing Internally Displaced Cameroonians during the Anglophone Crisis

NELE WOLTER (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany)

(Discussant: IDIL AKINCI)

Retirement strategies among temporary migrants: A case study of older migrants in the United Arab Emirates

IDIL AKINCI (University of Edinburgh)

(Discussant: NELE WOLTER)

13:15 – 14:00 Final discussion



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