

MIASA CONFERENCE ON AGEING IN AFRICA: NARRATIVES, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CARE

Conference of MIASA Interdisciplinary Fellow Group 14

Keynote Speaker:

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*Reflecting on Ageing Research in Africa:
Reclaiming African Research on Ageing?
Beginnings of a Reflexive Attempt to
Clarify the Case*



Africa is undergoing major demographic change, in which the population share of its older population is expected to increase rapidly, at a much faster pace than in other world regions. This demographic shift poses challenges to families and households, institutions and practices of governance, and civil society organizations. In general, these dynamics are understudied, and the existing scholarship on ageing in Africa remains disparate. The aim of the conference is to make ageing in Africa a more prominent theme within African studies, by bringing together scholars researching on ageing across diverse regional and disciplinary contexts. It seeks to better understand contemporary processes of governance and human rights by studying how African states cope with the challenges of ageing populations. Also, the conference aims to bring attention to the study of ageing in Africa by making the fragmented research on ageing known across different national and regional contexts.

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Research, University of Ghana & Via Zoom

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