



Population Ageing and Liveable Environments of Older Persons

**Preconference workshop, IAGG World Congress, San Francisco
Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 08:30-16:30**

The Master Class is offered by the Global Social Initiative on Ageing (GSIA), a core activity of the IAGG, the mission of which is to build capacity and create knowledge on international issues arising from population ageing. Launched March 2011 to highlight regional and international issues in social, cultural and humanist aspects of aging, the GSIA supports the IAGG mission of promoting outstanding global research and training toward ensuring the well-being and quality-of-life of older persons.

This Master Class on *Population Ageing and Liveable Environments of Older Persons* is offered as part of a series held in conjunction with IAGG congresses. Recent Master Classes included *Population Ageing and the Challenges of Integrating Paid Work and Family Care Work* (IAGG European Region 2015 Dublin); and *Families, Ageing and Care* (IAGG Africa Region 2016 Nairobi).

Objectives

Liveability concerns the influence of the social, economic, cultural and environmental contexts in which older people live on quality of life of older persons and agency in shaping their contexts. The objectives of the Master Class on *Population Ageing and the Liveable Environments of Older Persons* are:

1. To build capacity among early career scholars in the GSIA theme LIVEABILITY (one of three key areas of focus for the GSIA), with particular reference to how ageing around the world is influenced by home, community and social policy settings.
2. To support early career scholars in:
 - Preparing high-quality posters/papers for IAGG meetings
 - Building their international professional networks
 - Planning the development of their own academic /research careers
3. To build a sustainable international scholarly network of GSIA scholars at all stages their career, which collectively can deliver world-class research in response to the global challenges of population ageing identified in the IAGG GSIA Council's published thematic approach.

Master Class Format

The Master Class will include a series of presentations by senior international scholars with expertise in the theme of the Master Class, most of whom also will act as mentors to the Early Career Scholar (ECS) participants throughout the Master Class and IAGG World Congress and, in some cases, beyond. These presentations will address key contemporary issues related to the theme of *Liveable Environments of Older Persons*. ECSs also will have the opportunity to present and receive expert feedback their own ideas about knowledge, policy and practice gaps related to the theme, and to benefit from one-on-one mentoring with one of the senior international scholars.

In order to maximize the benefit of early career scholars' participation in the Master Class we have kept enrolments in previous events small (16 in Dublin; 12 in Nairobi) which has contributed to their success. This permits more individual attention from mentors, development of closer relationships between ECS and mentors, and more open participation of ECS. We will similarly restrict enrolment in this Master Class (max. 20 participants). Participants will be required to apply; successful applicants will be early career scholars with a demonstrated interest in the theme of the MC and the support of their institutional mentors/supervisors.

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Time	Activity	Potential Lead/Speaker
8:30 – 9:00	Introductions IAGG Welcome	Janet Fast, workshop organizer Norah Keating, GSIA Director TBC: IAGG executive members
9:00 – 9:45	What are Liveable Environments for Older Persons?	Judith Phillips, Stirling University, Scotland
9:45 – 10:30	Constraints on Liveability: Social Exclusion	Kieran Walsh, National University of Ireland, Galway
10:30 – 11:00	Refreshments	
11:00 – 11:45	Enhancing Liveability through Technology	Alex Mihailidis, University of Toronto, Canada
11:45-12:00	Morning wrap-up	
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Networking among workshop participants and mentors
1:00 – 2:00	Panel discussion: Global issues in Liveability	1. Loic Garcon, WHO Kobe, Japan: Interventions to increase liveability in low and middle income countries 2. Rodney Harrell, AARP, U.S.A.: Assessing community liveability 3. Laurie Buys, QUT, Australia: Liveability of home environment
2:00 – 3:00	Workshop participants present their ideas for research related to policy, practice and/or technological innovation to enhance liveability in their region	15 minutes for each participant to present to their group mentor and receive feedback
3:00 – 3:30	Refreshments	
3:30 – 4:00	Creating a research agenda on Liveability for older persons	All
4:00-4:30	Wrap-up	Janet Fast