

Ageing, Experience and Difference: The Social History of Old Age in Europe since 1900

German Historical Institute, London
12th – 14th September 2024

Final Programme

Thursday 12th September 2024

2.30pm – 2.45pm: Welcome and Introduction

Christina von Hodenberg (GHIL) and Helen McCarthy (Cambridge)

2.45pm – 3.15pm: Work, Ageing and Retirement (I)

Chair and discussant: James Chappel (Duke)

Poorva Rajaram (MWF, New Delhi), *Untimely Deaths: Extraordinary Pensions for British Civil Employees in Colonial India*

David Green (KCL) and Kathleen McIlvenna (Derby), *Postal Pensioners and Retired Lives in Nineteenth-century Britain*

SHORT BREAK

3.30pm – 5pm: Health, Ageing, Bodies and Minds

Chair and Discussant: Pat Thane (Birkbeck)

Louise Hide (Birkbeck) *Impact of 'the institution' on the sensory and emotional lives of older people in England, post World War II*

Nicole Kramer (Cologne) *Older bodies, care-work and dependency. Aging and long-term care in the 1980s in West-Germany*

COFFEE BREAK

5.30 – 6.45pm: Keynote (public event)

James Chappel (Duke University), *Atlantic Aging: The Transnational History of Old Age, 1900-Present.*

Chair: Christina von Hodenberg (GHIL)

(followed by a drinks reception and optional, self-funded dinner)

Friday 13th September 2024

9.30am – 11am: Ageing and the Family

Chair and discussant: Helen McCarthy (Cambridge)

Chris Renwick (York), Peter Townsend and *The Family Life of Old People*

Laura King (Leeds), *Telling stories: grandparents, memory and family history in modern Britain*

Brigitte Semanek (Institute of Rural History, Austria), "My world became smaller and smaller": Domestic care for the elderly in rural Austria from the 1960s to the 2000s

COFFEE BREAK

11.30am-1pm: Work, Ageing and Retirement (II)

Chair and discussant: Chris Renwick (York)

Helen McCarthy (Cambridge), Planning for Retirement in Postwar Britain

Eve Worth (Exeter), 'I don't think I really know how not to work': Gender, Ageing and Retirement amongst Elite Professional Women in Contemporary Britain.

Brett Morritt (Cambridge), Africanisation in Kenya and Tanzania and litigation over occupational pensions at Barclays UK

LUNCH BREAK

2pm – 3.30pm: Ageing, Gender and Feminism

Chair and discussant: Sarah Ashwin (LSE)

Christina von Hodenberg (GHIL), Single Women over 60 and their Impact on West Germany's Gender Regime, 1950–1990

Cait Beaumont (LSBU), The 'silver thread': Hazel Hunkins-Hallinan and Mairín Beaumont. Reflections on life stories of activism and ageing in England and Ireland, 1916-1980

Alissa Klots (Pittsburgh), "With Pioneer Spark and Komsomol Fervor": Older Women and Late Soviet Volunteer Organizations

4pm-6pm: Guided portraiture tour at the Courtauld Gallery

7.30pm Conference Dinner

Saturday 14th September 2024

10am – 11.30am: Old Age, Agency and the Mass Media

Chair and discussant: Christina von Hodenberg (GHIL)

Anna Shadrina (UCL) National Identity and 'Pensioners': Old-age Othering in post-2020 Belarusian Political Narratives

Lukas Herde (Independent Researcher), "Sex can be here to stay" – Representations of sexuality in later life on British and French television, ca. 1975 to 1985

Holly Smith (UCL) Digital Subjectivities: Internet television for the elderly in high-rise Liverpool, 1999-2005

BREAK

11.45 – 1pm: Final Reflections and Next Steps

(followed by lunch and departures)