

## Call for papers: Special Issue project

### Re-configuring the ageing-migration nexus: towards a critical understanding of ageing and migration in the 'global south'

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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 the developed regions. In 2050, it is estimated that nearly 8 in 10 of the world's older persons (aged 60 years old and more) will be living in developing parts of the world (UN, 2017; 2019). While existing data clearly demonstrate that the numbers of ageing individuals are expected to increase more sharply in Latin America, Caribbean, Asia, and Africa in the forthcoming decades, research agendas have remained primarily focused on ageing populations in the 'global north' and the socio-spatial ramifications that these demographic processes have on 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.

This special issue proposes a shift in the analytical lens researchers have thus far used for understanding the intersections of ageing and migration. While recognising that ageing is a universal biological process, our primary line of inquiry is to interrogate whether such a global experience can be grasped by social theories that are based on ageing experiences in the global north. With this special issue from the specific vantage point of the south, we seek to unsettle long-established certainties about the social experience of ageing and its interconnections with mobility and come up with novel conceptual tools that better reflect the global diversity of the ageing-migration nexus. In so doing, we critically examine global permutations of this nexus, discussing concepts, relations, and trajectories that are emplaced and embodied in nuanced ways across the geographical spectrum. In particular, we consider the explanatory power of dominant ideas about retirement, activity, welfare, care, and the ageing body, and seek to advance a broader understanding of specific cultures of ageing and migration in contexts beyond the north. We especially encourage critical reflections of the ageing-migration nexus and its articulations in the global south that challenge or refine conventional categories (including of the very categories 'north/south') while extending knowledge on diverse constellations of mobility and spatial connectivity.

We invite interdisciplinary contributions, based on qualitative field research, that engage with **the ageing-migration nexus in the global south** through a variety of thematic focus:

- Ageing in relation to local, regional and transnational mobilities across the global south – including internal or cross-border migration and displacement;
- Ageing experiences in relation to family, care, and intergenerational relationships across distances;
- Intersectional belonging and exclusion in the experiences of older migrants and diasporas;
- Ageing and mobilities in relation to activity, work, and livelihoods;
- Meanings of (age)ing and the ageing body;
- Formal and informal institutions, networks and communities of 'social protection'.

Please submit abstracts of 400 words, and a short bio by April 30, 2020 to [atm@mmg.mpg.de](mailto:atm@mmg.mpg.de). The selected abstracts will be included in a Special Issue proposal to a migration studies journal.