

## ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

Retirement migration has become a multifaceted field of research since the end of the twentieth century. Recently, research has drawn attention to the growing evidence about retirement migration from relatively affluent countries of the “global North” to less economically well-off countries of the “global South.” The latter includes countries in Southeast Asia, South and Central America, Africa and Eastern Europe. This development points to the increasing global interconnectedness of aging in relatively affluent countries and raises critical questions about the interrelation of global inequalities with age and aging in the “global North”. Low pensions, old age care and health related problems, social, emotional or intimate limitations in the countries of origin, and the search for new experiences have been identified as important reasons for moving to countries in the “global South”, as these countries appear to provide extended options for action and participation in old age. Research points out the ambivalences of these mobilities at the level of old age life worlds. While they might imply extended options for life in old age, they also contain considerable constraints and vulnerabilities. Equally, in their global interconnectedness, these developments raise critical questions about the implications for the countries of destination and the challenges to the old age regimes in the countries of origin.

### CONFERENCE VENUE

Erbacher Hof  
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### REGISTRATION

Participants can register until Feb. 29, 2020 via e-mail [ertl@uni-mainz.de](mailto:ertl@uni-mainz.de). No conference fee is charged.

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## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Retirement migration to the „global South“. Current insights and future perspectives

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## DAY I (MARCH 12, 2020)

12:30 – 01:00 p.m.  
**REGISTRATION**

01:00 – 01:30 p.m.  
**OPENING**

01:30 – 02:15 p.m.  
**KEY LECTURE**

**Matthew Hayes** (St. Thomas University, Canada)  
*The Coloniality of Contemporary Retirement Migration to the Global South*

02:30 – 05:00 p.m.  
**PANEL 1: COPING, ADAPTATION, NEGOTIATION**

**Stefan Kordel** (University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany)  
*US-Migration to Rural Ecuador: Relational Negotiations and Performances of Privilege in Migrants' Life-Worlds*

**Rose Jaji** (University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe)  
*Retirement Migrants from the Global North and Life in Zimbabwe*

**Rachel Barber** (University of Guadalajara, Mexico)  
*An Acquired Taste: Mexican Folk Art as a Means for Boundary Negotiation and Migrant Adaptation in Chapala, Mexico*

**Çağrı Kahveci, Elifcan Karacan, Kira Kosnick** (University of Frankfurt, Germany)  
*Tactical Mobility: Navigating Mobile Ageing and Transnational Retirement between Turkey and Germany*

Chair: Dora Sampaio (Max-Planck-Institute Göttingen, Germany)

05:15 – 06:00 p.m.  
**KEY LECTURE**

**Sheila Croucher** (Miami University, USA)  
*The Globalization of Precarity: International Living and Dying*

06:30 pm  
**DINNER & GET-TOGETHER**

## DAY 2 (MARCH 13, 2020)

09:00 – 09:45 a.m.  
**KEY LECTURE**

**Sirijit Sunanta** (Mahidol University, Thailand)  
*The Role and Impact of International Retirement Migration on Thailand's Old Age Regime*

10:00 – 12:00 p.m.  
**PANEL 2: SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS**

**Annika Müller** (University of Mainz, Germany)  
*Migrating in Old Age to Kenya: Social Relationships in a Postcolonial Context*

**Désirée Bender** (University of Mainz, Germany) (tbc)  
*Searching for Love, Sex and Intimacy: Intimate Relations of Male Retirement Migrants in Thailand*

**Claudio Bolzman** (University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland) and **Tineke Fokkema** (Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands)  
*Social Relationships of Retirement Migrants with the Local Population in Morocco*

Chair: Cornelia Schwappe (University of Mainz, Germany)

12:00 – 01:30 p.m.  
**LUNCH**

01:30 – 03:30 p.m.  
**PANEL 3: CARE AND SOCIAL SUPPORT**

**Paul Green** (University of Melbourne, Australia)  
*In Search of Project Marigold: Bespoke Fantasies of Independence and Dependent Sociality in Ubud, Bali*

**Vincent Horn** (University of Mainz, Germany)  
*Care Facilities for German-Speaking Elder People in Thailand*

**Cornelia Schwappe** (University of Mainz, Germany)  
*Retirement Migration to Thailand and the Lack of Social Protection*

Chair: Britta Buschmann (University of Mainz, Germany)

03:45 – 05:00 p.m.  
**ROUND TABLE:  
RETIREMENT MIGRATION TO THE  
„GLOBAL SOUTH“. FUTURE  
CHALLENGES**

**Megha Amrith** (Max-Planck-Institute Göttingen, Germany)  
**Anita Böcker** (Radboud University, The Netherlands)  
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**Claudia Olivier-Mensah** (International University of Applied Sciences, Frankfurt, Germany)

