

1. Targeting disadvantage and inequality in ageing societies

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This webinar investigates the pervasiveness of complex forms of disadvantage across the life course for older populations, and how the COVID-19 outbreak has altered these patterns. It presents the findings of three empirical research studies conducted during the pandemic on different kinds of inequality: health and gender implications for older workers; age discrimination and safeguarding access to services; exclusion from social relations for older men and women. Speakers will interrogate processes of economic, social and symbolic deficit, and present an analysis based on the direct lived experiences of older adults. While the concentration will be on Irish evidence, each study incorporates a cross-national design. Contributors will include: Prof. Kieran Walsh (ICSG); Dr. Aine Ni Leime (ICSG) speaking on health and gender considerations for older workers; Celia Sheridan (ICSG) exploring exclusion from social relations for older men and women; Stefan Hopf (ICSG and Age Platform Europe) speaking on age discrimination in accessing goods and services. Prof. Andreas Motel Klingebiel (Linköping University, Sweden) will serve as respondent.

Contributors



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