

# Death and Ageing

**British Sociological Association's Death, Dying and Bereavement  
Study Group Annual Symposium  
12 December 2024, 9.30am - 5pm  
Life Sciences building Seminar Room 2, University of Liverpool.**

**9.30am - 9.50am: Arrive, tea and coffee**

**9.50am - 10am: Welcome from the co-convenors**

**Keynote: 10am - 10.45am**

'Death and dying as reconfigured by the social imaginary of the fourth age', *30 minute lecture followed by 15 minute Q&A. Professor Paul Higgs, University College London.*

**Session 1: 10.45am - 12.30pm 'Making Sense of Dying in Older Age'**

'Disability futures extended: challenges presented by living beyond expectations', *Professor Erica Borgstrom, The Open University 10.45 - 11.15*

'Dying, death and bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath: Reflections from older minority ethnic people in the UK', *Bridget Makande, Buckinghamshire New University*

'Precarity and Risk in the fourth age: Reframing the end of life using life course and political economic theory', *Dr Bethany Simmonds, Aberystwyth University*

'Withdrawing from the world: Finitude, alienation, and everyday experiences of aging in Brazil', *Dr Natashe Lemos Dekker, University of Amsterdam*

**12.45 - 1.30pm LUNCH**

**Session 2: 1.30pm - 3pm 'Planning for Health Care Services at the End of Life'**

'Implementing and Evaluating the Strengthening a Palliative Approach in Long Term Care (SPA-LTC) Program in Canada', *Dr Sharon Kaasalainen, McMaster University, CA.*

'"A nice lady doctor": one researcher's reflexive account of a qualitative interview study with older patients about planning for health deterioration', *Dr Bronwen Warner, Imperial College London.*

'Serious Illness Conversations as a transformative event: Results from a UK qualitative study', *Tasmin McGlinchey, University of Liverpool.*

**3 - 3.15pm BREAK**

**Session 3: 3.15pm - 4.45pm 'Dying and Aging in Place'**

'Embracing ageing and mortality in times of longevity: Utilising community-based approaches to ageing, end-of-life and death', *Dr Patty Doran, University of Manchester.*

'Forgotten Islands: A Mechanistic Study on the Digital Divide Faced by Elderly Parents Who Have Lost Their Only Child and the Corresponding Countermeasures', *Yajing Liu, University of Liverpool.*

'Ageism and risk: Perceptions of care home admission amongst solo living older people', *Dr Glenys Caswell, Independent Researcher.*

**4.45 - 5pm Concluding Remarks**