

Living a Good Life in Older Age

University of Warwick, July 5th-6th 2018

Theatre Studio (G55), Milburn House, University of Warwick

Thursday 5th July 2018

- 9.00-9.30 REGISTRATION (Milburn House foyer)
- 9.30-9.45 Welcome (Dr Liz Barry, Dr Margery Vibe Skagen and Professor Margareth Hagen)
- 9.45-10.30 **Professor Julian C. Hughes (University of Bristol/ Bristol NHS): 'The Experience of Living with Cognitive Impairment and Dementia in a Care Home: Reflections on Authenticity and Citizenship'**
- 10.30-10.45 COFFEE
- 10.45-11.40 Dementia and the Cultural Imagination
Dr Sarah Falcus (University of Huddersfield): 'Dementia, Generation and Gender in Recent Graphic Memoirs'

Dr Lucy Burke (Manchester Metropolitan University): 'Spectres of Unproductive Life: Ageing, Dementia and Care in the Contemporary Dystopian Imaginary'
- 11.40-11.50 BREAK
- 11.50-12.35 **Professor Jan Baars (University of Humanistic Studies, Utrecht): 'A Good Life in 'Old Age': A Privilege for the Rich?'**
- 12.35-13.30 LUNCH
- 13.30-14.25 Justice, Ethics and Lived Experience in Older Age
Professor Kimberley Brownlee (University of Warwick): 'Who Gets to Be Needed?'

Dr Lone Grøn (VIVE: Danish Centre of Social Science Research) and Dr Rasmus Dyring (Aarhus University): "'The Little One": Relationality, Responsivity and the Good Old Life in Dementia'
- 14.25-14.35 BREAK
- 14.35-15.30 Medical Perspectives on Later Life
Professor Bernt Engelsen (University of Bergen): 'Living a Good Life in Older Age: Neurological Insights related to the Self'

Dr Erik R. Hauge (University of Bergen): 'Sadness, Depression, Suicide in Old Age: A Clinical Perspective'

15.30-15.45 COFFEE

15.45-16.40 Nineteenth-Century Literature and Older Age

Professor Lillian Helle (University of Bergen): 'Senescence at the Russian Fin de Siècle: The Construction of the Good Old Life in the Late Writings of Lev Tolstoy'

Dr Peter Svare Valeur (University of Bergen): 'The Ageing Diarist: Maine de Biran and the Quest for a "Third Life"'

16.40-16.50 BREAK

16.50-17.20 Dr Marlene Goldman (University of Toronto): '*Forgotten*: Narratives of Age-Related Dementia'

17.20-18.15 Drinks reception, Milburn House foyer

Friday 6th July

09.30-11.00 Sleep and the Good Life

Professor Inger Hilde Nordhus (University of Bergen): 'Living a Good Life in Older Age: What's Sleep Got to Do with It?'

Professor George Rousseau (University of Oxford): '*Light Sleep*: A Memoir'

11.00-11.15 COFFEE

11.15-12.00 **Dr Margaret Morganroth Gullette (Brandeis University): 'Senexa, Crone-Goddess of Age Studies: Getting Inside the Longevity Archive'**

12.00-12.10 BREAK

12.10-13.25 Perspectives in Contemporary Fiction

Dr Margery Vibe Skagen (University of Bergen): 'Historicizing the Ageing Self: The Method of Annie Ernaux'

Solveig Helene Lygren (University of Bergen): 'The Representation of Ageing as a Means of Social Criticism: Human Decline as an Image of Cultural Decline in Michel Houellebecq's Novels'

Emily Timms (University of Leeds): '"We Wouldn't be a People': Postcolonial Representations of Elders and Intergenerational Wellbeing in Māori Fiction and Television'

13.25-14.15 LUNCH

14.15-15.10 The Experience of Ageing in the Work of Marcel Proust

Gunn Inger Sture (University of Bergen), 'Metaphors of Ageing in Proust: "Le Bal de Têtes"'

Professor Mireille Naturel (Université Sorbonne – Paris 3): 'Proust's "Bal de Têtes": A Festive Representation of Ageing'

15.10-15.25 COFFEE

15.25-16.20 Contingency and Identity in Older Age

Dr Liz Barry (University of Warwick): 'The Moment of Truth: Marcel Proust, Roland Barthes and the Contingency of Ageing'

Dr Rina Kim (University of Auckland): "'Another Heavenly Day": Evocative Objects and the Embodied Self in Older Ages in Samuel Beckett's *Happy Days*'

16.20-16.30 BREAK

16.30-17.30 Research, Policy and Practice Forum

Dr Kellie Payne (*Campaign to End Loneliness*): TBA

Dr Joanna Preston (St George's Hospital, London): TBA