

# Frailty, Illness & Health in Deep Old Age: Perspectives from Medical Sociology and Social Gerontology

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**9:00 – 9:45 Registration, tea and coffee available**

**9:45 Welcome and introduction to the conference**

**10:00 – 11:10 Panel one: Living with frailty**

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Chair: Paul Higgs

- Resilience: a 'cure' for or a 'response' to frailty in old age? (Alastair Comery)
- Ageing overnight? The impact of onset of health loss on subjective age (Bram Vanhoutte and Thibault Kohler)
- Health behaviours and healthcare access among people in deep old age in China (Marius Wamsiedel)

**11:20 – 12:30 Panel two: Cognitive frailty and dementia**

Chair: Chao Fang

- Cognitive frailty: A critical distinction? (Chris Gilleard)
- Ethics in dementia frailty in Gabriel Garcia Marquez's posthumous work (Ieva Stončikaitė and Katharina Fürholzer)
- Navigating dementia care in China: demographic changes, cultural norms, and family planning policy

(Yu Song, Qiuling Chao, Lingyi Feng and John Moraros)

**12:30 – 13:30 Lunch**

**13:30 – 14:20 Panel three: Revisioning frailty**

Chair: Susan Pickard

- A Philosophy of Frailty: What Feminist Pessimism Can Bring to Age Studies (Sophia Millman)
- Thinking about frailty from a posthuman intersectional perspective - what's the difference and why might this be helpful? (Victoria Cluley)
- Radical life extension: exploring health, illness, and mental ageing in deep old age (Liam Shore)

**14:45 – 15:30 Panel four: Representing frailty**

Chair: Anthea Innes

- Frailty in the shadows: how US policies on ageing and technology depict deep old age (Anne Barrett, Brianna Soulie and, Hope Mimbs)
- How media represents frailty in Chinese-speaking older adults: media content analysis (Zheng Feei Ma)

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee**

**16:00 – 17:10 Panel five: Interventions in frailty**

Chair: Victoria Cluley

- Pre-school children as activators of creative health and wellbeing outcomes for fourth age adults in an integrated intergenerational care village setting (Sue Egersdorff)
- Co-production and older people's experience of frailty - a Canadian example (Anthea Innes, Constance Dupuis, and Yvonne le blanc)
- A **Post-Acute Care** Intervention for **Frailty** using **Information and Communication** technology (PACIFIC): Leveraging today's health technology to co-design a complex community-based frailty intervention for older post-acute care patients (Lauren Griffith and Jasdeep Dhillon)

**17:10 – 17:20 Concluding remarks**

**17:30 Drinks reception**