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Migration, Care & Intersecting Inequalities

Interdisciplinary Symposium

Tuesday 4th June 2024 | 10 am - 5 pm |

Henley Business School,

Whiteknights campus, University of Reading, UK

This interdisciplinary symposium aims to explore the relationship between migration, care and intersecting inequalities within the post-pandemic geopolitical landscape of immobility regimes, crisis-driven displacement, care deficits and ageing populations. The symposium will reflect on how paid and unpaid caring arrangements are shaped by intersecting inequalities in diverse migration and transnational contexts. Plenaries and papers address caring practices across the lifecourse, intersectionality and inequalities in access to formal care and social protection globally. These highly politicised and emotive issues pose key challenges and dilemmas for policymakers, practitioners and family members, as well as researchers and academics interested in transnational migration, care and social protection

The Symposium forms part of the dissemination activities of the research project, *Care, Inequality and Wellbeing in Transnational Families in Europe: a comparative, intergenerational study in Spain, France, Sweden and UK* (2021-2024), led by Professor Ruth Evans, University of Reading and Dr. Rosa Mas Giralt, University of Leeds, UK. It is funded by the UK Research and Innovation - Economic and Social Research Council and Joint Programming Initiative 'More Years Better Lives' (UKRI ESRC, Agencia Estatal de Investigación, Spain, Agence Nationale de la Recherche, France and FORTE, Sweden).











Symposium Programme

Time	Activity
9.30-10.00	Arrival, registration, tea & coffee, Foyer, Henley Business School, Whiteknights
10.00-10.15	Welcome & introduction. Ruth Evans (University of Reading) and Rosa Mas Giralt (University of Leeds) G.11 Lecture Theatre
10.15-11.30	Keynote: Transnational ageing: Theorising digital kinning and the relationality of care. Professor Loretta Baldassar, Edith Cowan University, Western Australia. Chair: Rosa Mas Giralt, Introducer: Brigitte Suter (hybrid) G.11 Lecture Theatre
11.30-11.45	Tea and Coffee break in foyer and seminar rooms
11.45-1.15	Parallel session 1: 1a) Intergenerational care at a distance in transnational families: G.03. Chair: Laura Oso
	 Strategies of (in)mobility in transnational families: Patrimonial care between Cuba and Spain. Authors: Alba Vázquez López, Universidade da Coruña and Laura Oso Casas, CISPAC, ESOMI, Universidade da Coruña
	 Between Family, Politics and Economy: adult migrants in Sweden maintaining long-distance care with their stay-behind parents. Author: Lyudmyla Corney, Lund University
	 Moving as Caring: Ghanaian and Afro-Suriantinamese Migrant Men's Experiences of Caring for Aging Parents in Ghana and Suriname. Author: Amisah Bakuri, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
	1b) Methodological and ethical approaches to researching caring relations, migrant/transnational families lives and inequalities: 201, second floor. Chair: Katarina Mozetič
	 Caring in Participatory Migration Research: Reflections from academic and applied researchers. Authors: Domiziana Turcatti, Sophie Kitson, Katharine Stockland, and Jasmin Rostron, National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR)
	 Valuing the 'time-space' of marginalised populations: methodological reflections. Authors: Caitlin Bawn, Kings College London, Sophie Bowlby, University of Reading, Toslima Khatun, Dilesh Shah, Linda McKie, Kings College London
	 An intergenerational perspective on caring practices in transnational families from the Global South in Marseille through diverse qualitative approaches. Author: Polina Palash, Aix-Marseille University, CNRS, TELEMMe, France.
	1c) Children's and young people's caring responsibilities in diverse migration contexts: G.04. Chair: Ruth Evans
	 Exploring transnational childhood and care practices. Author: Kanwal Mand, University of Birmingham
	 Exploring the interconnectedness of young informal vendors' lives and livelihoods in Arusha and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Author: Nathan Salvidge, Geography & Environmental Science, University of Reading
	 Domestic workers or tourists? The au pair program among traditional domestic work in France. Author: Emily Egan, Université Gustave Eiffel, Laboratoire Analyse Comparée des Pouvoirs
13.15-14:00	Lunch (Foyer)

14.00-15.30

Plenary: Intergenerational Care, Inequalities and Wellbeing among Transnational Families in Europe. Presentation of key findings and short film of the 'Transnational Families in Europe research project (Ruth Evans, Rosa Mas Giralt and colleagues). Discussants: Prof. Eleonore Kofman, Jack Liuta, Marieke Widmann and Andy McGowan. Chair: Sally Lloyd-Evans (hybrid) G.11 Lecture Theatre

15.30-15.45

Tea and coffee break in foyer and seminar rooms

15.45-16.45

Parallel session 2:

2a) Paid and unpaid care and intersecting social inequalities: G.03 Chair: Tony Capstick/ Ruth Evans

- Care as a mirror of intersecting inequalities in transnational families: the case of Moroccan and Colombian families in Spain. Authors: Laura Oso, CISPAC, ESOMI, and Andrea Souto, ESOMI, Universidade da Coruña, Spain
- Care, inequality, and intergenerational migration: Cultural insights on care and migration in Nepal. Author: Amrita Limbu, School of Law, University of Leeds
- Exploring the Quality of Life of Filipino Migrant Workers in Hungary: Barriers to Healthcare Access and Impacts of Migration on Well-being. Author: Climson Balangue, University of Debrecen Faculty of Health Sciences

2b)(Im-)mobility and care regimes and differential welfare entitlements and rights: G.04. Chair: Rosa Mas Giralt

- Locked out of the welfare safety net: vulnerable adults with care and support needs impacted by the UK's No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) immigration policy. Author: Lucy Leon, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford, UK
- Postcolonial governmentality as an avenue for conceptual improvement in research on migrant/transnational family lives. Author: Brightman Makoni, School of Geography, Politics & Sociology, Newcastle University, UK
- Home care workers' cooperatives: building self-organized responses to the crisis of care. Author: Antía Eijo Mejuto, Equipo de Investigación Sociedades en Movemento (ESOMI), Universidade da Coruña (A Coruña, Spain)

2c) Intergenerational dynamics of care and institutional contexts in transnational and migrant families: 201, second floor. Chair: Brigitte Suter

- Intergenerational cooperation, institutional barriers, and care practices in ruralto-urban migrant families in southern China Author: Yingzi Shen, University of Sheffield
- "Just Drink Water": Encounters Between Transnational Migrants and the Swedish Healthcare System – Perpetual "Irritation" and Repercussions for Trust. Authors: Ingrid Jerve Ramsøy, Center for Care Research, West; Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Katarina Mozetič, Malmö University & German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM) and Brigitte Suter, Malmö University.

16.45-17.00

Closing remarks: Rosa Mas Giralt, Laura Oso, Polina Palash, Brigitte Suter, Katarina Mozetič, Tony Capstick. **G.11 Lecture Theatre**

19.30

Conference dinner for those who wish to attend at own expense: Bills Reading Restaurant, St Mary's Church House, Chain Street, Reading RG1 2HX: https://bills-website.co.uk/restaurants/reading/.

Keynote Speech

The Symposium's keynote speech will be delivered by Professor Loretta Baldassar from Edith Cowan University in Perth, Western Australia (hybrid)

Title: Transnational ageing: theorising digital kinning and the relationality of care

Abstract

Drawing on ethnographic case studies of older migrant family and support networks, the first part of the paper explores the way today's polymedia environments have created the conditions for synchronous, continuous, multisensory co-presence across distance that challenge the normative and ontological privileging of proximity in care and kinship relationships. In the second part of the paper, I share Raelene Wilding and my concept of 'digital kinning' as a way to theorise the resultant forms of digital aged-care labour. The concept of kinning (Howell 2013) highlights the processes of becoming kin, not on the basis of biological ties, but on the basis of what is done, performed and exchanged. For older people, these digital kinning practices often require facilitation by others, emphasising their social relational, intergenerational and performative character. Although essential to the wellbeing of older adults, distant support networks and the digital kinning practices that sustain them receive little attention from policy makers and aged care health practitioners. It is in the creative and diverse practices at the intersections of mobilities and materialities that we see how technologies can transform the experience of ageing and caregiving in and across place.

About the speaker

Loretta Baldassar is Professor of Anthropology and Sociology, Vice Chancellor's Professorial Research Fellow, and Director of the Social Ageing (SAGE) Futures Lab at Edith Cowan University (ECU) in Perth, Western Australia. Baldassar was recently named Australian Research Field Leader in Migration Studies and in Ethnic and Cultural Studies. She is lead Chief Investigator on a Medical Research Future Fund Dementia and Migrant Communities project; social support stream lead on the National Frailty Kit project, and co-Chief Investigator of the Youth Mobilities project. Her work is widely acknowledged as foundational to the field of Transnational Family Studies, including her most recent book, Transnational Families in Africa (with Marchetti-Mercer & Swartz, 2023). She has also published extensively on ageing across the life course, social care and the role of social support networks to support wellbeing, cultural safety, digital ageing, intergenerational relations, and co-design of social interventions for CaLD communities. Her research team is leading innovation in social care across the life-course, contributing social science perspectives and methodologies to the creative and caring professions. Her work has been devoted to better understanding the impact of migration on families and communities, with a focus on the role of social support networks, intergenerational relations, and the social uses of new technologies.

Plenary session: Intergenerational Care, Inequalities and Wellbeing among Transnational Families in Europe

Abstract

This plenary will present the key findings of the *Care, Inequalities and Wellbeing among Transnational Families in Europe: a comparative, intergenerational study in Spain, France, Sweden and UK* (2021-2024), led by Professor Ruth Evans, University of Reading and Dr. Rosa Mas Giralt, University of Leeds. We explore the dynamics of intergenerational care, with a particular focus on young people's caring responsibilities in transnational families, how caring arrangements were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and how different generations responded to the crisis in terms of im/mobility. We then highlight intersecting inequalities facing transnational family members with caring responsibilities, including language issues and draw out policy and practice implications.

A short film will be shown to highlight the pressures that young people may face when providing care in transnational families. The film was co-produced with families participating in the study and performers from Rank and File Theatre, who have lived experience of forced migration, disability and mental health challenges, using Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed approach.

The presentation will be followed by commentary and reflections by leading academic and policy and practice discussants, including Professor Eleonore Kofman (Middlesex University), Jack Liuta (Migration Yorkshire), Marieke Widmann (The Children's Society) and Andy McGowan (Carers Trust).

About the speakers

Transnational Families in Europe: Care, Inequality and Wellbeing research project team:

Ruth Evans, Professor of Human Geography, University of Reading is the joint Coordinator of the Transnational Families in Europe: Care, Inequality and Wellbeing research project and co-leads the UK team. Ruth's research focuses on family geographies and caring relations, especially young caregiving and care ethics in relation to migration, chronic illness and bereavement. She has 20 years' experience of managing research projects using qualitative and participatory methodologies with vulnerable children and families in East and West Africa and with refugees and other migrants in UK. She also coordinates the University of Sanctuary work at the University of Reading.

Dr. Rosa Mas Giralt is a Visiting Researcher, School of Geography and Deputy Manager BA Professional Studies, Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds. Rosa is the joint Co-ordinator of the Care, Inequality and Wellbeing among Transnational Families in Europe research project and co-leads the UK team. Rosa's research focuses on emotional geographies of migration and family life, including children and young people of migrant descent, and critical analysis of migration policies and onward migration. She has over 10 years' research experience with Latin American families and migrants with EU citizenship in UK and expertise in family-centred approaches. She is also a member of Leeds Migration Research Network (LMRN).

<u>Dr. Sally Lloyd-Evans</u> is an Associate Professor in Human Geography, University of Reading. Sally is a community development geographer, co-founder of an award-winning PAR network (Whitley Researchers) and is the University's inaugural Public Engagement with Community Research Fellow.

<u>Dr. Tony Capstick</u> is an Associate Professor in Language and Migration and member of Centre for Literacy and Multilingualism, University of Reading. He is a co-investigator on the Care, Inequality and Wellbeing among Transnational Families in Europe research project. Tony's doctorate investigated transnational migration between Pakistan and the UK and he has designed British Council education projects in Pakistan and a policy framework for language education for refugees and migrants, Middle East & North Africa region.

Laura Oso, Professor of Sociology, University of A Coruña leads the Spain team of the Care, Inequality and Wellbeing among Transnational Families in Europe research project. Laura coordinates ESOMI (Societies in Motion Research Team). Her research focuses on gender, migration and transnational families, including intergenerationality. She is mostly a qualitative researcher, having applied biographical and multi-situated methods to the study of social mobility strategies of transnational families.

Virginie Baby-Collin, is a Professor of Geography, School of Education, Aix-Marseille University and leads the France team of the Care, Inequality and Wellbeing among Transnational Families in Europe research project. She is a researcher at TELEMME research Unit, Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l'Homme in Aix en Provence and member of the Institut Universitaire de France. Her research focuses on urban geography and migration studies, with a focus on transnational families, young migrant and education issues, spatial practices and marginality in urban settlements.

<u>Dr. Polina Palash</u>, is a postdoctoral researcher, TELEMME, Aix-Marseille University and co-investigator on the Care, Inequality and Wellbeing among Transnational Families in Europe research project. Polina's research interests include social protection, social inclusion, transnational families, dual citizenship. Her PhD focused on transnational social protection, onward migration, lifecourse perspective and multi-sited ethnography across several countries.

<u>Dr. Brigitte Suter</u> is an Associate Professor in International Migration and Ethnic Relations (IMER) at the Department of Global Political Studies at Malmö University and leads the Sweden team on the Care, Inequality and Wellbeing among Transnational Families in Europe research project. She is also affiliated with the Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM). Her research interests include (im)mobility, social networks, the transformative potential of migration, ethnography, critical perspectives on integration, European emigration and the role of norms and values in migration.

<u>Dr. Katarina Mozetič</u> is a postdoctoral researcher on the Care, Inequality and Wellbeing among Transnational Families in Europe research project. She received a PhD in Sociology from the University of Oslo, Norway. In her doctoral research, she juxtaposed highly educated refugees' perceptions of labour market participation in Oslo, Malmö, and Munich. Currently, she works as a lecturer in International Migration and Ethnic Relations at Malmö University. Moreover, she is a Research Associate at the German Center for Integration and Migration Research where she works on a research project about support and settlement of Ukrainian refugees in Germany.

Discussants for Plenary session:

Eleanore Kofman is Professor of Gender, Migration and Citizenship at the University of Middlesex. She is co-Director of the *Migration and Displacement* stream of the UKRI *GCRF Hub - Gender, Justice and Security* (2019-2024). She is also co-editor of the journal *Work, Employment and Security* and an Executive Board (and Board of Directors) member of *International Migration, Social Cohesion and Integration,* the largest European network of migration and integration scholars. She has over 30 years' of experience publishing research on family migration, skilled migrations and care and social reproduction.

Jack Liuta is a community researcher with Migration Yorkshire. He is originally from the Congo, where he was practicing as a lawyer, and has lived experience of navigating the UK's asylum system. He has collaborated as a peer and community researcher with the IPPR and Leeds Beckett University on research projects focusing on migrants' integration in the Yorkshire and Humber Region. He co-authored the toolkit: 'Building the foundations for social connections in Yorkshire and the Humber '(2022) and the research report: 'Making strides: Refugees' employment trajectories in Yorkshire and the Humber '(2023), as part of collaborative research between Migration Yorkshire and the IPPR. Jack is also in the final stages of completing his PhD at the University of York. He is investigating new avenues for humanitarian assistance to women from communities that have experienced sexual violence as a weapon of war in Africa, with a particular focus on the eastern DRC.

Marieke Widmann is a Policy and Practice Adviser sitting across the Risk & Vulnerability and Poverty & Inequality teams at The Children's Society, a leading national charity committed to improving the lives of thousands of children and young people every year. She leads the organisation's advocacy work on migration issues and supports the youth campaigners of the Youth-led Commission for Separated Children. Her work focuses on the heightened risks to children posed by recent legislation and children and families' access to resources and their rights – with a specific focus on refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant young people.

Andy McGowan is the Policy and Practice Manager at Carers Trust and leads on their UK policy activity relating to young carers and young adult carers. He has over 20 years' experience of raising awareness and seeking to improve identification and support for young carers and young adult carers on a local, national and international level. In 2022, Andy founded the Young Carers Alliance, a growing network of over 200 organisations and 600 individuals, all looking to improve support for young carers and young adult carers.

Dear Delegate,

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Henley Business School, Whiteknights Campus

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Accommodation options

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https://sites.reading.ac.uk/sustainability/travel/walking-to-the-university/

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