

## Call for Abstracts

### International Symposium “Organizing Aging Transnationally and its Social Implications”

March 12-13, 2015

Institute of Education, University of Mainz (Germany)

Transnational aging is growing in relevance. It is especially triggered by two transformations which have occurred during the past decades: the increasing economic, technological and health-related possibilities for older people on the one hand; and the changed needs for nursing and care in old age due to demographic changes and longer lifetimes, on the other hand. Both developments lead to an increasing transnational entanglement of old people’s lifeworlds as well as to the change or emergence of social services and organizations which support and facilitate transnational aging or aim to find solutions to specific problems of old age in industrialized countries beyond national borders (e.g. old age care).

The international symposium “Organizing Aging Transnationally and its Social Implications” seeks to address these developments by focussing on how transnational aging is organized and produced at the level of everyday lifeworlds as well as of social services and organizations. It specifically asks about its social implications.

The following questions are at the center of the conference:

- Which social orders are produced and reproduced in transnational everyday practices and in transnational organizations for the elderly? What conceptions of aging and old age do emerge? What living conditions do arise?
- Which old people “profit” from these developments and which ones do not? Who has the freedom and who faces the necessity to engage in aging beyond national borders? What possible “new inequalities” of aging and old age can be observed?
- To what extent does the transnational organizing of old age become a business? What markets do emerge? What commodification does appear in elderly care when the field is shifted to transnational spaces and is not financed by social security systems (anymore)?
- How can the social and political interconnections between countries be described when aging and old age are organised transnationally? What does it mean, for example, when old age care or old age retirement migration often move towards low wage countries?

Participants will be selected based on abstracts, which should not exceed 300 words and must be submitted via email by **Nov. 25, 2014** to the following email address: **c.schweppe@uni-mainz.de**.

**Location and date:** The workshop will take place at the Institute of Education, University of Mainz, Germany, March 12-13, 2014.

**Organization:** The symposium is organized by the International Research Cluster Transnational Social Support (TRANSSOS) - Working Group “Transnational Aging”.