



WORKSHOP “THE CHALLENGE OF GENDER”

2 - 3 JULY 2026

PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

2 July (Thursday): Burkardushaus, Würzburg

08.30 Get-together

09.00 Welcome Address: Jörg Gengnagel and Karin Steiner

Rethinking Age and Ageing in Transcultural Contexts Part 1

Chair: Janaki Nair

09.15 Christina von Hodenberg (online)

Single Women in Old Age: Their Impact on West Germany's Gender Regime, 1950–1990

09.45 Uma Chakravarti (online)

Cross Continental Conversations: Alice Thorner, Gerda Lerner and Gabriel Dietrich

10.15 Mary E. John

Age and Ageing: South/North Feminist Perspectives

10.45 Anne Kluger

Being old in Modern Times – On Gender Aspects in Autobiographical Writings of Elderly People in Germany and Austria around 1900

11.15 Coffee/Tea

Chair: Jana Tschurennev

11.30 Sabah Siddiqui

The Psychodynamics of Ageing in India: A Gendered Perspective on Caregiving

12.00 Elisabeth Schömbucher

“After my Death, Who Is there to Cry?” Old Age and Death in the Trans Community

12.30 Valerie Keller

Gendered Emotions in Old Age: How Socialized Emotions Influence the Way Dementia is Experienced

13.00 Lunch

Chair: Jana Tschurennev

14.00 Deepita Chakravarty

Ageing, Widowhood and Property Rights in Bengal

14.30 Coffee

14.45 Poorva Rajaram (online)

Masculinity, and “Good Ageing” in Colonial Insurance Policy

15.15 Suresh Babu

Labour after Loss: Widowhood, Welfare, and Gendered Ageing in Tamil Nadu

Evening Programme

18.00 Conversation by Verena Lueken, author of “Alte Frauen”, and Mary E. John

19.30 Reception

3 July (Friday): Burkardushaus, Würzburg

Gendernorms in International Relations

Chair: Ummu Salma Bava

09.00 Ummu Salma Bava and Philipp Gieg

Introduction: Contestation of Global Gender Norms in and through Foreign Policy

09.15 Julia Roth

Global Contestations of Gender Rights

10.00 Hanna Muehlenhoff

Gender Justice in EU External Relations after the EU’s Geopolitical Turn

10.45 Coffee

11.00 Philipp Gieg

India’s Contestation of Global Gender Norms

11.40 Shubha Chacko (online)

Another BRICS in the Wall: Gender, Power, and the Limits of a Multipolar Promise

12.15 Concluding Discussion

12.30 Lunch

Rethinking Age and Ageing in Transcultural Contexts Part II

Chair: Jana Tschurenev

13.30 Roland Altenburger

Old Age and Ageing in Late Imperial China: Research Perspectives in an Emerging Field

14.00 Barbara Lotz

From Marginalization to Agency: Ageing, Family Dynamics, and Historical Memory in Hindi Fiction

14.30 Coffee

14.45 Jörg Gengnagel

"I Have Never Heard a Cave Speak." Aspects of Ageing, Life Cycles and Seniority Based on Sanskrit Anthologies (subhāṣitas)

15.15 Concluding Discussion Janaki Nair, Jana Tschurenev, Ummu Salma Bava

15.45 Coffee

16.15 Internal Meeting of the ICAS-Thematic Consolidation Group "The Challenge of Gender"

18:30 Dinner Ratskeller