



Life Course Theory and Disability in West African Societies

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TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS	MODERATION
10:00	Welcome Address	<p>Prof. Dr Volker Wulf, University of Siegen</p> <p>Prof. Dr Florian Heesch, Vice Dean for International Affairs, Research and Young Academics, Faculty II, University of Siegen</p> <p>Prof. Dr George Owusu, Dean of the School of Social Sciences, University of Ghana</p>	Prof. Dr Johannes Schädler
10:15	The LICOT-WASO Programme – A brief overview	Dr Efua Mantey Agyire-Tettey & Lars Wissenbach , LICOT-WASO Coordinators	
10:30	Keynotes		
10:30	Keynote 1: African Philosophy of Difference and Disability	Dr Elvis Imafidon School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK	
11:15	Discussants	<p>Prof. Dr Charlotte Wrigley-Asante University of Ghana</p> <p>Prof. Dr Jan Siska Charles University Prague, Czech Republic</p>	
11:30	COFFEE		
11:45	Keynote 2: Disability and the Life Course	Prof. Dr Yirgashewa Bekele Abdi Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia	
12:30	Discussants	<p>Prof. Dr Ana Serano University of Minho, Portugal)</p> <p>Dr Fabrizio Fea Associazione Scuola Viva Onlus, Italy</p>	
12:45	LUNCH		
13:30	<p>Life Course Perspectives on Disability in West-African Societies Presentations of LICOT-WASO researchers and discussion in parallel panels.</p> <p>Panel A: Intersectionality and social roles (Facilitation: Dr Uta Fenske, Siegen tbc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INPUT 1: Gender and Sexuality over the life course of persons with disabilities – a study of women with physical disabilities in Ghana (Esther Kalua Atujona, Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana) INPUT 2: Migrants with Disability in Ghana and Sierra Leone (Anna Boakyewah Bentil, Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana) INPUT 3: Persons with Disabilities and Leadership: Exploring Notions, Norms, Customs and Practices of Selected Cases in Ghana (James Kwabena Bomfeh, Department of Integrated Development Studies, University of Cape Coast) 	Prof. Dr George Owusu	

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	<p>Panel B: Culture & Representation (Facilitation: Prof. Dr Florian Heesch, Siegen tbc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INPUT 1: Disability culture in Ghana: The position of persons with physical disabilities within families, communities and the nation (Nora Mintah Darko, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana) INPUT 2: Representing Disability Challenges, Rights and Privileges Through Art, Proverbs, Symbols and Posters in Domestic and Public Spaces (Ayine Akolgo, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana) INPUT 3: Speaking the Unspoken: Changing Socio-Cultural Perspectives of Disability in Ghana through the Literary Arts (Kofi Amankwah Asihene, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana) <p>Panel C: Infrastructure & Accessibility (Facilitation: Dr Paul Kwaku Anderson, Siegen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INPUT 1: Practice in Transition: Analysis of Emerging Learning Technologies on Students with Disability (Esmerlinda Korkor Ofoe, Department of Adult Education and Human Resource Studies, University of Ghana) INPUT 2: Accessibility and use of Public Transport Services by Persons with Disabilities (Dominic Edem Hotor, Department of Geography and Resource Development, University of Ghana) 	
15:00	COFFEE	
15:15	Keynotes	
15:15	Keynote 3: Disability and social welfare across the life course in Ghana – Current debates	Dr Saka Ebenezer Manful University of Ghana
15:45	Keynote 4: Gender aspects in personal development of people with disabilities in West Africa	Dr Efua Esaaba Mantey Agyire-Tettey University of Ghana
16:15	Short Break	
16:30	Fishbowl Discussion: Life Course Theory - A framework for studying disability in West African Societies?	Opening statements by: Dr Elvis Imafidon SOAS University of London Prof. Dr Yirgashewa Bekele Abdi Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia Dr Deborah Atobrah CEGENSA, University of Ghana Prof. Dr Ana Serano, University of Minho, Portugal Dr Fabrizio Fea, Associazione Scuola Viva Onlus, Italy
17:15	Closing remarks	Prof. Dr Johannes Schädler