



# Life Course Theory and Disability in West African Societies

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TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS	MODERATION
10:00	Welcome Address	<p><b>Prof. Dr Volker Wulf</b>, Vice Rector, University of Siegen</p> <p><b>Prof. Dr Florian Heesch</b>, Vice Dean for International Affairs, Research and Young Academics, Faculty II, University of Siegen</p> <p><b>Prof. Dr George Owusu</b>, Dean of the School of Social Sciences, University of Ghana</p> <p><b>Heike Dongowski</b>, State Chancellery of North Rhine-Westphalia</p>	Prof. Dr Johannes Schädler
10:20	The LICOT-WASO Programme – A brief overview	<p><b>Lars Wissenbach</b> LICOT-WASO Coordinator, University of Siegen</p>	
10:30	Keynotes		
10:30	Keynote 1: African Philosophy of Difference and Disability	<p><b>Dr Elvis Imafidon</b> School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK</p>	
11:15	Discussants	<p><b>Prof. Dr Charlotte Wrigley-Asante</b> University of Ghana</p> <p><b>Dr Anja Osei</b> University of Konstanz, Germany</p>	
11:30	COFFEE		
11:45	Keynote 2: Disability and the Life Course	<p><b>Prof. Dr Yirgashewa Bekele Abdi</b> Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia</p>	
12:30	Discussants	<p><b>Prof. Dr Ana Serano</b> University of Minho, Portugal</p> <p><b>Dr Fabrizio Fea</b> Associazione Scuola Viva Onlus, Italy</p>	
12:45	LUNCH		
13:30	<p><b>Life Course Perspectives on Disability in West-African Societies</b> Presentations of LICOT-WASO researchers and discussion in parallel panels.</p> <p><b>Panel A: Intersectionality and social roles</b> (Facilitation: <b>Carola Ossenkopp-Wetzig</b>, University of Siegen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> <li>INPUT 2: Migrants with Disability in Ghana and Sierra Leone (Anna Boakyewah Bentil, Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana)</li> <li>INPUT 3: Persons with Disabilities and Leadership: Exploring Notions, Norms, Customs and Practices of Selected Cases in Ghana (James</li> </ul>	Prof. Dr George Owusu	



	<p>Kwabena Bomfeh, Department of Integrated Development Studies, University of Cape Coast)</p> <p><b>Panel B: Culture &amp; Representation</b> <b>(Facilitation: Dr Anne Röhl, University of Siegen)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• 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)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel C: Infrastructure &amp; Accessibility</b> <b>(Facilitation: Dr Paul Kwaku Anderson, University of Siegen)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• 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)</li> </ul>		
<b>15:15</b>	<b>COFFEE</b>		
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15:30	<p>Keynote 3: <b>Disability and social welfare across the life course in Ghana – Current debates</b></p>	<p><b>Dr Saka Ebenezer Manful</b> University of Ghana</p>	
16:00	<p>Keynote 4: <b>Gender aspects in personal development of people with disabilities in West Africa</b></p>	<p><b>Dr Efua Esaaba Mantey Agyire-Tettey</b> University of Ghana</p>	
<b>16:30</b>	<b>Short Break</b>		
<b>16:40</b>	<p>Fishbowl Discussion: <b>Life Course Theory – A framework for studying disability in West African Societies?</b></p>	<p>Opening statements by:</p> <p><b>Dr Elvis Imafidon</b> SOAS University of London</p> <p><b>Dr Deborah Atobrah</b> CEGENSA, University of Ghana</p> <p><b>Dr Fabrizio Fea</b> Associazione Scuola Viva Onlus, Italy</p>	
<b>17:20</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>	Prof. Dr Johannes Schädler	
<b>17:30</b>	End of conference		