

# Life Course Theory and Disability in West African Societies

LICOT-WASO Conference 2023

28/29 June – University of Ghana, Legon Campus

## DAY 1 – 28 June 2023

08:00	Registration	
09:00	Welcome Address	VC, University of Ghana (tbc.)
9:10	Partners Address	Prof. Dr Johannes Schaedler University of Siegen
09:15	A Brief Overview of the LICOT-WASO Programme	Dr Efua Mantey Agyire-Tettey LICOT-WASO Coordinator Ghana
09:30	Introduction of Chairpersons	Prof. Charlotte Wrigley Asante
09:35	Chairperson's Remarks	Provost, College of Humanities University of Ghana
<b>Keynotes</b>		
09:50	Keynote 1: Opening up the Way to a Life Course: Rethinking Personhood in an African Place	Dr Elvis Imafidon School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK
10:20	Questions & Answers	Moderator: Lars Wissenbach, University of Siegen
10:30	SNACK BREAK	
10:55	Keynote 2: Ramping Up Services for Persons with Disabilities in Ghana: The role of research, policy and practice	Huib Cornielje Director, ENABLEMENT Editor in Chief Disability, CBR and Inclusive Development Journal (DCID)
11:20	Questions & Answers	Moderator: Dr Abena Ampomah University of Ghana
11.30	Championing & Advancing Disability Policy to Enhance Service Delivery and the Wellbeing of PWDs in Ghana	N.N., Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP)

11.50 Chairman's Closing Remarks

12:05 Group Photograph

**Life Course Perspectives on Disability in West-African Societies**  
**Presentations of LICOT-WASO researchers and discussions**

13:10	Panel A: Intersectionality and social roles	Facilitation: Lars Wissenbach, University of Siegen
	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
	Migrants with Disability in Ghana and Sierra Leone	Anna Boakyewah Bentil Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana
	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
	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
14:40	Reflection & Summary Remarks	Dr Paul Anderson University of Siegen
14:55	Closing Remarks – DAY 1	Prof. Dr Johannes Schädler University of Siegen

**DAY 2 – 29 June 2023**

08:00 Registration

09:00 Welcome Address  
Prof. George Owusu / Prof. Charles Ackah, University of Ghana

**Keynotes**

09:15	Keynote 3: The role of Gender and Transitions for Persons with Disabilities in West Africa.	Sarah N'Gaiwa Director, Albinism Royal Foundation, Sierra Leone
09:45	Questions & Answers	Moderator: Dr Daniella Delali Sedegah University of Environment and Sustainable Development

09:55	Keynote 4: Providing Social Welfare Services to meet the welfare needs of Persons with Disabilities in Challenging times in Ghana	Dr Ebenezer Saka-Manful University of Ghana
10:20	Questions & Answers	Moderator: Prof. Kwabena Frimpong-Manso University of Ghana
10:30	COFFEE / TEA	
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11:00	Panel B: Culture & Representation	Facilitation: Dr Deborah Atoborah (tbc.) University of Ghana
	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
	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
11:45	Panel C: Infrastructure & Accessibility	Facilitation: Alex Bankole Williams University of Ghana
	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
	Accessibility and use of Public Transport Services by Persons with Disabilities	Dominic Edem Hotor Department of Geography and Resource Development, University of Ghana
13:30	Reflections & Summary Remarks	Dr Efua Mantey Agyire-Tettey University of Ghana
13:45	Closing Remarks and Way Forward	Prof. Dr Johannes Schädler University o Siegen

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