



## ***Population Ageing and Liveable Environments of Older Persons***

**Preconference workshop, IAGG World Congress, San Francisco  
Sunday, July 23, 2017 from 08:30-16:30**

The Master Class is offered by the Global Social Initiative on Ageing (GSIA), a core activity of the IAGG, the mission of which is to build capacity and create knowledge on international issues arising from population ageing. The GSIA supports the IAGG mission of promoting outstanding global research and training toward ensuring the well-being and quality-of-life of older persons.

This Master Class on *Population Ageing and Liveable Environments of Older Persons* is offered as part of a series held in conjunction with IAGG regional and world congresses.

### **Objectives**

Liveability concerns the influence of the social, economic, cultural and environmental contexts in which older people live on quality of life of older persons and agency in shaping their contexts. The objectives of the Master Class on *Population Ageing and the Liveable Environments of Older Persons* are:

1. To build capacity among early career scholars in the GSIA theme LIVEABILITY (one of three key areas of focus for the GSIA), with particular reference to how ageing around the world is influenced by home, community and social policy settings.
2. To support early career scholars in:
  - Preparing high-quality posters/papers for IAGG meetings
  - Building their international professional networks
  - Planning the development of their own academic /research careers
3. To build a sustainable international scholarly network of GSIA scholars who collectively can deliver world-class research in response to the global challenges of population ageing.

### **Master Class Format**

The Master Class will include a series of presentations by senior international scholars who will address contemporary issues related to the theme of *Liveable Environments of Older Persons*. Participants will have the opportunity to present and receive expert feedback on their own ideas about knowledge, policy and practice gaps related to the theme, and to benefit from one-on-one mentoring with one of the senior international scholars.

To maximize the benefit of early career scholars' participation in the Master Class enrolment is restricted to 20 participants. Participants will be required to apply; successful applicants will be early career scholars with a demonstrated interest in the theme of the master class and the support of their institutional mentors/supervisors.

### **Eligibility**

- Doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and early career researchers (within 5 years of graduation), with disciplinary training in a social science subject relevant to the master-class theme of *Liveable Environments of Older Persons*
- Participant's current research area must be closely aligned with the master class theme
- Participants must be at a career stage at which they are able to develop a manuscript or research focus on their work related to the master class theme for submission to a peer reviewed journal

- Attempts will be made to ensure that the master class has participants from all five IAGG world regions: Asia/Oceania, Latin America and Caribbean, North America, Africa, and Europe

### **How to apply**

A complete application is comprised of two required parts. Both parts must be received by **Friday, March 31, 2017**.

1. Download and complete the GSIA Master Class application form. Send the completed 3-page form to the master class course coordinator, Ms. Jacquie Eales, at [jeales@ualberta.ca](mailto:jeales@ualberta.ca)
2. Ask your PhD supervisor/examiner, senior academic colleague, or Head of Department, to write a one-page reference letter confirming your suitability for the master-class theme of *Liveable Environments of Older Persons*. **Note:** The reference letter should be sent by your referee directly to the master class course coordinator, Ms. Jacquie Eales at [jeales@ualberta.ca](mailto:jeales@ualberta.ca)

### **Successful applicants**

Successful applicants will be notified by April 10, 2017. Successful applicants will be asked to submit a 1000 word abstract of a planned/potential manuscript related to the master class theme. Further information on this requirement will be sent to successful applicants.