



Conference Programme

'The Politics of Old Age: Old People and Ageing in British and European History (Middle Ages to the Present)'

Via Zoom

7–8 May 2021

Conveners

Frédérique Lachaud, Sorbonne Université Lettres

Wencke Meteling, Universität Marburg/German Association for British Studies

Jenny Pleinen, German Historical Institute London

Friday 7 May 2021

15:00–15:15 Welcome & Opening Remarks

15:15–16:15 Keynote Lecture with Q&A

Patricia Thane, King's College London
'Old age and the intergenerational debate'

Pause

16:30–18:00

Session I:

Amelia Jennie Kennedy, Yale University
'Time to work or time to retire? Changing attitudes toward older Cistercian abbots in the 13th century'

Elisa Mantienne, Université de Lorraine
'Elderly abbots in English benedictine monasteries in the 14th and 15th centuries'

Benedikt Brunner, Leibniz-Institute for European History
'Dying in good company: Social and cultural norms regarding old people in British and German funeral sermons of the 17th and early 18th century'

Saturday 8 May 2021

15:00 – 16:00

Session II:

Christian Neumann, German Historical Institute Rome
'Old Age and the Republic of Venice'

Nataša Henig Mišičič, Institute of Contemporary history, Ljubljana
'Carnolian savings bank and the politics of Old Age in the late 19th and early 20th centuries'

Pause

16:15-17:15

Session III:

Alissa Klots, University of Pittsburgh
'Soviet retirees as a political community'

Benjamin Glöckler, Universität Freiburg
'Images of ageing in divided Germany during the late 1960s and 1970s. Comparing two magazines of East and West German welfare organizations'