

Global Ageing and Health

Prof Maria Evandrou

Director, Centre for Research on Ageing

Email: maria.evandrou@soton.ac.uk



WORLD POPULATION —— AGEING 2015 ——

901 million

people aged 60 or over in 2015, projected to rise to 1.4 billion in 2030

67%

of older persons currently live in developing countries

6 out 10 women

and 5.2 out of 10 men born during 2000-2005 are expected to live to 80



29.6 years

Is the current median age, will increase to 36.1 years by 2050

48%

of the retirement-age population does not receive a pension

7 workers

per older person globally, will fall to 4.9 in 2030

SOURCE: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2015). World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision.

Research @ Southampton



Research exemplars in UK context

- Determinants of disability (EPSRC funded)
- Pathways into residential & sheltered housing (EPSRC funded)
- Inequalities in health among BME in the UK
- Satisfaction with social care services amongst south Asians (NIHR)
- Dynamics of social care (ESRC)
- Active Ageing Index (AAI) (UNECE)

Research @ Southampton



Research exemplars in global context

- Ageing & resilience in Nairobi slums (ESRC-DFID)
- Impacts of social pensions on multiple dimensions of poverty, subjective wellbeing and solidarity across generations (ESRC-DFID)
- AgeGlobe Network (ESRC-NWO-ICSSR)
- Understanding quality of life and well-being of older people: Case studies of China, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh (with Age International) (ESRC SDAI)
- Global Age Watch Index (GAWI) (with Age International)

Training @ Southampton



Training - equipping policy makers with the skills & knowledge

MSc Gerontology, MSc Global Ageing & Policy
Onsite, blended and online courses
Commonwealth Scholarships for low income countries
Short courses & CPD

PhDs: e.g.

Inequalities in health in later life
Extended working life and social care workforce in UK
Vulnerability in old age in Zimbabwe
Simulation modelling long-term care in China



Global Ageing & Health:

5 Key Points

- Ageing is a global challenge & opportunity
- UoS is a centre of excellence in research on ageing
- Research is informing policy & service design in Southampton, Hampshire & the UK
- We are also working with partners internationally
- We offer research-led PG training: accessible, flexible, onsite, online