Ageing Demographic

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This stream starts from a positive premise that longevity is to be welcomed and explore how trends in lifestyles and emerging innovation may well see such longevity as a clear asset.

Most countries are experiencing an ageing demographic and this even includes developing countries. This has been generally viewed as positive and a consequence of a better life and healthy society. However, it is also now increasingly viewed, especially in public management and public policy literature, as representing a 'problem' or a 'challenge'. Questions are posed about the proportion of 'earning' population, the pressures on social and health care and about intergenerational 'inequality'. Reviewing academic literature using terms such an 'ageing demographics' shows a very heavy skew towards a 'problem based' research agenda (almost as if 'ageing' is an illness or social problem). We seek to challenge this agenda in this panel.

Papers are invited which develop theory and which identify social innovation models emerging internationally to address the myriad opportunities (as well as challenges) posed by significant changes to global ageing demographics; increased opportunities for those beyond retirement age to remain engaged and contributing, re-framing how we think about careers/work and beyond, challenges of health and social care and housing- both in the built environment and through financial public sector constraints, and opportunities for technology to play a role.

Stream papers will have an opportunity to be included in a planned book with a major publisher. We anticipate a possible special journal issue.

Guidelines:

Paper abstracts must be maximum 300 words, excluding references. They should articulate: the research objectives or questions being addressed; the conceptual or theoretical perspectives informing the work; where appropriate, the methodology utilised; and the contribution of the paper to knowledge in light of the conference themes.

Optional full paper submission for consideration in best paper awards is due no later than 31st July 2019.

A maximum of two abstracts may be submitted per presenter (joint papers to be presented by coauthors will also be considered).

All paper abstracts must be submitted to isirc2019@gcu.ac.uk. On abstract submission please ensure you advise the conference stream.

Panel proposals must be maximum 400 words, excluding references. They should include: the panel purpose and its relationship to the nominated conference stream; details of (minimum) three and (maximum) four papers and paper presenters to be included in the panel; and the expected contribution to the panel.

All panel proposals must be submitted to isirc2019@gcu.ac.uk.

Abstract and panel proposals submission: Closes 28th February 2019
Decision on submissions: Notification by 31st March 2019
Full papers submitted for consideration in best paper awards due: 31st July 2019

Enquiries about conference administration and technical issues related to online submission should be directed to the conference administration team at isirc2019@gcu.ac.uk