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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Inequality in Ageing and Health in the Context of Climate Change

11–12 March 2027

Otto-Friedrich-University of Bamberg, Germany

Heatwaves, extreme weather events, and their health consequences do not affect everyone equally: age, socioeconomic status, and social support play a crucial role in determining who is particularly vulnerable. The workshop **Inequality in Ageing and Health in the Context of Climate Change** brings together researchers from environmental sociology, inequality research, the sociology of ageing, and public health to discuss questions of measuring heat exposure, social vulnerability, and resilience, as well as approaches to prevention from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The workshop has three main objectives:

1. To promote networking and exchange across disciplines.
2. To discuss methodological approaches and potential standards for measuring exposure to heat and other climate-change-related factors relevant to health (e.g., particulate matter) at different temporal and regional levels.
3. To evaluate potential contributions of sociology to public services, prevention, and public debates on climate change.

The workshop will take place on **11 and 12 March 2027 at the University of Bamberg** and is open to researchers at all career stages. Coffee breaks and lunch will be provided for all participants as part of the event. Students and early-career researchers are explicitly invited to present their own work in a short presentation or poster session. Travel and accommodation costs must be covered by the participants themselves.

Travel Grants

A limited number of travel grants (up to €200) are available for students and early-career researchers without access to their own travel funds, with priority given to applicants who are currently based in Germany but scholars-at-risk. Please indicate your interest when submitting your abstract. Financial support cannot be guaranteed at this stage. If requests exceed means, financial support will be allocated by degree of need and – all else being equal – in an aleatoric manner.

GLEN Panel Data: Pre-Workshop and Presentation

For those interested, a **pre-workshop** data session on the **GLEN study ("Meet the Data")** will take place on Wednesday, **10 March 2027**, introducing the content, structure, and documentation of the GLEN panel data and offering hands-on exercises to familiarize with the data. Please indicate when registering whether you would also like to attend the pre-workshop. The pre-workshop is also open to interested students and scholars who are not participating in the workshop.

In addition, Dr. Manuela Schmidt will present:

Who Can Protect Themselves? Housing Conditions and Social Inequalities in Heat Protection

Submission

We welcome submissions **in the form of an abstract (max. 500 words)** by **15 December 2026** to

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Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by **23 December 2026**.

We look forward to receiving your contributions and to an engaging interdisciplinary exchange!

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