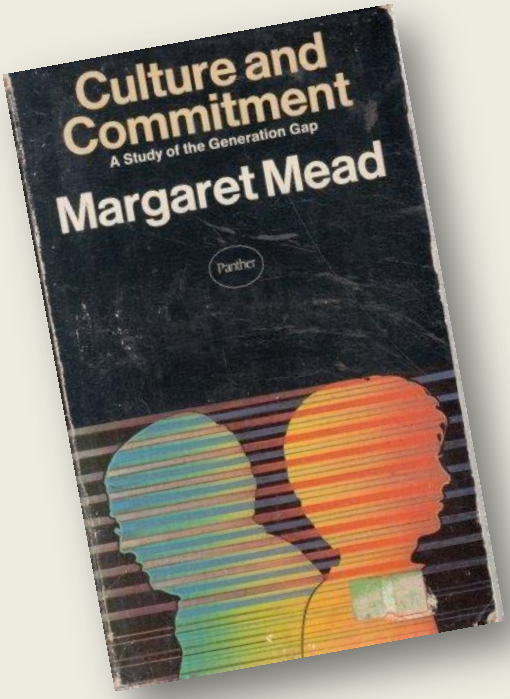
10th Biennial Conference
Association of Anthropology, Gerontology and the Life Course (AAGE)

8-9 June, 2017
Oxford Brookes University
Gipsy Lane Campus,
Oxford, UK
#AAGE2017

Call for Abstracts

This conference will bring together scholars and professionals to work towards identifying current trends in the field of aging and anthropology, developing opportunities to further collaborate and strengthen our specialist network. In addition to academic presentations, there will be workshops and mentoring opportunities directed towards students and early career scholars to help create links with the professional and academic community.



The 2017 conference will also be organized with the cooperation of the Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group of the American Anthropological Association. In order to highlight this collaboration, this year's theme will be "***Culture, Commitment and Care across the Life Course***".

The theme addresses three main aims. First, we will seek to engage themes of the life course more broadly, including childhood, youth, and inter-generational relationships as well as later life. Second, the conference will examine the role of care from birth to death, highlighting the cultural diversity of care practices in light of new technologies, forms of relatedness, politics and economics. Third, we hope to reflect on the continuing relevance of Margaret Mead's landmark lectures on "Culture and Commitment" published in 1970 (pictured). Mead's ecological perspective of inter-generational relations in the context of cultural change still presents questions and challenges for anthropology that can only be taken up through cross-cultural and life-course perspectives. By re-engaging

with Mead in light of the changes to the life course over the last 50 years, this conference will reflect on the significance of her approach and the relevance of life-course studies for reinvigorating anthropology in the coming decades.

We are seeking abstracts for papers, posters, panels, and roundtables, or other creative format (film, drama, interactive piece, etc.) on any aspects of aging and the life course from an anthropological perspective. We are especially interested in submissions that draw connections between generations and between different moments in the life course. Themes may include, but are not limited to

- *Changing patterns of the normative life course*
- *Representations of childhood and old age*
- *Vulnerability and dependence across the life course*
- *Cultural understandings of personhood over time*
- *Reminiscence and memory*
- *Intergenerational transfers and economies of care*
- *Political activity and rights among youth and older adults*
- *Aging youth cultures*
- *Wisdom and intergenerational narrative building*
- *Futurity and hope*
- *Gender and the life course*
- *The value of ethnography in human development*

All submissions should be sent to jdanely@brookes.ac.uk

Please include AAGE2017 in the subject line of your submission, along with your name, title, and affiliation. Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words. Be sure to indicate the type of submission (paper, poster, other) and if it is part of an organized panel. Abstracts will be peer reviewed (student abstracts will be read by fellow students).

Deadline for abstract submissions: **December 15, 2016**

Other important dates

Registration for conference opens November 1, 2016
Notices of acceptance delivered by Feb 1, 2017
Full program available by June 1, 2017

General information

Registration will include full access to the keynote presentations and regular panels and posters, professionalization workshops, mentoring opportunities, coffee and tea service during breaks, and a basic lunch for both days.

Keynote presentations*

Professor Mary Catherine Bateson

Visiting Scholar at the Sloan School of Aging and Work, Boston College, Her books include *With a Daughter's Eye*, *Composing a Life*, and *Composing a Further Life: The Age of Active Wisdom*. She was the Clarence J. Robinson Professor in Anthropology and English at George Mason University and is now Professor Emerita.

**A second keynote presenter will be announced at a later date*

Venue

The 2017 AAGE Conference will be hosted by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at **Oxford Brookes University**, one of the top ranked modern universities in the UK, located in the beautiful and historic city of Oxford, England.

All conference events will take place in the award-winning John Henry Brookes Building (pictured), only minutes from the 'dreaming spires' of the city centre or the East Oxford nightlife of Cowley Road. Buses run frequently from the Oxford railway station, London, and Heathrow or Gatwick airports. More information on transportation and accommodation will be available when the program has been finalized.

As the first AAGE conference to be held outside of North America and also the first to be held in cooperation with the Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group, it is certain to be a very exciting conference not to be missed.

Registration

Professional level:	£100.00 (£75*) in advance, £120 same day
Student, retired, volunteer sector:	£60 (£40*) in advance, £70 same day

**AAGE and ACYIG members receive discounted rates, and no additional cost to pay on site*

Follow the links to on the AAGE website to complete your registration

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