



Call for Papers

Health over the Life Course

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The University of Western Ontario

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The Research Data Centre and the Aging and Health Research Centre of the University of Western Ontario invite researchers from any disciplinary field to present their findings at the Canadian Research Data Centre Network's seventh annual conference on *Health over the life course*.

This theme covers two types of research: (1) *lifecourse analyses of factors affecting health* - studies that follow trajectories, exploring the influence of earlier behaviour or social / community / policy context on subsequent health issues in the lives of individuals, and (2) *analyses of health issues at given developmental stages* – studies that focus on children's developmental issues, or health questions specific to adolescents, the middle aged, the old and the oldest old. The conference is interested in *variations in health over the life course* based on (i) spatial, geographic and regional questions, (ii) socio-economic status including employment, occupation and income, (iii) gender, marital status and family characteristics, or (iv) ethnic/cultural origins, immigration status and cohort.

The conference welcomes papers relating the life course or life stages to the utilization of health services, and health system efficiency and effectiveness. Papers on emerging methods for lifecourse analysis are welcome, as are papers on quantitative methods for studying health over the life course.

Preference is for papers based on RDC data, but other empirical or synthesis papers are welcome. While papers need to meet high disciplinary standards, the presentations will need to be comprehensible to those outside the presenters' discipline. Graduate students are encouraged to submit abstracts, and to take advantage of pre-conference training activities.

Submit abstracts (200-300 words) electronically to Ravanera@uwo.ca by 8 May 2009. Please indicate each author's status (such as professor, researcher, student or civil servant) and institutional affiliation. Authors will be notified about the selection of papers by 1 June 2009, with papers due by 25 September 2009.

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