



## SECONDARY ANALYSIS AND RE-USING ARCHIVED DATA

Seminar on Friday, 12 December 2008, 10.00–4.30 at the

Centre for Policy on Ageing, 19-23 Ironmonger Row, London EC1V 3QP

The Representation of Older People in Ageing Research series Seminar 12

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The re-use of archived data leads to the creation of new knowledge, new frameworks of understanding, added themes and a focus on the implications of time as a process in analysing and contextualising research. This seminar will examine a wide range of archived data sources, both qualitative and quantitative, drawing out implications for researchers interested in age and ageing.

**10.00**      **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

**10.15**      **INTRODUCTION**

Chairs, Joanna Bornat and Julia Johnson, *CABS, The Open University*

**10.30**      **UK DATA ARCHIVE: DIVERSE RESOURCES FOR STUDYING OLDER PEOPLE AND AGEING**

Libby Bishop, *Senior Research Archivist UK Data Archive, University of Essex and Timescapes, University of Leeds*

There is a growing collection of data, especially qualitative, on older people and ageing available at the UK Data Archive. Collections include 'On the Edge of Later Life', a study that investigated the experiences of people in their fifties, and 'Older Men: Their Social Worlds and Healthy Lifestyles', a study that investigated masculinity and ageing, with a focus on men living alone. This presentation will review and explain how to access data, additional resources and user support for those interested in using archived data.

**11.30**      **SECONDARY ANALYSIS OF QUANTITATIVE DATA IN AGEING RESEARCH**

Christina Victor, *Professor of Social Gerontology & Health Services Research, University of Reading*

Quantitative surveys offer the potential to gain new insights into the nature and experience of old age. This paper will discuss the opportunities and challenges of using such datasets with the example of a study of loneliness. It will also examine the potential for re-analysis of data collected outside the UK and the issues that such projects can pose

**12.30**      **OPEN DISCUSSION**

**12.45**      **LUNCH**

**1.45**      **RE-USING DATA TO STUDY THE HISTORY OF AGEING AND OLD AGE**

Pat Thane, *Leverhulme Professor of Contemporary British History, Institute of Historical Research, University of London*

This presentation will discuss the re-use of, mainly, social survey, interview and official data to study what has changed, or not, in the experiences and perceptions of old age and ageing in Britain since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**2.45 REVISITING THE ARCHIVES – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES: A CASE STUDY FROM THE HISTORY OF GERIATRIC MEDICINE**

**Joanna Bornat, Professor of Oral History, Leroi Henry, Research Fellow and Parvati Raghuram, Lecturer, The Open University**

In the early 1990s Margot Jefferys and colleagues conducted oral history interviews with over 50 doctors who pioneered the development of the geriatric specialty. This collection is archived at the British Library Sound Archive. Revisiting it revealed an aspect of the history of the specialty which was not highlighted in the original research: the prominent role of South Asian overseas-trained doctors. A second project, funded by the ESRC, started in October 2007 with the aim of recording the experiences of 20 serving and 40 retired South Asian doctors who have worked in geriatrics in the UK. In this paper we consider the opportunities and challenges, in relation to content and research methods, in revisiting archived qualitative data by comparing the two datasets. Specifically we look at the particular characteristics of the specialty, the significance of time and ethical issues.

**3.45 OPEN DISCUSSION**

**4.15 CLOSING REMARKS**

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