



## Postgraduate Webinar

# Alternative Explanations – Disability Research in the Global South

Friday 6 November 2020

## Programme

- 9.30-9.45 Welcome**  
Dr Charlotte Baker (Lancaster University, UK) and Dr Elvis Imafidon (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK)
- 9.45-10.45 Panel 1: Alternative Explanations for Disability in the Global South**
- Conceptualisations of Mental Health in Malawi: A disability perspective**  
Action Amos (Edinburgh University, UK)
- Co-ordinates of Fortune: One understanding of the role of supernatural forces in visual impairment**  
Joanne Bloch (University of the Western Cape / Wits Institute of Social and Economic Research, South Africa)
- Sociocultural Disability in India with Special Reference to Caste**  
Preethi Lolaksha Nagaveni (Lancaster University, UK)
- Sourd plutôt que mort – Becoming deaf in Benin**  
Carsten Mildner (Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies, Germany)
- 10.45 Comfort break**

**11.00-12.20 Panel 2: Narratives of Disability in the Global South**

**Resistance in the Lives of Disabled Women**

Valérie Grand'Maison (University of Guelph)

**“You guys pass because you are given answers”: Constructions of disability support at a university**

Ndakaitei Manase (University of the Free State, South Africa)

**Ableism and Existential Struggle: Representation of Disability in Selected Igbo Folktales**

Onyeka Odoh (Hong Kong Baptist University)

**The Gaze of the ‘Schizophrenist’: The representation of psychosis as experiential knowledge in Reshma Valliappan’s *fallen, standing***

Swikriti Sanyal (Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India)

**Subjectivity as Disability in Chimamanda Adichie’s *Purple Hibiscus***

Ogochukwu Ukwueze (University of Nigeria, Nsukka)

**12.20 Lunch Break**

**12.45-14.00 Panel 3: New Perspectives on Disability in the Global South**

**Defining ‘Disabled Enough’: Measuring and Classifying the Disabled Body in India**

Kim Fernandes (University of Pennsylvania)

**Does Disability Mean Product of Corporeal, Social or Organisational Disablement in Nigeria, West Africa?**

Bamidele Chika Agbakuribe

**Navigating the Narrows of Mental Health Recovery: An Indian Scenario**

Catherine Elisa John (University of Delhi, India)

**Complicating Global North Disability Models: Disability Experience in Turkey**

Balam Kenter (Concordia University, Montréal, Canada)

**Perspectives on Research Approaches Towards Issues of Inclusive Education at Higher Education Institutions in Ethiopia and Austria**

Elvira Seitinger (University of Vienna) and Simon Reisenbauer (University of Vienna)

**14.00 Comfort break**

**14.15-15.15 Panel 4: Alternative Discourses of Disability, Advocacy and Development**

**Alternative Approaches to the Study of Disability and Development in the Global South**

Jorge Manhique (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

**What is Albinism? Discourses, ideas and explanations for the condition in contemporary Tanzania**

Giorgio Brocco (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

**Reimagining Community: A biosocial discourse on sickle cell anaemia**

Sachu R. Sunny (Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India)

**Malawian Women with Disabilities: Performing 'radical' traditionalism**

Sarah Huque (University of St Andrews, UK)

**15.15-15.30 Closing discussion**

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