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### Global Interventions at the End of Life – an interdisciplinary investigation

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This session will describe the aims, methods and theoretical frameworks in a new four year study of the global challenges we face in relation to end of life issues. Supported by a Wellcome Trust Investigator Award, the study focusses on understanding the many types of end of life intervention that are now in evidence around the world. The project seeks to understand how end of life interventions are developed, implemented and assessed - and with what consequences.

It takes a global perspective to examine interventions of varying types and characteristics, across differing resource settings, geographies and cultures. Its method is first to build a typology of interventions and then to conduct in-depth case studies of selected examples. We take an inclusive view of interventions, of varying content and levels of formal/informal composition, thereby reaching well beyond those that are concerned only with the delivery of care. We distinguish between the 'focus' and the 'locus' of each type of intervention. Within this we are concentrating on the ways in which specific end of life interventions are transferred and translated as they are generated and adapted in different contexts. We are drawing on theoretical perspectives from policy mobilities, globalisation and post- colonial studies and have a strong commitment to public engagement.

This session will outline the project's progress to date, highlight its working methods and partnerships, and point the way to some early insights and findings.