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The growth of the aged population has been an issue of interest for almost 40 years. The aged have been referred to as an epidemic, a tidal wave and as a crisis. There is no specific reason why any of these polemics is an effective description of the aging transition. The growth of the world's population over the age of 60 is merely the natural outcome of reducing mortality, particularly childhood mortality. While this population momentum has built up over time it has never been a "tidal wave" – merely the expected and predictable result of improved worldwide health. It is only a crisis in so much as governments and policy makers have chosen to ignore these obvious changes in their respective populations. Like any issue, you can transform a process into a crisis by the simple act of ignoring its existence.

This multidisciplinary conference examines international issues relating to the aging population worldwide. The conference theme for AGen2019 is "Independence & Interdependence".

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Conference Theme: "Independence & Interdependence"

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Final Abstract Submission Deadline: March 08, 2019

Registration Deadline: April 05, 2019

The technological and logistical advances of globalisation have enabled us to become independent and empowered as never before, but at the same time made us more dependent on the very things allowing autonomy. While technologies allow us to communicate with those on the other side of the world, they can also make us detached from those immediately around us, and in some cases alienated, or lonely. And yet this increased interconnectedness offers great opportunities to work together to solve some of the world's most pressing issues, and reminds us of our responsibilities towards each other. Our independence is contextualised in the relations we enjoy with others; in our families and communities, shared institutions, in our wider societies, geographical and political entities, and finally as a part of the one world we all share.

The conference theme for AGen2019 is "Independence & Interdependence", and we hope and expect this important thematic lens to encourage wide reflections on the importance and interrelation of such concepts as autonomy and identity, rights and responsibilities, and power and control; and within a variety of contexts from politics and geopolitics to energy, sustainability and the environment; and from education, technology and logistics, to culture and language; from psychology and security, to considerations of equity and justice.

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