

Call for Abstracts:
Workshop on Determinants of Adult Mortality, Morbidity, and Healthy Aging in LMICs
March 6, 2026 – Virtual (zoom)

The Workshop on Determinants of Adult Mortality, Morbidity, and Healthy Aging in LMICs is co-sponsored by the NIA-supported UC Berkeley Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging-CEDA (William Dow) and the USC/UCLA Center on Biodemography and Population Health-CBPH (Eileen Crimmins, Jennifer Ailshire, Steve Cole and Hiram-Beltrán-Sánchez)

Workshop Date: Friday, March 6, 2026

Location: Virtual (zoom)

Time: TBD (Pacific Standard Time)

Deadline for submission of abstracts: December 1, 2025

This is the 9th annual workshop designed to share leading research methods and findings on comparative patterns and determinants of adult mortality, morbidity, and healthy aging in low and middle-income countries (LMICs). We welcome both LMIC-specific studies as well as comparisons with high-income countries.

The goal is to build a robust evidence base for understanding the drivers of cross-national adult health patterns, especially in populations with unusually high or low adult mortality. The expanded availability of longitudinal HRS-type surveys in LMICs makes this an opportune time to gather a network of researchers using such data to study adult health patterns and determinants, in order to share innovative methods, new results, and ideas for the most promising research agenda going forward.

We solicit presentations of papers using data from one or more LMICs, particularly from longitudinal harmonized HRS family studies (see <https://g2aging.org/>) such as those in Brazil (ELSI), China (CHARLS), Costa Rica (CRELES), Ghana (SAGE), India (LASI), Indonesia (IFLS), Korea (KLoSA), Mexico (MHAS), South Africa (HAALSI), and from recently launched studies from Botswana (RAISE), Cameroon (BUILD-FSA), Caribbean (CADAS), Colombia (COSA), Côte d'Ivoire, Guatemala (AGUA/ELEGUA), Egypt (AL-SEHA), Kenya (LOSHAK, KLPS), Lebanon (LSAHA), Nepal (CVFS-SCAN), Malawi (MLSFH), Malaysia (MARS), Sri Lanka (SLHAS), Zambia (Z-CHAD) and elsewhere. We also welcome papers using other LMIC micro-data, e.g. from Taiwan (SEBAS), China (CLHLS), and elsewhere, as well as comparisons with data from higher income countries such as the US (HRS), Ireland (TILDA), Japan (JSTAR or NUJLSOA), England (ELSA), Europe (SHARE), Northern Ireland (NICOLA) etc.

We invite one-page abstracts of papers to be considered for presentation.

Please submit by December 1, 2025 to Biodem@usc.edu

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