Webinar series in Palliative and End-of-Life Care Research

Methodological Development & Innovation

In this three-monthly webinar, the VUB-UGent End-of-Life Care Research Group and the Public Health at the End of Life Research Group of the Amsterdam UMC invite experienced international speakers to present health services, public health and clinical research that uses innovative research methods. The aim is to exchange and grow knowledge on a diverse range of methods used in these different disciplines and explore their potential for improving and innovating future palliative and end-of-life care research.

For whom? For everyone interested in innovative research methods in palliative and end-of-life care. The webinar is in English and open to a national and international audience.

Save the dates:

- Thursday, 25 March 2021 (see next page)
- Thursday, 24 June 2021 (tbd)
- Thursday, 30 September 2021 (tbd)
- Thursday, 16 December 2021 (dr. Jonathan Koffman, UK)

Webinars take place from 16h to 17h (CET).

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Ethnographic approaches to studying end-of-life care: qualitative methods for tracing care trajectories

In this talk Dr. Annemarie Samuels and Dr. Natashe Lemos Dekker will discuss the affordances and challenges of ethnographic methods in end-of-life care research. In particular, they will focus on long-term person-centered and family-centered participant observation. This qualitative method is aimed at gaining insight into the ways in which people seek out different forms of care over several weeks, months or even years, in the last phase of life. Using semi-structured interviews and participant observation to focus on *care trajectories* as they unfold over time produces knowledge of the cultural and social dimensions of access to professional and non-professional care. This enables further elucidation of the institutional frameworks through which care is organized. These insights help to better understand the possibilities of adapting and developing professional palliative care in culturally diverse situations.



Annemarie Samuels (NL) is Assistant Professor in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology at Leiden University. She is the Principal Investigator of the ERC-funded <u>Globalizing Palliative</u> <u>Care</u> research project.



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