

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation & Postgraduate Studies), Stellenbosch University,

Professor Sibusiso Moyo,

in collaboration with the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf),
and the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS),
is delighted to invite you to a public lecture by

Professor Loretta Baldassar,

ASSAf Distinguished Visiting Scholar (DVS) 2023/24.

Professor Baldassar will be visiting a number of universities in South Africa,
and Stellenbosch University is one of the host universities.

The title of the DVS lecture is

Transnational Family Care:

from social death to digital kinning over a century of Australian migration

Date: 25 March 2024

Time: 17:00 SAST

Venue: Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study Wallenberg Centre & Online.

RSVP: To register go to www.stias.ac.za/events



Prof Loretta Baldassar is Professor of Anthropology and Sociology, Vice Chancellor's Professorial Research Fellow, and Director of the Social Ageing (SAGE) Futures Lab at Edith Cowan University (ECU). Baldassar was recently named Australian Research Field Leader in Migration Studies and in Ethnic and Cultural Studies. She is lead Chief Investigator on a Medical Research Future Fund Dementia and Migrant Communities project; social support stream lead on the National Frailty Kit project, and co-Chief Investigator of the Youth Mobilities project. Her work is widely acknowledged as foundational to the field of Transnational Family Studies, including *Transnational Families in Africa* (with Marchetti-Mercer & Swartz, 2023).

Her research team is leading innovation in social care across the life-course, contributing social science perspectives and methodologies to the creative and caring professions. Her career has been devoted to better understanding the impact of migration on families and communities, with a focus on the role of social support networks, intergenerational relations, and the social uses of new technologies.

More about ASSAf Distinguished Visiting Scholars

The Academy annually invites one or more distinguished scholars from abroad to present lectures at various higher education institutions around the country. The scholars are internationally prominent academics who are inspirational speakers and usually with an ability to bridge the divides between disciplines. The purpose of the Distinguished Visiting Scholars' Programme is to fulfill one of the Academy's strategic goals, viz. the promotion of innovation and scholarly activity. Through interaction with distinguished individual scholars from around the world, ASSAf aims to enrich and stimulate research endeavours at South African higher education and research institutions.