

UFS–ASSAf Distinguished Visiting Scholar Lecture

By *Prof Loretta Baldassar*



Transnational Family Care: *from social death to digital kinning over a century of Australian Migration.*



Venue: **Chancellor's Room, George du Toit Building** | Time: **15:00**

Prof Baldassar is visiting the UFS as part of the Distinguished Visiting Scholar Programme of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) and will engage with the university communities of numerous South African institutions during her visit, inter alia, the University of the Witwatersrand, the University of Limpopo, Rhodes University, Stellenbosch University, the University of the Western Cape, the University of Cape Town, and the Cape Peninsula University of the Technology.

Speaker biography:

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.

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