

We have great pleasure in inviting you to a conference focusing on **‘Families and patterns of care’**

The conference will take place in **Pretoria, Tshwane in South Africa** from **24 to 26 April 2017** at the **University of South Africa (UNISA)**. Family and gender specialists are invited to participate in the conference by presenting papers covering aspects related to this theme.

If you are interested to participate, please submit an abstract of between 300 and 600 words before **15 January 2017** to rabeme@unisa.ac.za

You will be notified of the outcome of your abstract by 15 February 2017.

Various forms of physical, emotional and financial care are required by individuals over their life course. Family members are usually the prime caregivers and caregiving may take place with or without external support from other individuals or institutions. Apart from expected caregiving over the life course (for example care needs of young children and frail elderly people), various other forms of temporary care (for example short illnesses) and long term care (for example chronic illness of a severe handicap) may also confront families. Families may also have to take on such caring tasks under difficult circumstances such as displacement or within a context of family conflict. We propose the following sub-themes for the conference but additional themes are also welcomed:

Intergenerational care; Feminist ethics of care and work-life balance; Support and care for sick and disabled family members; Migratory families and patterns of care; African families in different contexts; Families, kin networks and external support of care; Paid care; Exploitation of paid and unpaid caregivers; Care within separated families; Siblings taking on care activities; Family policy; The interplay between health care and families.