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The Race(ing) of Ageing Studies: Disrupting the Veil of Whiteness

This chapter draws on a previous theoretical essay exploring the relationship between race, embodiment, and later life (Rajan-Rankin, 2018), where I argued that a post-colonial imaginary is required to trace the colonial logics which have shaped our understanding of both 'race' and 'ageing' in recent years. Rapid demographic change, medical advancements and trans-migration have changed the ethnic diversity of the ageing population in western countries, and what it means to "grow older out of place" (Chaouni et al, 2021). Parallelly, rapid population increase, and longevity have made "ageing in place", a key issue in the global South, even as it brings different risks regarding quality of life and the lack of a welfare safety net (Alejandria et al, 2018). Further, the aged global care chain and its implications for sender and receiver countries (Ayalon, 2020) highlight that ageing and the gendered care experiences are shaped by deep-seated inequalities (Yeates, 2011). While there has been an increasing call to explore intersectionality in ageing studies using inter-disciplinary approaches (Holman and Walker, 2020), studies on ethnicity and ageing remain relatively peripheral, with discussions on race, racism and racialisation even more so (Torres,