

Prof. Barry Gibson

Professor Gibson is recognised worldwide for his contributions to Medical Sociology and Oral Health and Dentistry. He has written on a range of subjects including the sociology of oral health, the mouth and the body, oral health related quality of life, social systems theory and more recently on tooth loss. He publishes in dental journals including Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology, Disability and Oral Health and JDR Clinical & Translational Research as well as sociology journals including Social Science and Medicine, Social Theory and Health as well as the Sociology of Health and Illness.

His current research includes looking at the significance of the mouth in old age and oral health throughout the life course where he is currently drafting papers on the 'mouth talk' of older people and exploring the dynamics of oral care as a life course project. In this talk Professor Gibson will review and analyse the concept of the life course in oral health care and dentistry from the perspective of current developments in social gerontology. He will then review the meaning of *dis*-ability and *dis*-ablement before exploring in detail what these concepts mean for the intersections between *disability* and the life course.