

Ageing in Europe

Newsletter of the Research Network on Ageing in Europe

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WHO WE ARE

The Research Network on Ageing in Europe is part of the European Sociological Association (ESA). It aims to facilitate contact and collaboration among those with research interest in ageing. For this purpose, it engages in several activities. It hosts a homepage www.ageing-in-europe.org with information on ageing-related events. Every two years, it organizes sessions as part of the ESA conference. On the right hand side you see a picture from last year's conference in Lisbon, Portugal. The programmes for our sessions at these conferences are available on our homepage. Every other year, we organize workshops for PhD-Students or hold inter-congress conferences.

In August 2010, a PhD-workshop will take place in Germany (see below). In 2011, the ESA conference will be in Geneva, Switzerland. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible!

CALL FOR PAPERS

Doctoral students' workshop "Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research"

August 26-27, 2010, University of Vechta, Germany

Qualitative methods have a long tradition in ageing research. They attend closely to the context and interactions of everyday life, thereby enhancing our understanding of the experience and interpretation of ageing. The topics studied are inter alia social representations of aging as well as issues of gender, paid work, health and care-giving. The methods employed range from in-depth and narrative interviews to qualitative content analysis and ethnography.



From left to right: Sara Arber, Gunhild Hagestad, Jay Ginn, Kathrin Komp, Andreas Motel-Klingebiel, Harald Künemund, Ricca Edmondson (Photo: Jay Ginn)

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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We invite PhD-students specialized in sociology, gerontology and methodology to submit abstracts related to the topic "Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research". Contributions may focus either on methodological or on content-related questions. **Abstracts** with a maximum of 200 words should be submitted **before May 30, 2010**. The participants will need to submit a complete version of their papers by the beginning of August 2010.

The participation fee is 50 Euros.

To **apply** for the workshop, please submit your abstract to Kathrin Komp at k.komp@fsw.vu.nl.

More information is available on the homepage of the research network www.ageing-in-europe.org in the section "news".

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Conferences

Gerontology Without Borders: Diversity in European & Transnational Ageing Research

July 1-2, Swansea, UK

This is the European Social Research Conference of the International Association of Gerontology & Geriatrics.

Conference organizers: Swansea University & OPAN Cymru

Deadline for abstract submission: February 26

For more information see:

www.gerontology2010.swansea.ac.uk

Transforming Care: Provision, Quality and Inequalities in Late Life

June 21-23, Copenhagen, Denmark

Newly-defined care policy designs, reorganisation of care policy approaches as well as measures to support informal family care have changed considerably patterns of elder care provision and the situation of carers. The conference explores the dynamics and contexts of these restructuring processes and emerging challenges.

Conference organizers: Danish National Centre for Social Research, University of Vechta, University of Hamburg

Deadline for abstract submission: February 28

For more information see:

www.sfi.dk/transformingcare2010

International Evidence-based Policy in Long-term Care

September 8-11, London, UK

The conference aims to provide a forum for exchanging the latest international evidence on key long-term care policy topics such as how to organise, deliver, fund and regulate services.

Conference organizers: London School of Economics and Political Science

Deadline for abstract submission: February 28

For more information see:

www.lse.ac.uk/collections/PSSRU/events/lc2010conf/lc2010default.htm

5th Congress of the European Society on Family Relations

September 29 - October 2, Milan, Italy

The Congress will focus on the transitions that the family faces during the course of life, the identification of resources and risks associated with them, and the processes that families go through whenever a transition occurs. Abstracts on, inter alia, the aging of family members and intergenerational transmission are invited.

Congress organizer: Athenaeum Centre for Family Studies and Research

Deadline for abstract submission: March 1

For more information see: esfr2010.unicatt.it

Analysing Education, Family, Work and Welfare in Modern Societies: Methodological Approaches and Empirical Evidence

September 30 - October 2, Bamberg, Germany

The conference aims to bring together researchers in the area of internationally comparative research on socio-economic change from all across Europe and beyond to present and discuss their recent methodological approaches and empirical findings.

Congress organizers: European Consortium for Sociological Research, Social Sciences Research Network TransEurope

Deadline for abstract submission: April 30

For further information see: www.ecsr2010.eu

Annual Conference of the British Society for Population Studies

September 13-15, Exeter, UK

BSPS invites papers which address ageing populations, individual ageing and future prospects for older adults, both in and outside of the UK. Submissions of qualitative and quantitative research are welcome

Deadline for abstract submission: April 30

For more information see:

[www2.lse.ac.uk/socialPolicy/BSPS/annualConference/2010/Call for papers.aspx](http://www2.lse.ac.uk/socialPolicy/BSPS/annualConference/2010/Call%20for%20papers.aspx)

World Congress of Sociology: Sociology on the Move

July 11-17, Gothenburg, Sweden

The Research Committee on the Sociology of Ageing organizes a number of sessions during this congress. They cover topics such as ageing, caregiving and carework, older works and retirement.

Conference organizer: International Sociological Association

The registration is now open.

For more information see: www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/rc/rc11.htm

7th World Congress of the International Society for Gerontechnology

May 27-30, Vancouver, Canada

The registration is now open.

For more information see:

www.sfu.ca/isg2010

7th User Conference of the Research Data Centre of the German Federal Pension Insurance (RDC-RV)

June 18-19, Berlin, Germany

The conference provides data users the opportunity to present and discuss their projects with other researchers working with RDC-RV data. Researchers from all disciplines (e.g. demographics, gerontology and sociology) are invited to submit an abstract. The conference is in German.

Conference organizers: Research Data Centre of the German Federal Pension Insurance, Social Science Research Center Berlin

Deadline for abstract submission: May 25

For more information see: www.fdz-rv.de

Involving Older People: Meanings and Methods

June 14, Stirling, UK

'Involving older people' is a well rehearsed goal of policy makers, practitioners and gerontologists. Including senior citizens, in all aspects of life and in decisions about their own lives, is considered beneficial both to older people themselves and to their communities. This one day conference aims to explore the meanings and methods of involving older

people and to consider the implications for policy and practice.

Conference organizers: British Society of Gerontology Scotland, Dementia Services Development Centre, University of Stirling

Deadline for abstract submission: May 30

For more information see:

www.dementiashop.co.uk/?q=events/display/cdd6c556-603a-d452-b143-4b572b9a3ac3

Other events

Workshop: Sharing Responsibility, Resources and Results: Working together to improve social care and health services for vulnerable children and adults

March 8-9, Manchester, UK

Workshop organizer: Social Services research group

Deadline for registration: March 7

For more information see:

www.ssrq.org.uk/events/2010workshop

Course: The Lifecourse after 50

Duration: 6 weeks, from February 27 on

This course provides a broad overview of ageing studies as well as a focus on the positive relationships between later life well-being and learning in the widest sense. The topics covered are: lifecourse studies, aspects of later learning, social and cultural contexts, psychological contexts and health contexts of ageing & older learning. The course is a master's level module which can be taken independently or as part of a full degree.

Course organizer: Institute of Education of London University, UK

For further information e-mail Anita Pincas a.pincas@ioe.ac.uk

Young Researcher Meeting: Flexibilization and Changing Life Course Patterns in a Globalizing Europe

June 18-19, Turin, Italy

Globalization, Trans-nationalization and Europeanization have fundamentally transformed work and employment in modern societies. Structural uncertainty about economic and

social developments has risen in European nations, triggering employers to move towards more flexible and less binding employment strategies. The aim of this workshop is to bring together young European researchers to share and discuss research results together with experienced researchers.

Workshop organizer: Social Sciences Research Network TransEurope

Deadline for abstract submission: March 15

For further information see: www.transeurope-project.org/page.php?id=399

Publications

Policy Brief: Poverty Risks for Older People in EU Countries - An Update

By A. Zaidi (European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research)

This Policy Brief provides the latest evidence on how EU countries differ in terms of poverty risks for older people (aged 65 years and over).

Published: January 2010

Available on:

www.euro.centre.org/detail.php?xml_id=1657

Policy Brief: A problem shared is a problem halved? Dementia: Learning opportunities from Europe

By S.-M. Bamford (International Longevity Centre)

This policy brief aims to stimulate debate and drive improvements in dementia research, diagnosis, treatment and care by identifying key priorities for action at the Member State and EU level.

Published: February 2010

Available on:

www.ilcuk.org.uk/record.jsp?type=publication&ID=55

Book: The Dementia Care Workbook

By G. Morris & J. Morris

This workbook builds upon the person-centred approach to dementia care, and gives students, practitioners and carers a new way of looking at dementia and the people who live

with it. The authors reflect upon the reality of working within dementia care and the importance of working positively with others to achieve the best care possible. The workbook is full of exercises and activities to try, all designed to help you engage and connect with the person with dementia, empowering both them and their families/carers.

Published: February 2010

Publisher: Open University Press

Book: Women's Work and Pensions: What is Good, What is Best?

Edited by B. Marin & E. Zólyomi

This publication aims at exploring difficulties women face in working life and retirement - and what could be done to achieve more gender equality and fairness for women and men alike. Leading pension experts analyse the basic challenges through single and comparative country studies. The editors provide facts and figures on women's lives, work and pensions and draw theoretical lessons and practical policy conclusions from the studies and gendered statistical indicators.

Published: 2010

Publisher: Ashgate

Data

Database: AgeSource Worldwide

AgeSource Worldwide identifies several hundred information resources in some 25 countries which are significant either in size or in their unique coverage of particular aging-related issues. The resources include, among others, clearinghouses, libraries, databases, training materials, major reports, and Web metasites.

For more information see:

www.aarpinternational.org/database

Database: AgeStats Worldwide

AgeStats Worldwide provides access to statistical data that compare the situation of older adults across countries or regions around a variety of issues, such as demography, pensions, health and long-term care. The most

recent data and projections as far ahead as 2050 are provided where available.

For more information see:

www.aarpinternational.org/database

Dataset: Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe

Wave 3 including the life histories of over 30.000 individuals across 14 European countries (SHARELIFE) will be released in November 2010.

For more information see:

www.share-project.org/sharelife/

Other Announcements

Research Initiative: New Dynamics of Ageing

The New Dynamics of Ageing Programme is a seven year multidisciplinary research initiative with the ultimate aim of improving quality of life of older people. The programme is a unique collaboration between five UK Research Councils - ESRC, EPSRC, BBSRC, MRC and AHRC - and is the largest and most ambitious research programme on ageing ever mounted in the UK.

For more information see: newdynamics.group.shef.ac.uk

Project: European Research Area in Ageing

The European Research Area in Ageing 2 is a three year project funded by the European Commission, under the Seventh Framework Programme. ERA-AGE 2 aims to continue the work of the highly successful ERA-AGE which ended in February 2009 after 5 years under the Sixth Framework Programme. The project will secure, for the long term, the future of the European Research Area in ageing research and launch Europe's first joint research programme on ageing. All partners are also committed to delivering the second round of the pioneering FLARE programme, progressively expanding the partnership and developing the resources on research infrastructure.

For more information see:

www.era-age.group.shef.ac.uk

Project: FUTURAGE

FUTURAGE - A Road Map for Ageing Research is a 2-year FP7 funded research project to produce the definitive road map that will guide European research on ageing and health for the next 10-15 years. The project will identify the main research priorities based on consensus between key stakeholders reached through extensive consultation in four broad themes: biogerontology; social and economic resources; environments of ageing; healthy ageing and well being. In addition there is a parallel fifth theme on the engagement of research users, including older people.

For more information see:

www.futurage.group.shef.ac.uk

Pilot Joint Call: Research on Life-Long Health

The KORANET PJC aims to bring together European and Korean researchers and scientists to do joint research in the area of life-long health. It tries to approach the topic of life-long health from a multi- and interdisciplinary point of view to ensure optimum synergies and networking options. Thus, project proposals are welcome as long as they aim to overcome the current constraints on the quality of life of the elderly in our society and to help them enjoy better quality lives as they age.

Deadline for proposal submission: 2 April

For more information see:

www.koranet.eu/en/211.php

Platform: Mature@eu - Age-diverse recruitment

Funded by the EU Lifelong Learning Programme, the e-learning platform has been developed within the project "Supports Employers in Recruiting and Selecting Mature Aged Persons – mature@eu". It is custom-designed and provides clear guidance and practical support on all aspects of age-diversity in recruitment. It can be used free of charge in 16 languages.

For more information see:

www.mature-project.eu