

Ageing in Europe

Newsletter of the Research Network on Ageing in Europe

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PhD students in the spotlight

PhD students are a vital part of the research community, and the *Research Network on Ageing in Europe* is dedicated to supporting them. During the last months, we therefore initiated two projects. First, we installed two representatives of the PhD students in our Research Network. These representatives are Daniela Craveiro from the University of Minho, Portugal, and Edward Tolhurst from Staffordshire University, United Kingdom. Craveiro and Tolhurst will represent our Research Network in the Forum for PhD students/early career sociologists of the European Sociological Association. Second, we decided to organize our first spring school for PhD students in 2015. This spring school will have a more extensive programme than the workshops for PhD students that we previously organized.

The Spring school of the Research on Aging Network has been titled **Long live the active!? A critical perspective on active ageing**. It will take place on the 23-25 March, 2015 at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany. Organisers of the spring school are Dirk Hofaek-

er, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany, and Marja Aartsen, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

During the meeting we will bring together PhD students, early career scientists and senior researchers from various scientific disciplines with an interest on aging research to discuss different aspects of active aging at macro (politics), meso and micro (individual) level. Sessions will be organized around five themes: retirement, social policy and demographics, definitions of active aging, resilience and a critical perspective on aging.

In addition to those two projects, PhD students are of course also welcome to participate in our mid-term conference, which will take place this fall in Klagenfurt, Austria. We are already looking forward to seeing many of you at this conference! If you have any question or comments about our Research Network or about the situation of PhD students in ageing research, do not hesitate to contact us via info@ageing-in-europe.net

Call for papers: Conference on “Ageing, Anti Ageing & Ageism: Constructions and Politics of Being Old in Europe”

2014 Mid-term conference of the Research Network on Ageing in Europe, European Sociological Association (ESA), Carinthia University of Applied Science, Klagenfurt, Austria, 18-20 September 2014

Managing the processes of ageing, both at individual and at societal levels, is seen as a main challenge for the future in many European societies. On the one hand, the ageing of societies is frequently discussed as a major cause for economic and social crises (e.g., for welfare states and families). On the other hand, longevity is debated as a challenge for the performance in relation to social, cultural and professional societal expectations. There is less discussion, however, on the meaning of ageing itself. Questions are arising whether the analysis of current developments relies on, reproduces or challenges current understandings of „being old” (Butler 1975): What is the interconnection between scientific, public and cultural conceptualisations of age and ageing? How can societal images and dynamics such as „anti-ageing” and „ageism” be explained? What consequences do positive approaches and discourses, such as active or successful ageing, have for those who are not easily classified as “productive” or “active”? How do welfare states react to changing notions of old age and ageing? What are options and consequences for both sociology and social work? This conference brings together scholars from across Europe to discuss developments in ageing and old age.

Such developments could include, but are not limited to:

- Ageing and work, older workers, retirement, and pensions;
- Ageism in political, social and cultural contexts;
- Concepts of anti-ageing vs. longevity;
- Formal and informal care arrangements;
- Intergenerational relationships;

- Critical assessments of active and productive ageing;
- Social inequalities and poverty in old age;
- Effect of population ageing on generational solidarity and welfare states;
- Images, attitudes, coping-strategies and ageing;
- Development of social work for the elders in Europe.

We welcome theoretical, quantitative, qualitative and conceptual papers. Contributions from scholars in the early stages of their careers are very welcome.

Confirmed Keynote speakers are Martin Kohli and Julia Twigg. Further information will follow soon!

Special sessions with a particular regional focus – such as on Ageing in Sub-Saharan Africa, and on elder-care in the AlpeAdriaRegion in comparison to other European (especially rural) areas – are planned to widen the scope for research and cooperation. Additionally an interdisciplinary plenary discussion on informed consent and social supported palliative care are anticipated. Contributions to these – or proposals for additional – special sessions are highly welcome.

Please submit your abstract of max. 200 words until 5th of April 2014 to abstracts@ageing-in-europe.org. The preliminary program will be published on our homepage – finally – on 25th of May 2014.

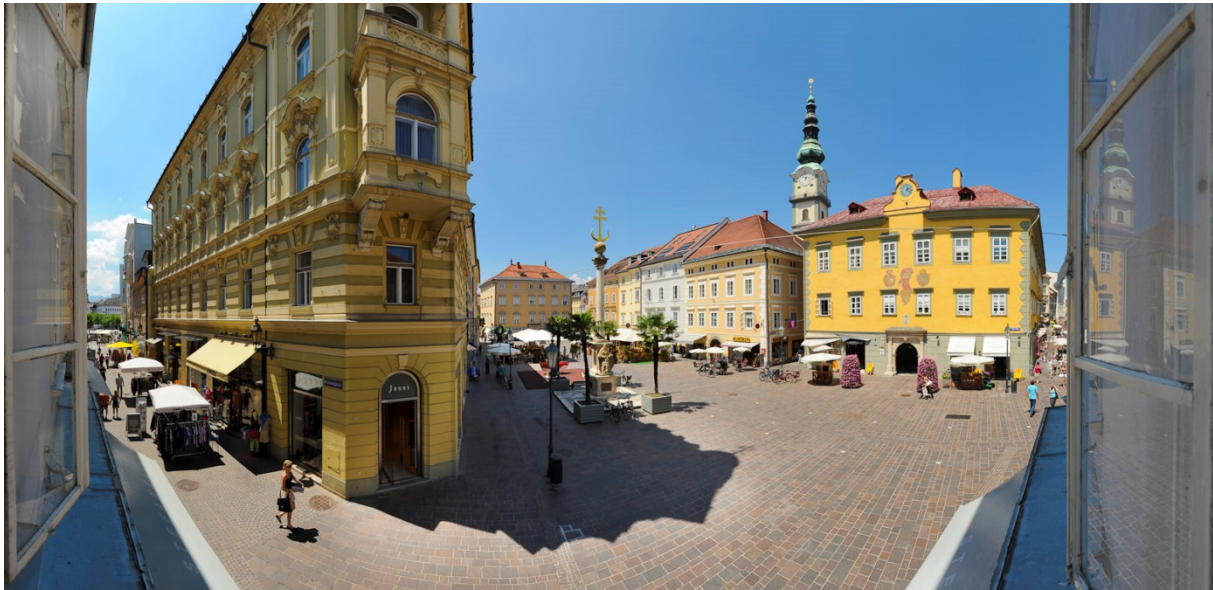
The regular conference fee is 150 Euro for Students, 290 Euro for Professionals. The early bird fee (May 15th to June 25th) is 85 Euro for Students, 185 Euro for Professionals.



Members of the Research Network on Ageing in Europe receive a reduced fee of 155 Euro (Students 70 Euro). The fee includes the conference material, a welcome reception, the conference dinner, and refreshments on all three days.

Support desks for travelling, accommodation, tours to POIs and so on are open from first of March 2014.

For more information, please visit the RN 1 homepage at <http://www.ageing-in-europe.org>.



A welcome from the organizers in Klagenfurt, Austria

The School of Health and Social Sciences, Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, welcomes you to the 2nd Midterm Conference of the Research Network Ageing in Europe in Klagenfurt, Austria. Find out more about this conference and its topics in our call for papers. Especially papers dealing with ageism and age discrimination will be highly appreciated. But we are open to papers on all topics of interest.

We hope that Klagenfurt will widen the scope of the ESA RN1 to the south east of Europe, the new member states and beyond. The current situation and the future of the social embeddedness of elderly people in the EU will be discussed. The Klagenfurt conference will give the perfect background to find new EU-

partners for research projects on ageing in Europe, some new views and arguments, fruitful discussions, innovative ideas ... and perhaps will be the first step to a much-needed collective declaration against ageism in Europe.

Here you get first some information about Klagenfurt (Slovenian: Celovec), the capital of Carinthia in Austria for your plans. Klagenfurt is a very tempting city in the centre of Europe, located on the famous Wörthersee, between the Alpen-Mountains and the Adriatic Sea. With a population of over 90,000, it is the sixth-largest city in the country. Klagenfurt at September:



- will have mediate temperatures (approx. 20 C), sunny,
- offers to you the very delicious Carinthian Cuisine,
- should be the starting point for your trips to Venecie (app. 2h), *Ljubljana* (app. 1h), Piran at the Adriatic sea (app. 1,5h), Grossglockner at the Alps Mountains, (app. 1,5h) and a lot more..

Klagenfurt is the native town of well-known writer *Robert Musil* (especially known for *The Man Without Qualities*) and is host for the *The Ingeborg Bachmann Competition*, the most famous German literature festival. *Gustav Mahler*, musician and composer also worked and lived in Klagenfurt. If You like to visit the Robert Musil Literatur Museum and the Gustav Mahler Komponierhäuschen: (English) tours should be organized for Thursday morning and Saturday afternoon.

For more information about Klagenfurt see:

In German: <http://www.klagenfurt-tourismus.at/deutsch/sehenswuerdigkeiten-klagenfurt-woerthersee.asp>

In English: <http://www.klagenfurt-tourismus.at/english/sights-culture-klagenfurt-woerthersee.asp>

In Italian: <http://www.klagenfurt-tourismus.at/italiano/cultura-klagenfurt-woerthersee.asp>



Upcoming events

The AALIANCE2 Final Conference

Wednesday 26 March 2014 at the European Commission, “Foyer room”, located in Avenue de Beaulieu 25, Brussels.

The AALIANCE2 Final Conference aims to present the results achieved by the project and to disclose the future framework of the AALIANCE Network. Particularly, the new AALIANCE AAL Roadmap and Strategic Research Agenda and investigations on current standards related to AAL technologies will be presented. Additionally a round table will be organized for discussion and exchange of experiences from different stakeholders’ perspective.

For information, please visit AALIANCE2

project conference webpage:

www.aaliance2.eu/finalaa2conference

If you are interested in participating in the AALIANCE2 Final Conference fill in the form available here: <http://robot-era.us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=98a5e195d1887f6b397f30da5&id=75d45cfa5a>

The deadline for the registration to the conference is the 13th of March.

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CAG2014: Landscapes of Aging. Critical Issues, Emerging Possibilities

43rd Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting Canadian Association on Gerontology

October 16-18, 2014,
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

The Canadian Association on Gerontology is pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for CAG2014: Landscapes of Aging, October 16-18, 2014 in exciting Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

Join us for Canada’s premier multidisciplinary conference for those interested in individual and population aging. Abstracts are welcomed from all disciplines and all interests in aging,

including research, practice, policy and related work. International submissions are encouraged. We are also pleased to offer the CIHR-IA Student Poster Competition and student travel assistance grants.

Abstracts are due by April 15, 2014.

It’s easy to get to Niagara Falls by air, train, bus or car! We’re pleased to provide a discounted shuttle service from Toronto Pearson (YYZ) and Buffalo, New York (BUF) airports or save on private car service. Visit our website



for more transportation information as well as discounts on rooms at the conference hotel, Sheraton on the Falls!

Sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities are also available; consider hosting a pre-conference event, a sponsored session, be-

coming a conference sponsor or exhibiting with us!

CAG2014 is hosted by the Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging at McMaster University.

For more information, please visit <http://CAG2014.ca>

MICRA PhD Student Conference 20 March - European Ageing Research: Current Trends and Developing Research Careers

This free event from the University of Manchester is open to PhD students from all disciplines at any university with an interest in research on ageing. The event is run by the Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing in partnership with Age UK. This is our 4th annual conference and we attract up to 100 attendees from engineering, medicine, social sciences, the arts and life sciences from universities across Europe.

A conference for any PhD students interested in research on ageing. All disciplines are encouraged including engineering, computer science, sociology, nursing, economics, psychology, medicine, life sciences, arts, languages etc. Opportunities for networking with other students and for engaging with older people as end users of research. Please note this conference is a student only event and is not aimed at those who supervise PhD students.

Speakers to include:

- Professor Dorly Deeg, Professor of Epidemiology of Ageing, VU University, Netherlands
- Professor Jim Ogg, Senior Researcher at the Caisse nationale d'assurance vieillesse (CNAV)
- Dr Tine Buffel, Marie Curie Research Fellow, Sociology, the University of Manchester
- Dr Judy Williams, Faculty Training Manager, Medical and Human Sciences, the University of Manchester
- Professor Chris Phillipson, Professor of Sociology & Social Gerontology, the University of Manchester

Register online for this free event:

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/micra-phd-student-conference-tickets-10412795953>



INNOVATIONS IN OLDER ADULT LEARNING

Theory, research, policy

The 5th International Conference of the Network Education and Learning of Older Adults (ELOA)

Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 October 2014
University of Malta Valletta Campus

This conference seeks to build on the success of previous ELOA conferences in Munich (2010), Braga (2011), Ljubljana (2012), and Vilnius (2013)

Further information on the conference, including registration and accommodation,

can be found on website

<http://www.um.edu.mt/events/elo2014>

Participants wishing to present a paper are invited to send a title and abstract (maximum 300 words) to marvin.formosa@um.edu.mt

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 30 April 2014. For any possible queries contact Dr. Marvin Formosa European Centre for Gerontology, University of Malta

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Welfare and Health in Later Life

A stream called "Welfare and Health in Later Life" is organized for the conference THE WELFARE STATE IN PORTUGAL IN THE AGE OF AUSTERITY, 9th - 10th May 2014, Lisbon.

It is composed by communications that analyses Portuguese case in a interantional comparative perspective in terms of health vulnerabilities of the aged population, or their

dependency level on formal and informal resources for health and care.

More information can be found at:

https://aquila5.iseg.ulisboa.pt/aquila/instituicao/ISEG/docentes-e-investigacao/conference-theme/streams?_request_checksum_=22a1f1063ac249987592a7a8670afb376bf99dc

ESRC SEMINAR SERIES: Older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans People

'Minding the Knowledge Gaps' 'Counting the Costs? Resources, Austerity and Older LGBT People'

Tuesday 29th April 2013 University of Surrey, UK

This event is the fourth in a series of six seminars, part of the 'Minding the Knowledge Gaps' project, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council to explore gaps in our knowledge of older (fifty years of age and over) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT)

people. The aim is to bring together academics with older LGBT people, advocacy groups, activists, policy-makers, service providers and third-sector organisations.

This seminar aims to address gaps in our knowledge about the material and financial resource implications of LGBT ageing, particu-



larly in times of austerity. Speakers for this seminar are:

- Dr S.C Noah Uhrig, Institute for Social & Economic Research, University of Essex:
Poverty and Material Well-being of LGBT elders.

and

- Dr Martin Mitchell, NatCen Social Research:
Not just 'a nice thing to do': marginalisation and hardship for LGBT older people in the context of austerity cuts.

The day starts with the invited speakers in the morning. Small group workshops in the afternoon will provide plenty of opportunities for discussions.

Places are limited so early registration is advised. Attendance is **free** and lunch will be

provided. Participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

We have a limited number of travel bursaries available to those in need of financial support to cover travel costs. Retired older LGBT community members and PhD students will be given priority, but applications are also welcome from those on low incomes and/or volunteering on relevant projects.

For more information about travel bursaries and/or any other queries, please contact Dr Andrew King (andrew.king@surrey.ac.uk).

To register please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/counting-the-costs-resources-austerity-and-older-lgbt-people-tickets-10638824009>

THE QUALITY OF LIFE CONFERENCE

Sustaining Quality of Life across the Globe ISQOLS 2014

Free University Berlin, September 15 – 18, 2014

The International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) and the Free University Berlin (FU Berlin) invite researchers from all disciplines, policy makers and practitioners from across the globe to participate in the 2014 Quality of Life Conference “Sustaining Quality of Life across the Globe”. We invite you to join an exciting convening of quality of life thinkers September 15-18, 2014. This interdisciplinary ISQOLS conference will be hosted at the Free University in Berlin, Germany in conjunction with the departments of psychology, sociology, and economics and in cooperation with the German Institute for Economic Research

(DIW Berlin). More details about the topics, sessions, fees, and publication opportunities are available at www.isqols.org/berlin2014.

ISQOLS is a multidisciplinary society encouraging the pursuit of quality of life studies and application. This international group convenes regularly to share ideas and findings, and actively supports the dissemination of findings and thoughts via its journal and newsletter, Applied Research in Quality of Life, and Social Indicators Network News as well as its allied publications (see www.isqols.org/resources/publications). We encourage all disciplines and perspectives to join us to promote quality of life globally via



research, policy, and partnerships. Come explore new horizons in quality of life with us.

Our theme is “Sustaining Quality of Life across the Globe” and we welcome papers from all related disciplines. Submissions on issues of happiness, well-being, and any dimension of quality of life are welcome.

Please submit your proposed abstract of approximately 500 words with a list of 3-5 keywords using the following e-mail: berlin2014@isqols.org. If you intend to organize a session, please contact us directly at berlin2014@isqols.org. For new sessions we need a proposal of 500-1000 words together with a list of potential papers. All submitted abstracts and session proposals will be reviewed by established ISQOLS members in collaboration with the conference organizers. There will be the opportunity to submit your paper for pub-

lication consideration in a special issue and book volume. More information will be available at www.isqols.org/berlin2014.

Deadlines:

Submission of Abstracts: May 1, 2014

Announcement of Acceptance: May 30, 2014

Registration: June 1-August 31, 2014

Late Registration: September 1, 2014-conference (late registration fees)

Conference Website:

www.isqols.org/berlin2014

Contact: berlin2014@isqols.org

www.facebook.com/isqols2014

twitter.com/ISQOLS2014

Technology, Care and Ageing: Enhancing Independence

University of Leeds on April 8-9 2014.

The results of AKTIVE, a three-year research project funded by the Technology Strategy Board’s Assisted Living Innovation Platform scheme, will be presented together with other national and international research and industry experience from over 50 contributors.

AKTIVE has focused on generating better knowledge about the impacts that telecare has upon the everyday lives of older people prone to falls and cognitive impairment, and the implications of future telecare design, adoption, and delivery models for the ageing UK population.

- Delegates, speakers and exhibitors bring a wealth of experience to our conference from a range of sectors:
- Social care & community health care professionals from the UK and beyond
- Local authority adult social care providers
- Assisted living housing associations & care home providers
- Telecare technology suppliers & manufacturers from the UK and beyond
- Telecare service providers from the UK and beyond
- Charities and voluntary organisations involved in care for the elderly

Academia

- Interactive exhibitor zone themed with conference sessions



Keynote speakers include Professor Heinz Wolff and Esther Rantzen CBE, founder of The Silver Line and a well-known personality with a genuine concern for the experiences of elderly people living alone and often coping with chronic health or cognitive conditions.

Registration for delegates and exhibitors is now open. Book now and secure your place.

Delegate and exhibitor rates are attractive, with 'early bird' delegate packages - including the conference dinner - from only £95.00 for full access to a two-day conference.

Register now at
www.aktive.org.uk/conference2014.html

We look forward to meeting you in April.

Healthy and Active Aging in a European Context.

Amsterdam Summer School
VU University Amsterdam
Period: 30-06 until 11-07-2014 (2 weeks)

The world is aging, and Europe is the oldest of all continents. The increase in life expectancy is one of the biggest victories of science. It challenges policymakers and professionals to find innovative ways to stimulate autonomy, well-being and active involvement in society of all citizens by integrating the latest insights of scientific research on aging. The Faculty of Social Sciences and the VU Medical Center conduct a large ongoing study on aging which provides ample opportunities to inform students with up-to-date insights in gerontology.

During the first week of the course, students will get a thorough understanding of the social and psychological functioning of older people. Main theories in social and psycho-

gerontology will be addressed and applied to actual social problems of the aging population, including social networks, volunteering, informal care, loneliness, life styles and memory functioning, and successful aging.

During the second week, individual aging will be placed within several major societal developments: modernization, globalization, technological developments (virtual networks, domotica) and the retreat of the welfare regimes in European nations. The course week is concluded with a presentation of a concrete plan of action for a local government or care and welfare institute in the student's home country.

See for more information and application:
<http://www.summerschoolsineurope.eu/index.php?action=showcourse&id=2318>



Portraying Ageing: Cultural Assumptions and Practical Implications

British Library together with The School of Language, Linguistics and Film – Queen Mary, University of London; Centre for Policy on Ageing

Apr. 28, British Library Conference Centre, 09.30-4.15

Age and ageing are not only biological events but also cultural and social constructions. The ways in which individuals and the societies they live in construe and portray age and ageing are interesting not only from a theoretical point of view (from whichever discipline one may be looking at them) but also, crucially, for the very practical impacts in dealing with and understanding an ageing population. From the drafting of legislation to the provision of social services and care; from welfare reform to intergenerational relations, the ways in which we, as individuals and as a society, portray and understand age and

ageing is, arguably, one of the most pressing and interesting issues of our time.

This one-day conference aims to bring together experts from different backgrounds to share and discuss, from a variety of theoretical and practical backgrounds, the many ways in which age and ageing are portrayed and understood, to explore the implications for policy and practice, and to show how interdisciplinary thinking is not only theoretically interesting but also practically relevant.

Speakers will include Professor Julia Twigg, from the University of Kent at Canterbury; Dr Debora Price from the Institute of Gerontology at King's College, London; and David Cutler, from the Baring Foundation.

<http://www.bl.uk/whatson/events/event159401.html>

New Publications of Interest

Nordic Seniors on the Move. Mobility and Migration in Later Life.

Editors: Anne Leonora Blaakilde (University of Copenhagen) & Gabriella Nilsson (Lund University).

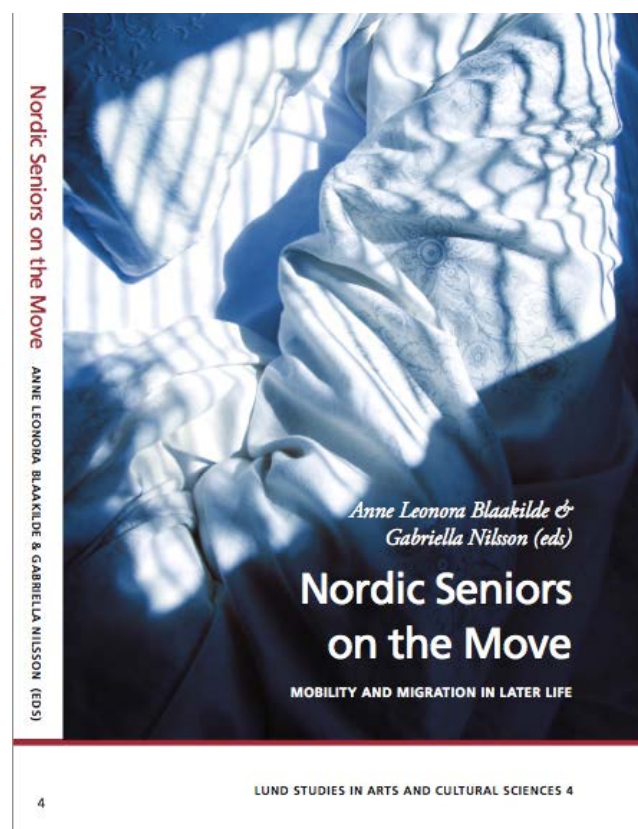
Lund Studies in Arts and Cultural Sciences, vol. 4. Lund University.

The book contains studies on:

- Swedish seniors who move to the countryside, to Costa del Sol, attend the Swedish Church abroad, construct homeliness, and do voluntary work. While on the move, they do not "feel old".
- Finnish seniors who move to Costa del Sol, change their eating habits and attend Nordic Churches
- Danish retirees who move to Spain and Turkey to manage their own health, but do not get an equal support from the Danish state, compared to other retirees in Denmark.
- And global tendencies of retirement migration; i.e. in US, where some seniors live in ghettos and create certain senior urban spaces.

For more information see:

<http://www.ht.lu.se/en/skriftserier/serier/kulturvvetenskaper/70/>



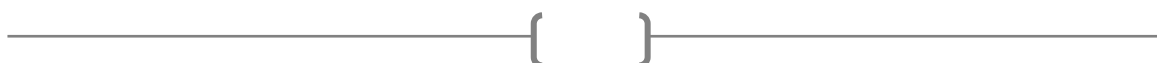
Book presentation: "Alive and Kicking at All Ages. Cultural Constructions of Health and Life Course Identity."

Edited by Ulla Kribernegg, Roberta Maierhofer, and Barbara Ratzenboeck. transcript, 2014.

The 5th volume of the Aging Studies Series entitled "Alive and Kicking at All Ages. Cultural Constructions of Health and Life Course Identity" will be presented at the 8th International Conference on Cultural Gerontology / 2nd Conference of the European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) in Galway, Ireland. The book presentation is part of the joint launch of the Aging Studies book series and of the European

Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) and will take place on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at the Aula Maxima of the National University of Ireland in Galway from 18.45 to 20.00 (<http://www.conference.ie/Conferences/menu.asp?menu=1370&Conference=213>).

Speakers at the book presentation include:



- Roberta Maierhofer, Ulla Kriebnernegg and Heike Hartung (series editors)
- Roberta Maierhofer, Ulla Kriebnernegg, Barbara Ratzenböck (editors of the current volume)
- Rick Moody (reviewer)
- Alex Rotas (photographer)

"Alive and Kicking at All Ages. Cultural Constructions of Health and Life Course Identity" is an interdisciplinary collection of essays contributing to a re-conceptualization of aging and life course identity. The wide scope of the articles presented in the 5th volume of the

publication series of the European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) is product and mission at the same time. It is only a starting point for investigation into the deconstruction of our understanding of normative human behavior. Once we stop talking about universal concepts that seemingly shape our life courses, we will be able to overcome preconceived notions of what it means to be and grow old.

More information on the current volume of the Aging Studies Series can be found at:

<http://www.transcript-verlag.de/ts2582/ts2582.php>

It's a scandal! Comparing the causes and consequences of nursing home media scandals in five countries.

Liz Lloyd, Albert Banerjee, Charlene Harrington, Frode F. Jacobsen, Marta Szebehely, (2014)
International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy, Vol. 34 Iss: 1/2

This study explores the causes and consequences of media scandals involving nursing homes for older persons in Canada, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States. Design/methodology/approach - This study uses a descriptive case study methodology which provides an in-depth, focused, qualitative analysis of one selected nursing home scandal in each jurisdiction. Scandals were selected on the basis of being substantive enough to potentially affect policy. An international comparative perspective was adopted to consider whether and how different social, political and economic contexts might shape scandals and their consequences. Findings - This study found that for-profit residential care provision as well as international trends in the ownership and financing of nursing homes were factors in the emergence of all media scandals, as was investigative reporting and a

lack of consensus around the role of the state in the delivery of residential care. All scandals resulted in government action but such action generally avoided addressing underlying structural conditions. Research limitations/implications - This study examines only the short-term effects of five media scandals. Practical implications - Originality/value - While there has been longstanding recognition of the importance of scandals to the development of residential care policy, there have been few studies that have systematically examined the causes and consequences of such scandals. This paper contributes to a research agenda that more fully considers the media's role in the development of residential care policy, attending to both its promises and shortcomings.

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/journals.htm?articleid=17104979>

Opportunities

Studentships at University of Brighton

The University of Brighton is announcing 16 studentships, one of which directly pertains to LGBTQ Lives with a possible focus on ageing.

We are offering the opportunity for a doctoral student to develop an innovative project that relates to understandings of contemporary queer lives by exploring interactions within LGBT populations and/or between LGBT and non-LGBT populations and how these relate to areas such as identity formation, community engagement/affiliation, minority political practices, and their implications for health and psychological well-being.

The project will be located in the School of Applied Social Science and the candidate will have links with the university-wide Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer Life Research Hub. The proposed research project should seek to explore sexual and gender exclusions and liberations through interactions and

encounters between sexual/gender others and 'mainstream' societies.

The proposed research should aim to improve understandings of LGBT/Q experiences often formed in the context of marginalisation, exclusion and stigmatisation. It is expected that the project will be informed by transdisciplinary theories developed in feminist, queer, affect, sexualities, critical psychological/psychosocial, sociological and cultural geography studies. The project is also expected to provide empirical evidence and offer significant methodological innovation by drawing on qualitative, visual and participatory-community approaches.

Further details:

<http://www.brighton.ac.uk/researchstudy/2014studentships/social/lgbt-queer-lives-marginalization-participation-transformation/>

CARDI funding for future leaders in ageing research announced

CARDI, Centre for Ageing Research in Ireland, has launched a new call for future leaders in ageing research. It will fund up to three research fellows covering their salary for three years and £50,000 each for research expenses.

The new call is the second in its Leadership programme which aims to support high quality research into ageing. The call is open to candidates from the EU who have two to seven years postdoctoral experience and the support of a Northern Ireland University. The CARDI Fellows will study a topic related to healthy ageing and take part in training and development activities to build up their independence and leadership.

CARDI funds, publishes and disseminates research on topics relating to ageing and older people.

CRDI is a not for profit organisation developed by leaders from the ageing field across Ireland (North and South) including researchers, academics, statutory, voluntary and community sector representatives with support from The Atlantic Philanthropies.

For more information see:

<http://www.cardi.ie/cardileadershipprogrammeinageingresearchhome>



Research Fellow in Aging and Later Life

National Institute for the Study of Ageing and Later Life (NISAL), Linköping University, Sweden

Research and the doctoral programme on ageing and later life are conducted at NISAL, which is a national research institute that started the year 2000. The interdisciplinary research and a doctoral programme at NISAL includes theory and methodology of ageing and later life, and in some selected areas of ageing research. The research at NISAL is based on views from the humanities and social sciences. NISAL includes about 20 researchers and doctoral candidates. The institute has a focus on a number of different topics in ageing research. The research and doctoral programme are under development in order to fit the current and future situation in the ageing society at the national and European level. The holder of the appointment will take part in this development of NISAL's research areas.

The holder of the appointment as Assistant Professor must have demonstrated high-quality research with a quantitative methodology in the field of ageing, later life and life-course after receiving a Ph.D. To have proven knowledge of ageing and life-course research, particularly in gerontology or family sociology, demography, or related

fields as well as social applications of these disciplines give special merit in the evaluation in regards to scientific proficiency. Experiences in the following areas are given merit a) quantitative empirical research preferably with large-scale data sets in the field of life-course, ageing and later life, preferably with large-scale data sets and in a longitudinal, international or regional comparative perspective, b) policy oriented research and social political perspective on within ageing politics and in scientific work for concerned parties in politics, science and practice, c) knowledge of statistical and analytical methods and software such as Stata, SPSS and Mplus. Very good knowledge of English, and a strong ambition for further qualification is of merit.

The holder of the appointment shall show documented skills in teaching in the area of ageing and later life. Documented skills in teaching on ageing, later life, life-course and quantitative methodology with relevance to this area gives merits.

For more information see:

<http://www.liu.se/en/job/show.html?5032>

Other events of interest

Course: Understanding Dementia

Friday 7th March 2014, University of Salford, Manchester, United Kingdom

People who work in general hospital or community settings often meet people accessing their services who also have a diagnosis of dementia. This can be problematic as practitioners often feel ill equipped to understand the needs of people with dementia and how they can best support them in relation to their care. Historically this has resulted in poor experience for people who have dementia and their families. This workshop provides an opportunity for such practitioners to reflect on their current practices and develop their skills and knowledge regarding how to understand common problems and how to address them. This workshop can be attended alone though ideally it can be followed up with a second dementia CPD workshop which develops this work with a focus on more specific interventions and strategies.

By the end of the workshop, participants will have:

- Developed their understanding of dementing illnesses and how they impact

upon perception, behavior and relationships

- Engaged in critical reflection on current practice
- Identified potential solutions for common challenges in practice

Tutor/Trainer:

- Dr Elizabeth Collier, Lecturer in mental health
- Natalie Yates-Bolton, Lecturer in adult health nursing

Target Audience:

Any practitioner who comes across people who have dementia in general hospital or community settings

For more information see:

<http://www.salford.ac.uk/spd/courseDetails?courseid=UNDERSUpNb>

MICRA Annual Public Lecture: 'Beyond the fiction and fear: finishing Alzheimer's for the future'

Peter Whitehouse

Professor of Neurology, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, USA

Tuesday 20 May 2014

6.30pm - 8.00pm

Lecture Theatre B, University Place, The University of Manchester M13 9PL, United Kingdom

Co-author of 'The Myth of Alzheimer's' (St Martin's Press), Professor Whitehouse's research interests include the neurobiology of

what he used to refer to as Alzheimer's disease. His work provides a challenge to clinical and social perspectives concerning Alzheimer's, raising critical questions about conventional wisdoms and assumptions about growing old. Professor Whitehouse provides a new approach to understanding the ageing

brain, linking this with an ethically-grounded vision of what it means to age well.

Register online for this free event:

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lecture->

[beyond-the-fiction-and-fear-finishing-alzheimers-for-the-future-tickets-10413419819](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lecture-beyond-the-fiction-and-fear-finishing-alzheimers-for-the-future-tickets-10413419819)

University of Salford launches Institute for Dementia

On Monday 9 December 2013 the University of Salford launched a ground-breaking research institute dedicated to improving the lives of people living with dementia.

The UK's ageing population and growing numbers of people with dementia have prompted the creation of the Salford Institute for Dementia to channel the University's expertise into enabling people to stay independent for longer while minimising distress and discomfort to themselves, their carers and family and friends.

The Institute will bring together academics from across the University to investigate how the disciplines of health and social care, the built environment, product design, virtual reality, robotics and media and the arts can work together to improve the dignity, independence and quality of life of people with dementia.

One of the ways the Institute will contribute to dementia research is by exploring the potential uses of technology, and software is being developed which will use virtual reality to evoke memories and emotional responses. At the early stages of dementia, people could be filmed talking to and embracing a loved one. When their memory fades they will be able to experience the moment again in a 3D

Design will also be used to help people living with dementia by creating environments that support everyday living in settings such as hospital wards, homes and gardens with the aim of maximising independence and reducing frustration.

A donation from the Medlock Charitable Trust has supported the launch of the Institute.

For more information see:

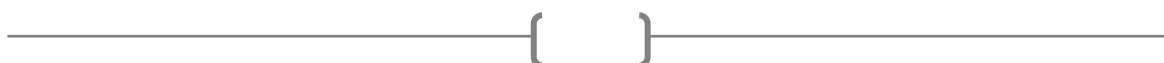
<http://www.salford.ac.uk/salford-institute-for-dementia>

Senior Capital – Future is built on your experience

European countries increasingly face the challenge of ageing in different fields. This also affects the labour market. The project *Senior Capital* aims at contributing to the economic competitiveness of Central Europe through developing knowledge and enlarging the quality work force with a focus on mature employees.

Senior Capital has started in September 2012 and ends in December 2014. Within this project nine partners from Hungary, Slovenia,

Italy, Poland, Austria and Germany cooperate transnationally. To begin with the situation of elderly employees in the partners' regions was analysed, a best-practice collection has been compiled and an analysis of the European framework been carried now. Currently tailor made pilot actions are implemented by each partner that focus on different aspects of mature workers in the labour market as well as capturing knowledge and competencies after the end of the professional career.



Existing education and employment models as well as framework conditions are analysed, new, selected models covering the full cycle of career paths are tested and awareness raising actions are implemented. Local action plans

will be developed towards the end of the project with stakeholder participation.

Further information:
www.seniorcapital.eu
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