

# Ageing in Europe

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Sessions on “Ageing in Europe” at the 10<sup>th</sup> ESA-conference

On September 7-10, 2011, the 10<sup>th</sup> conference of the European Sociological Association will take place in Geneva, Switzerland. The topic of next year’s conference is “Ageing in Turbulent Times”. As usual, the Research Network on Ageing in Europe will hold sessions during the conference, for example on the following topics:

- Consumerism in Older Age
- Inequalities in Old Age
- Health in Old Age
- Formal and Informal Care and Older People

- Intergenerational Relations in Older Age
- Biography, the Life-Course and Older Age
- Retirement and Paid Work in Later Life

For a complete list of topics see [http://ageing-in-europe.org/RN\\_news.htm](http://ageing-in-europe.org/RN_news.htm).

In contrast to previous years, abstracts now need to be directly submitted to the European Sociological Association. Instructions for the abstract submission will be posted on <http://www.esa10thconference.com/submission.php>. Abstract submission will be possible from January 10 until February 27, 2011.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the network coordinators via e-mail: [coordinators@ageing-in-europe.org](mailto:coordinators@ageing-in-europe.org). We are hoping to see many of you in Geneva!

## REPORT

### Doctoral students’ workshop “Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research”

On August 26-27, 2010, the Research Network on Ageing in Europe organized its second

workshop for PhD students. The workshop, focusing on qualitative methods in ageing research, took place at the University of Vechta, Germany. During the workshop, twelve PhD students from across Europe presented their projects and received feedback from senior researchers.



*The picture shows participants and discussants at the PhD students’ workshop.*

## NEWS FROM ACROSS EUROPE

### Consultation: A Road Map for Ageing Research in Europe

Ageing research is a flourishing scientific field in Europe. Due to population ageing, we can expect it to become even more important in the future. Because of developments such as globalization and the current economic crisis, however, we can also expect to see shifts in the topics studied by ageing researchers. The project FUTURAGE tries to chart to those shifts.

FUTURAGE is a two-year project, funded by the European Commission under the Seventh Framework Programme and coordinated by the University of Sheffield (principal investigator: Professor Alan Walker). It aims at developing a Road Map for Ageing Research in Europe for the next 10 to 15 years, adapting a multi-disciplinary perspective. Drawing on experts and specialists from Europe and beyond, the Road Map will represent the most extensive consultation ever conducted in this field.

In order to develop the Road Map, national consultations were conducted, stakeholder meetings and workshops were organized. The workshops focused on five broad themes in the field of ageing research: Biogerontology, Social and Economic Resources, Environments of Ageing, Healthy Ageing, and User Involvement.

In the theme "Social and Economic Resources", for example, more than 60 academics participated in two workshops. The workshops were organized by the Italian National Research Centre on Ageing (INRCA) under the lead of Dr. Giovanni Lamura. They took place in Ancona, Italy, this year. During the workshops, participants identified and discussed research priorities, methodological challenges, infrastructure and transferability issues. The possible priorities discussed were not only established topics, such as social participation, labour market and technologies. New needs and challenges, for example those raised by the recent economic downturn, were also taken into consideration.

More information on the project is available on <http://futurage.group.shef.ac.uk/>. For information on the theme "Social and Economic Resources", please contact the INRCA coordination team Carlos Chiatti ([c.chiatti@inrca.it](mailto:c.chiatti@inrca.it)) and Francesco Barbabella ([f.barbabella@inrca.it](mailto:f.barbabella@inrca.it)).

*If you have news that you wish to have included in the newsletter, please contact Kathrin Komp [kathrin.komp@uleth.ca](mailto:kathrin.komp@uleth.ca).*

## Events

### Conferences

#### **Sleep, Well-being and Active Ageing: New Evidence for Policy and Practice**

October 28, 2010, London, UK

This one-day conference aims to place 'sleep quality' at the heart of the health, well-being and active ageing agenda. It is the final conference of the 4 year multi-disciplinary Sleep in Ageing project. Speakers include Baroness Sally Greengross, Professor Sara Arber and Professor Mike Nolan.

Conference organizer: Department of Sociology, University of Surrey

Deadline for registration: October 15, 2010

For more information see:

[www.somnia.surrey.ac.uk/conferences.html](http://www.somnia.surrey.ac.uk/conferences.html)

#### **Indian Ageing Congress**

November 12-14, 2010, Varanasi, India

This is the joint VIIIth Annual Conference of the Indian Academy of Geriatrics and the XV Bien-

nial Conference of the Association of Gerontology, India.

Conference organizer: Indian Academy of Geriatrics & Indian Association of Gerontology

For more information see:

[bhu.ac.in/IAC/index.html](http://bhu.ac.in/IAC/index.html)

### **Becoming Visible: Older People as Active Participants in the Community and in Long-Term Care Setting**

November 16-17, 2010, Dublin Ireland

The focus of this conference is older people's participation in the community and in long-term care settings. The conference will explore the principles and practicalities of optimising older people's participation and the mechanisms for engaging greater numbers of older people as active and empowered citizens.

Conference organizers: Social Policy and Ageing Research Centre, Trinity College Dublin & Changing Ageing Partnership, Queens University Belfast

Deadline for registration: November 9, 2010

For more information see:

[www.sparc.tcd.ie/newsAndEvents/Conf2010Home.php](http://www.sparc.tcd.ie/newsAndEvents/Conf2010Home.php)

### **Towards a Critical Geography of Age**

April 12-16, 2011, Seattle, USA

Social categories of difference orient research priorities for many human geographers. Recently, age has become part of the debate —

as a social identity that varies across space. This conference encourages connections between geographers concerned with children and young people, old age and everywhere in between.

Conference organizer: Association of American Geographers

Deadline for abstract submission: October 15, 2010

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## **Debates**

### **The Economics of Preventative Health**

November 3, 2010, London, UK

This is an ILC-UK and Actuarial Profession Joint debate.

Debate organizer: International Longevity Centre UK

For more information contact:

[events@ilcuk.org.uk](mailto:events@ilcuk.org.uk)

### **The Older Consumer**

November 23, 2010, London, UK

This is a joint debate of ILC-UK and the Actuarial Profession in Partnership with Age UK.

Debate organizer: International Longevity Centre UK

For more information contact:

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## **Publications**

### **Books**

#### **Family, kinship and state in contemporary Europe, Volume 3. Perspectives on theory and policy.**

Edited by P. Heady (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology) and M. Kohli (European University Institute)

Kinship is at the heart of European society, sharing with the state responsibility for welfare

and social reproduction. This volume uses studies the extent of mutual assistance between relatives and explore its connection to residence and marriage patterns, intergenerational relationships, gender roles and fertility.

Published: 2010

Publisher: Campus Verlag

**Ageing and Intergenerational Relations: Family reciprocity from a global perspective**

Edited by M. Izuhara (University of Bristol)

With socio-economic and demographic changes taking place in contemporary societies, new patterns of family relations are forming. This book explores the exchange of support between generations and examines variations in contemporary practices and rationales around the world.

Published: 2010

Publisher: The Policy Press

**Samo da bo denar in zdravje: življenje starih revnih ljudi [As long as we have money and health: The life of underprivileged elderly]**

By V. Hlebec, M. Kavčič, M. Filipovič Hrast, A. Vezovnik and M. Trbanc (University of Ljubljana)

This book offers a description of the underprivileged elderly in Slovenia, the individual aspects of their social exclusion and a detailed depiction of their lives and ways of coping with the various aspects of social exclusion. The book is written in Slovenian and includes a summary in English.

Published: 2010

Publisher: Faculty of Social sciences, University of Ljubljana

**The SAGE Handbook of Social Gerontology**

Edited by D. Dannefer (Case Western Reserve University) and C. Phillipson (Keele University)

This new publication provides a comprehensive overview of key trends and issues in the field of ageing, drawing upon the full range of social science disciplines. The volume reflects the emergence of ageing as a global concern, drawing upon international scholars from Asia, Australasia, Europe and North America.

Published: 2010

Publisher: Sage

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**Other publications**

**Special Issue: Inclusion and Interaction: Designing Interaction for Inclusive Populations with Products Containing Computer Technology**

Edited by: P. Langdon and H. Thimbleby

This special issue of the journal "Interacting with Computers" address issues relating to Inclusive Interaction, including: multimodal interaction as a strategy for including older users and the use of design processes for encouraging older adults' social and physical activities using play.

Issue: 22(6)

Publication date: December 2010

**Journal: Quality in Ageing and Older Adults**

This journal will help you to make sense of current research and policy in working with older people at a time of demographic change. The Journal particularly considers the implications of policy and research in managing and commissioning services and will arm you with practical information about the promotion of quality of life in later years as well as offering guidance on appropriate service provision.

For more information see:

[www.pierprofessional.com/qiaoaflyer](http://www.pierprofessional.com/qiaoaflyer)

**Journal: Working with Older People**

This journal celebrates the fact that people are living longer and the opportunities that this presents for older people, families, communities and the economy. Full of practical examples of how services are making social inclusion and choice and control a reality for older people, this Journal will help you and your service to meet the challenges of working with an increasing number of older citizens at a time of demographic change.

For more information see:

[www.pierprofessional.com/wwopflyer](http://www.pierprofessional.com/wwopflyer)

**Policy Brief: Paying for Long-Term Care**

By R. Rodrigues and A. Schmidt (European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research)

This Policy Brief aims to present information, on the one hand, on the current picture of public and private expenditure on long-term care for older people and to discuss the challenges of financing care.

Published: September 2010

Available on:

[www.euro.centre.org/detail.php?xml\\_id=1756](http://www.euro.centre.org/detail.php?xml_id=1756)

## Book Tip

### **Older Workers in a Globalizing World: An International Comparison of Retirement and Late-Career Patterns in Western Industrialized Countries**

Written by Dirk Hofäcker  
Edward Elgar Publishing  
Year of publication: 2010  
Price: about 80 £

The aim of this book is to develop and test a comprehensive life-course approach to understand the emergence of early retirement in modern societies (enlarged Europe and North America). First, a detailed review is given of the current state of the art in economic and sociological research concerning late careers and retirement. Second, the author argues that globalization has contributed considerably to a deterioration in labor market chances of older workers leading to an early-exit trend. The assumptions are tested using cross-sectional aggregated data for fourteen OECD countries

and longitudinal data on late-career and retirement patterns in four selected countries, each representing an institutional regime type. As a sociologist interested in retirement issues, he especially found the embedding of retirement transitions in a broader life-course context including institutional constraints an important contribution to the current debate. Furthermore, this book provides empirical evidence that is essential in the discussion on increasing the employability of older workers.

*This book tip was written by Rabina Cozijnsen, PhD student at VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands.*

*If you would like to write a book tip for the next issue of the newsletter, please contact Kathrin Komp [kathrin.komp@uleth.ca](mailto:kathrin.komp@uleth.ca).*



## Other announcements

### **Dataset: SHARELIFE - One century of European life histories**

On November 24, the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) will officially launch its new SHARELIFE data and first results in Brussels. SHARELIFE is the third wave of data collection for SHARE, which focuses on people's life histories. More than 30,000 women and men aged 50+ across 14 European countries have been interviewed about all important areas of their lives, ranging from partners and children over housing and work history to detailed questions on health and health care. The data will be available free of charge after the event.

For more information see:

[www.share-project.org/sharelife](http://www.share-project.org/sharelife)

### **Brochure: Get U & Go 2010/2011**

This brochure is aimed at the young at heart with a longer, healthier life as a goal. To make access easier to all of the opportunities to help our citizens we have developed Get Up and Go - a brochure for 50+, the young at heart!, a brochure that is unique to Edinburgh.

For more information see:

[www.youredinburgh.info/engage/](http://www.youredinburgh.info/engage/)

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