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SPECIAL ISSUE

ESA RN1 Conference “Ageing in the light of crises: Economic crisis, demographic change, and the search for meaning” Umeå, Sweden, October 3-5, 2012

The Research Network on Ageing in Europe will host its bi-annual conference in Umeå Sweden this October. This special issue of the newsletter provides you with the preliminary

programme followed by the presentations in parallel sessions. For more information please see <http://www.eventus.trippus.se/crisis2012>

Preliminary Programme

(as of 17 September 2012)

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

18:00-20:00 Registration and reception at the Västerbottens museum

Learn about the Västerbotten region and the Sami way of life.

NB: Bring warm clothes, we will have a camp fire!

Thursday, October 4, 2012

08:30-09:00 Registration (Universum, Umeå Campus)

09:00-09:30 Welcome notes (Rotundan, Universum, Umeå University)

Kathrin Komp, Research Network for Ageing in Europe

Carita Bengs, Mikael Stattin, & Gunnar Malmberg, Umeå University

Sandra Torres, Swedish Gerontological Society

09:30-10:15 Keynote speech

Sara Arber, University of Surrey, UK: Changing gender roles in later life? Interconnections of work, grandparenting, care and state policies

Coffee break

10:30-12:00 Keynote speeches (Rotundan, Universum, Umeå University)

Stefan Svallfors, Umeå University, Sweden: Welfare states in times of population ageing:
Age, class and attitudes towards public policies
Harald Kuenemund, University of Vechta, Germany: Pension retrenchment and economic
crises - cause, excuse, or effect?

Lunch break at Restaurant Lingon, Universum, Umeå University

13:30-15:00 Parallel sessions I-III

Session I: The policies & politics of ageing labour markets (C204, Humanisthuset, Umeå
University)
Session II: Social networks in old age (C206, Humanisthuset, Umeå University)
Session III: Concepts of old age (C208, Humanisthuset, Umeå University)

Coffee break

15:30-17:30 Parallel sessions IV-VI

Session IV: Ageing labour markets (C204, Humanisthuset, Umeå University)
Session V: Familial support in old age (C206, Humanisthuset, Umeå University)
Session VI: Health in old age (C208, Humanisthuset, Umeå University)

19:00 Conference dinner at Club Socialize

Friday, October 5, 2012

09:00-10:30 Parallel sessions VII-IX

Session VII: Retirement & pensions (C204, Humanisthuset, Umeå University)
Session VIII: Older migrants (C206, Humanisthuset, Umeå University)
Session IX: Care services for older people (C208, Humanisthuset, Umeå University)

Coffee break

11:00-12:00 Parallel session X-XI

Session X: Older workers (C204, Humanisthuset, Umeå University)
Session XI: International perspectives on population ageing (C206, Humanisthuset, Umeå
University)

Coffee break

12:15-13:00 Closing session (Hörsal F, Humanisthuset, Umeå University)

Ricca Edmondson, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland: Reflections on the
conference: Older age, the future and crises of meaning

Lunch (Lunch bags, can be taken away)

PRESENTATIONS IN PARALLEL SESSIONS

Session I: The policies & politics of ageing labour markets (Chair: Patrizia Aurich)

Exploring the 'New Worlds' of (Late) Retirement in Europe (*Dirk Hofäcker, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, Germany & Marge Unt, University of Estonia, Estonia*)

Active Ageing in the European Union- Policy convergence and divergence (*Kate Hamblin, University of Oxford, UK*)

'Fairness' principles as legitimating norms in political reform debates on work in old age and retirement (*Steffen Hagemann, University of Bremen, Germany*)

Support for cuts in spending on unemployment benefits. A clash between the retired and the unemployed? (*Amílcar Moreira, University of Lisbon, Portugal*)

Session II: Social networks in old age (Chair: N.N.)

Civic participation among old-old people in Sweden at a time of change (*Eva Jeppsson Grassman & Magnus Jegermalm, Linköping University, Sweden*)

Occupational stratification of voluntary work in retirement: Evidence from Germany (*Jessica Ordemann & Holger Lengfeld, University of Hamburg, Germany*)

Social capital and mental well-being among older people: a comparison of employees and retirees (*Fredrica Nyqvist, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland, & Anna Forsman, Nordic School of Public Health, Sweden, & Mima Cattan, Northumbria University, UK*)

Social networks and subjective well-being among older Europeans (*Howard Litwin, & Kimberly J. Stoeckel, Hebrew University, Israel*)

Session III: Concepts of old age (Chair: Bernhard Weicht)

Critical reflections on a proposed definition of ageism: Issues of non-systematic research, validity and delimitation (*Fredrik Snellman, Umeå University, Sweden*)

Intertwined notions of older people and the nation/state as community (*Magnus Nilsson, Karlstad University, Sweden*)

The reconstruction of old age: On the influences of economic crises and demographic change (*Kathrin Komp, Umea University, Sweden*)

Older learners' narratives on ageing: Methodological considerations (*Ulpukka Isopahkala-Bouret & Päivi Siivonen, University of Helsinki, Finland*)

Session IV: Ageing labour markets (Chair: Amílcar Moreira)

Aging of labour force and labour usage in companies in Finland (*Tiina Soininen, University of Tampere, Finland*)

Unemployment among older workers in Europe (*Daniele Zaccaria, University of Milan Bicocca, Italy*)

Forms of discrimination experienced by older workers: Empirical examples from Poland (*Justyna Stypinska, Free University Berlin, Germany*)

Labor market exit of older low-skilled workers: German firms' practices (*Karl Hinrichs & Janett Kampf, University of Bremen, Germany*)

Everybody wants to live longer, work shorter time and get richer during the retirement? Polish conflict in the context of population forecasts (*Maria Luszczynska, Academy of Special Education in Warsaw, Poland*)

Session V: Familial support in old age (Chair: N.N.)

Labour and Love: Trying to remain 'active' whilst providing care (*Kate Hamblin, University of Oxford, UK & Andreas Hoff, University of Zittau-Görlitz, Germany*)

Care in the context of ageing disabled couples (*Cristina Joy Torgé, Linköping University, Sweden*)

Buying out - effects of grandparents filial norms and financial transfers on grandparental childcare (*JP Roos & Mirikka Danielsbacka & Antti Tanskanen, Helsinki University, Finland & Kathrin Komp, Umea University, Sweden*)

Economic crisis and grandmotherhood in the Nordic welfare state model (*Anne Leonora Blaakilde, University of Copenhagen, Denmark*)

Session VI: Health in old age (Chair: N.N.)

Health trends among the oldest old in Sweden 1992 – 2011 (*Stefan Fors, Carin Lennartsson & Mats Thorslund, Stockholm University, Sweden*)

Health life styles and autonomy at old age (*Inês Gomes, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal & António Marques, Instituto Politécnico de Setúbal, Portugal & Ana Fernandes, Univerdade Técnica de Lisboa, Portugal*)

Recent trends in complex health problems in the oldest old in Sweden 1992-2011: A challenge for the provision of social and medical care (*Bettina Meinow & Ingemar Kårehold & Marti G. Parker, Stockholm University, Sweden*)

Ageing and 'positive posttraumatic growth' (*Agnes Botond, Sophiahemmet Högskola, Sweden*)

Healthy ageing – 'Ageing 2.0' and the politicization of longevity (*Lene Otto, University of Copenhagen, Denmark*)

Session VII: Retirement & pensions (Chair: Magnus Nilsson)

Happy retirement - cancelled? (*Dirk Hofäcker & Elias Naumann, University of Mannheim, Germany*)

The effect of the population ageing on the Romanian pension system (*Ciprian Panzaru, The West University of Timisoara, Romania*)

Colourful solutions from a grey past. The Dutch statutory pension age as a historical and socio-economic variable (*Robin Satter, Radboud University, the Netherlands*)

Leisure and timing of retirement (*Linda Kridahl, Stockholm University, Sweden*)

Session VIII: Older migrants (Chair: N.N.)

Need assessment practice and older migrants: A focus group study (*Sandra Torres, Uppsala University & A. Olaison, Linköping University & E. Forssell, Ersta Sköndal University College, Sweden*)

Life-course perspective on ethnicity and social care (*Stina Johansson & Marie-Louise Snellman, Umea University, Sweden*)

Those who are not 'forever young'. Implications of immigrant population aging in hosting societies (*Francesco Marcaletti, Catholic University of Milan, Italy & Veronica Riniolo, Regional Observatory on Integration and Multiethnicity, Milan, Italy*)

Loneliness among older Finnish migrants in the UK (*Mima Cattan, Northumbria University, UK*)

Session IX: Care services for older people (Chair: N.N.)

Education and competence for staff in the elderly care sector. A complex issue (*Petra Ahnlund, Umeå University, Sweden*)

A comparison between the working conditions of care workers in Australia and Sweden (*Jane Mears, University of Western Sydney, Australia*)

Regulation of eldercare in the context of growing privatisation: Comparing Canada and Sweden (*Albert Banerjee, York University, Canada & Stockholm University, Sweden*)

Structures support in early stage of dementia (*Annika Kjällman Alm, Mid Sweden University, Sweden*)

Session X: Older workers (Chair: N.N.)

Age-related leadership: An international comparison among managers' attitudes and behaviors towards age and ageing in four European countries (*Cordula Braedel-Kühner, Karlshochschule international University, Germany & Emma Garavaglia, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Milano, Italy*)

Echoes of ageist discourses in the workplace: Assessing the impact on Canadian senior worker's psychological engagement, self-esteem and intentions to retire (*Martine Lagacé & Joelle Laplante, University of Ottawa, Canada*)

Ageing as a chance for economic development? Considerations from analyses of private consumption and the labour market in Austria (*Birgit Aigner-Waldner, Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria*)

Session XI: International perspectives on population ageing (Chair: Stina Johansson)

Ageing at harsh conditions: an accident or a stigma. Cohort approach to ageing in post-socialist conditions (*Vladimir Kozlov, Higher School of Economics, Russia*)

Current and future issues of interest for 'sociologists of ageing' from Central and Eastern European countries (*Jolanta Perek-Bialas, Jagiellonian University, Poland*)

Ageing in the light of crises: Nigerian contest (*Olusesan Olukoya, African Regional Youth Initiative, Nigeria*)

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