



Old Age Care System Dilemma in the United Kingdom

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From the Editor

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Dear colleagues,

Every four years ISA members meet at the World Congress of Sociology. In 2014, thousands of colleges from all over the world will be participating in a World Congress addressing challenges for global sociology. When thinking about these challenges, aging always comes at the top of the list. We already recognize the need for more researchers, practitioners, and policy experts to face the challenges of population aging and turn them into opportunities for better lives and greater development. At the ISA World Congress in Yokohama, we will have a unique opportunity to get more people on board.

Expanding our network will require a lot of effort. However, we have made important progress during the last four years and plans are already underway for a larger and stronger Research Committee on Aging. In this RC11 Newsletter issue, Anne Martin-Mathews and Lucie Vidovicová highlight both our past successes and challenges ahead for a new four-year period in RC11. You will also find excellent contributions by our members, including a book review by Virpi Timonen on Marvin Fomosa and Paul Higgs' book on social class in later life, a short article by Jacob John Kattakayam on the oldest old in Kerala, and various announcements. As you will see in the following pages, there is a lot to be excited about. *

Sincerely,

Esteban

From the President

Anne Martin-Matthews | amm@mail.ubc.ca



Dear RC 11Members and Colleagues,

Since our last newsletter, there has been considerable activity in response to the Call for Abstracts for the ISA's 18th World Congress of Sociology, to be held in Yokohama, Japan, from

July 13-19, 2014. In this issue of our Newsletter, you will find the most current information on the preliminary program of sessions on aging scheduled to date for the Congress. RC11 developed a record number of sessions for this Congress, and the response from the community has been nothing less than overwhelming! In all, 270 abstracts were received, with seven sessions receiving 15 or more abstract submissions. The record goes to the RC11 – RC 06 joint session on “Family and Eldercare”, with 31 abstract submissions.

All submissions have now been reviewed by the 2014 Congress RC11 Program Chair, Andreas Hoff (Germany), and the members of the Program Committee: Esteban Calvo (Chile), Koichi Hasegawa (Japan), Jacobus Hoffman (UK and South Africa), Hal Kendig (Australia) and the Program Committee Vice-Chair, Virpi Timonen (Ireland). At this time I thank Andreas, Virpi and the members of the Program Committee for their work in responding to the volume of abstract submissions. It was an especially challenging task to review so many abstracts and to co-ordinate across sessions, in order to accommodate as many presentations as possible. Any further questions about the process should be directed to Andreas Hoff at: A.Hoff@hszg.de. All relevant Congress information is available on the ISA website: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/>

Elsewhere in this Newsletter, you will find information about new members to RC11, and new lifetime members. We welcome new members and look forward to acquainting at future Congresses and other meetings. Many of our lifetime members have had a long association with RC11 and have made great contributions to the sociology of aging. We deeply value their ongoing commitment and engagement.

For many members, the period of ISA (and RC11) membership coincides with the four year cycle between Congresses. Hence, December 2013 marks a point of membership renewal for many of us (me included). I encourage you to not let that deadline slip; as you may know, our allocation of sessions at the World Congresses is a direct function of our membership numbers. We have already benefited from the increased number of sessions we were awarded for the Yokohama Congress, and we do of course wish to maintain that in the future. Membership can be renewed online: http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/index.htm

For those of you looking ahead to future opportunities to engage with RC11 colleagues, I am pleased to report that long-time RC11 member Merrill Silverstein of the University of Syracuse, USA, is actively exploring the possibility of a joint RC11- RCo6 inter-congress meeting in the spring of 2015 on the topic of ‘aging and families’. More details will be provided as they become available.

The time of the World Congress is also election time for the RC11 Executive (including positions as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and our members-at-large positions). Early in 2014, I will be issuing a Call for Nominations to these Executive positions. At this time, we are considering instituting a mechanism for voting by the full RC11 membership (and not, as in the

past, just by those present in the room at the Business Meeting held during the Congress). By February, we will have complete information on the Nomination and election processes. If any of you have questions about the process, or about voting procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me at amm@mail.ubc.ca.

Thank you once again for your interest in the work of RC11. With all good wishes for the holiday season in various parts of the world, and for the New Year, *

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Martin-Matthews". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

From the Secretary



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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to thank all those new, returning, and current members for their continuous support of the RC11 cause. Between late November 2012 and October 2013 we welcomed a number of new and returning members of RC11:

- New members: Yayoi Shimitzu (Japan), Jun Tsunematsu (Japan), Maria-Jose Torrejon (Canada), Nick Le Feuvre (Switzerland), Bengt Eriksson (Sweden), Ase-Britt Falch (Sweden), Hiromi Watanabe (Japan), Masaaki Yoshihara (Japan), Madhava Jayakumar (India), Haisong Nie (Japan), Tkashi Iguchi (Japan), Kayo Suzuki (Japan), Daisuek Watanabe (Japan), Yong Jay Lee (Korea), James Odit (Zambia), Shizuko Katagiri (Japan), Slema Kadi (United Kingdom), Marvin Formosa (Malta), Rie Yamanoi (Japan), Johanne Brady (Australia), Pei-Chun Ko (Germany), Marlize Rabe (South Africa), Camila Arza (Argentina), Kiwamu Ando (Japan), Mario Joyo Aguja (Philippines), Lukasz Czarnecki (Mexico), Yuka Matsui (Japan), and Seung-Min Park (Korea).

- Returning members: Cynthia Cready (USA), Neena Chappell (Canada), Laura Merla (Belgium), Susan Feldman (Australia), Wendy Martin (United Kingdom), Verena Haldemann (Canada), Sandra Torres (Sweden), and R. Maruthakutti (India).

At ISA, life membership is available after the age of 65 years. RC11 members recently moving to Life Member status include:

- Victor Marshall (USA), Sara Arber (UK), Elena Bastida-Gonzales (USA), Sally Bould (USA), Hynek Jerabek (Czech Rep.), Shirley Nuss (USA), Mauro Palumbo (Italy), JP Roos (Finland), John Williamson (USA), Carole-Lynne Le Navenec (Canada), and Randi Hjorthol (Norway).

The total number of ISA members in good standing in 2013 is 167. As many of us joined RC11 for four years in connection to the ISA World Congress in Gothenburg in 2010, at the beginning of 2014 only 117 members will be in good standing, so please make sure to renew your membership for both ISA and RC11. It takes only few easy steps following this link: http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/index.htm. The four years membership of RC11 costs as little as \$20 USD. In case you are not sure when your RC11 membership will be lapsing, please feel free to contact either directly ISA office or myself at lucie.vidovic@seznam.cz.

Elections to the Wider ISA Executive Committee, Period Fall 2014 to Summer 2018

Year 2014 will not only be the year of our next World Congress and RC 11 election year, but also an ISA wider election year. The posts of ISA's President and Vice-Presidents, as well as positions of the members of ISA's Executive Committee will be available at this election.

This election will be an occasion to bring our RC11 cause—"the aging"—to the mainstream of social science and to raise awareness to the issues affecting

us all. A goal of RC11 is to advance the importance of the sociology of aging within the discipline as a whole. There is virtually no realm of social life which is not affected by profound and global demographic change, yet our voices are still somehow “underrepresented” within many discussions within sociology.

In order to exercise influence we need to be present at the top level of ISA and the up-coming ISA elections provide an opportunity to accomplish that. All RC11 members are encouraged to consider the possibility to nominate or run for some of the positions available. There is no room for false modesty! If you are willing and feeling you have something to contribute to global sociology, please have a look at the ISA website http://www.isa-sociology.org/about/isa_elections_2014.htm for more details and forms.

The form from the website and a short curriculum vitae should be emailed to isa@isa-sociology.org and sent by regular mail to arrive by January 31, 2014 to ISA Executive Secretary Izabela Barlinska. For full details on the requirements for different roles, as well as on the ISA election process itself please refer also to: http://www.isa-sociology.org/about/isa_elections_2014.htm or contact me at lucie.vidovic@seznam.cz, as I am serving as member of the ISA Nominating Committee. ✨

RC11 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Joint Session Health and Social Care in the Context of Population Aging

Session Organizer: Anne MARTIN-MATTHEWS (RC11 'Sociology of Aging')

Session Organizer: Ivy BOURGEAULT (RC15 'Sociology of Health' (host committee))

1. Race/Ethnicity and Health Information Seeking and Use Outside of the Medical Encounter: Is It Associated with Chronic Conditions? (Ronica Rooks) (oral paper)
2. Population Ageing and Distributional Concerns (Maria Vaalavuo) (oral paper)
3. The Care Work Precariat: In the Intersection of Population Aging, Growing Income Inequalities and Welfare State Retrenchment (Susan MCDANIEL) (oral paper)
4. Ageing and the Development of Community Care in East Asia – What Way Forward? (Tine ROSTGAARD) (oral paper)
5. Policy and Practice Of Dementia Care - Comparing Japan and Sweden/Norway (Bengt G ERIKSSON, Masaaki YOSHIHARA, Åse-Britt FALCH and Yayoi SHIMIZU) (oral paper)
6. Are Persons with Dementia Disadvantaged in Comparison to Other Elderly? Contribution of the Capability Approach to Assessing the Equity of the French Social and Health Policy (Catherine LE GALÈS, Martine BUNGENER and Caroline DESPRES) (oral paper)
7. Choice and Decision-Making in Swedish Elderly Care (Anna DUNÉR, Pär BJÄLKEBRING and Boo JOHANSSON) (oral paper)
8. Care Strategies in Transnational Social Spaces Created By Chronically Ill Migrants (Alejandra G. LIZARDI-GÓMEZ) (distributed paper)
9. The Hidden Patients - a Qualitative Study on Informal Caregivers in Germany (Marén SCHORCH) (distributed paper)
10. Carers' Non-Use of Services: Issues of Power and Control (Joyce CAVAYE) (distributed paper)

Joint Session Future of Aging: Global and Comparative Perspectives on Trends, Implications, Policies, and Practices

Session Organizer: Julia ROZANOVA (RC07 'Future Research' (host committee))

Session Organizer: Andreas Hoff (RC11 'Sociology of Aging')

1. Dark Shades of travel: Death Tourism with its Legal and Social Implications (DeMond MILLER) (oral paper)
2. The 'Gap-Filling' Role of Civil Society Organisations for an Ageing Population in a Global Context: A Comparative Study of Three Welfare States - Japan, Britain and Sweden (Mayumi HAYASHI, Utae MORI and Itsuko TOYAMA KANAMOTO) (oral paper)
3. The Cost of Living Longer: Projections of the Effects of Prospective Mortality Improvement on Economic Support Ratios for Eighteen More Advanced Economies (Nick PARR, Ka Ki (Jackie) LI and Leonie TICKLE) (oral paper)
4. Barrier and Risk Free Environments for Older People. a Survey Applied to State Provided Units in Chile, the Need of a New Policy Approach (Marcela PIZZI) (oral paper)
5. Older Persons Social Contribution in an Ageing Society: Demographic Dividend or Long Term Liability? (Tom EMERY) (oral paper)
6. Future of Aging in Wallonia, Belgium: Lessons Learnt from a Cross-European Stakeholder Involvement Project (Pierre DELVENNE, Benedikt ROSSKAMP, Céline PAROTTE and Géraldine ZEIMERS) (oral paper)
7. Meaningful Aging in the Middle of Nowhere: Community, Subjectivity, and the Elderly in Rural Japan (Cheng-Heng CHANG) (oral paper)

Joint Session Visual Methods in Ageing Research: Methodological Issues

Session Organizer: Wendy MARTIN (RC11 'Sociology of Aging')

Session Organizer: Elisabeth-Jane MILNE (WGo3 Visual Sociology (host committee))

1. Methodological Complexities Involved When Using Visual Methods in Dementia Research (Sarah Kate SMITH and Gail Ann MOUNTAIN) (oral paper)
2. 'Taking Photos? I Don't Do That Anymore': Critiquing the Photo-Diary As Method in Ageing Research (E-J MILNE and Julie BROWNLIE) (oral paper)
3. Audiovisual Methods in Research on Ageing and Social Relations (Kamilla NØRTOFT and Anne-Katrine HANSEN) (oral paper)
4. Visual Narrative and the Internet: Ethical Approaches to Engaging Australian Aboriginal Participants on Their Experiences of Ageing (Kayli WILD, Kath RYAN, Victoria TEAM, Jacqueline TUDBALL, Elaine Lawurrpa MAYPILAMA and Lorraine SMITH) (oral paper – video)
5. Virtual, Augmented or Real? Ageing Research in an Era of Spatial Technologies (Hamish ROBERTSON, Nick NICHOLAS, Andrew GEORGIOU, Julie JOHNSON, Joanne TRAVAGLIA and Tuly ROSENFELD) (oral paper)

Age Inequalities, Ageism and Age Discrimination: Still on the Rise?

Session Organizer: Lucie VIDOVICOVA

1. Ageism in Times of Population Aging. Rising Awareness and New Forms of Discrimination (Silke VAN DYK) (oral paper)
2. Ageing, Ageism and Discrimination (Lyn RYAN) (oral paper)
3. Older Canadian Men's Perceptions and Experiences of Ageism in Everyday Life (Laura HURD CLARKE and Alexandra KOROTCHENKO) (oral paper)
4. Ageism and Social Integration Of Older Adults In Their Neighborhoods In Israel (Esther IECOVICH, Adi VITMAN and Nurit ALFASI) (oral paper)
5. Senior Bastards- Rebellion Against Or a Confirming Of Negative Age Codes? (Janicke ANDERSSON) (oral paper)
6. Research on the Potential Age Discrimination to the Senior Citizens in China (Xu CHEN) (oral paper)
7. Abuse Among Older People: An Invisible Discrimination (Jacob John KATTAKAYAM) (oral paper)
8. Racial/Ethnic Predictors of Falls Among Older Adults: A Population-Based, Longitudinal Study (Emily NICKLETT and Robert J. TAYLOR) (distributed paper)

Aging and the Body in Everyday Life

Session Organizer: Laura HURD CLARKE

1. Gender, Ageing and Everyday Life: Visually Representing the Body (Wendy MARTIN and Katy PILCHER) (oral paper)
2. Older Bodies, Dancing Together: Gender, Embodiment and Aesthetics in a Canadian Square Dance Club (Liza MCCOY and Barbara SCHNEIDER) (oral paper)
3. Women and Aging: Appearance and Age Appropriateness (Rachel THORPE) (oral paper)
4. Dress and the Embodiment of Age in Everyday Life (Julia TWIGG) (oral paper)
5. Older Single Gay Men's 'Defensive Othering': The 'Body Beautiful' and the 'Given up' (Yiu Tung SUEN) (oral paper)
6. Sexual and Gender Diverse Women's Experiences of Negotiating Intimacy in Later Life (Moirá CARMODY) (oral paper)
7. Alcohol, the Body and Gender in Later Life (Clare HOLDSWORTH) (distributed paper)
8. Understanding the Meaning of Living with Parkinson's Disease in an Australian Community Setting from the Perspectives of the Person Diagnosed and Their Partner/Carer (Johanne BRADY) (distributed paper)
9. Body, Time, and the Postwar Generation (Naomi WOODSPRING) (distributed paper)
10. The Meaning and the Role of Clothing for Elderly Women (Shizuko KATAGIRI) (distributed paper)
11. Perceptions of the Concept of Physical Activity Among Older People and Staff in Residential Homes (Annsophie MAHRS TRÄFF) (distributed paper)
12. This Is a Women's World-Womanhood in Old Age (Monika WILINSKA) (distributed paper)
13. Bodily Practices of Elderly and the Methodology of Oral History (Leticia ALVARES) (distributed paper)
14. Corps En Mouvement : L'expérience De La Marche Chez Les Femmes aînées Immigrantes à Montréal (Mathilde PLARD, Anne QUENIART and Michèle CHARPENTIER) (distributed paper)

Aging, Globalization and Inequality. Presidential session (Invited Session)

Session Organizer: Anne MARTIN-MATTHEWS

1. The New Political Economy of Generations: Social Class and Social Divisions in Old Age (Christopher PHILLIPSON) (oral paper)
2. Global Ageing in Precarious Times (Susan MCDANIEL) (oral paper)
3. Generations and Globalization: Shifting Family Relations in a Postindustrial Society (Akiko HASHIMOTO) (oral paper)

Authors Meet Critics Session. New Approaches of Conceptualizing Intergenerational Relations (Invited Session)

Session Organizer: Andreas HOFF

1. Approaching Generational Intelligence: Complexity and Agency in an Intergenerational World (Ariela LOWENSTEIN) (oral paper)
2. Blurring the Boundaries: The Declining Significance of Age (Jack LEVIN and Jack LEVIN) (oral paper)

Joint Session Environment, Ageing and Vulnerability

**Session Organizer: Anne MARTIN-MATTHEWS (RC11
'Sociology of Aging')**

**Session Organizer: Stewart LOCKIE RC24 Environment and
Society (host committee)**

1. Detecting 'Ripple Effects' Of The Canterbury Earthquakes In a National Longitudinal Study Of Aging (Sally KEELING) (oral paper)
2. Experiences Of Neighbourhood Exclusion and Inclusion Among Older Residents In Manchester, UK: Developing Age-Friendly Neighbourhoods (Tine BUFFEL) (oral paper)
3. Cool Towns for the Elderly - Protecting the Health of Elderly Urban Residents Against Heat Stress (Anna WANKA) (oral paper)
4. How Brown-Coal Mining Affects the Lives of Older Long-Time Inhabitants of the German Lusatia Region

(Bernadette JONDA) (oral paper)

5. Alliances, Cooperation and Conflicts Between Ecostate-Men and Fishermen In The Pendjari River Area, Northwest Of Benin (Papa SOW and Stephen ADAAWEN) (oral paper)
6. LOCAL Community Resilience in the Context of Global Climate Change: A Case from Maluku Indonesia (Subair ABDULLAH and Lala KOLOPAKING) (oral paper)
7. Peace Building, Risk and Vulnerability in Favelas of Rio De Janeiro (Rachel COUTINHO-SILVA) (oral paper)

Joint Session Family and Elder Care

**Session Organizer/Co-Chair: Cynthia M. CREADY (RC06
'Family Research')**

**Session Organizer/Co-Chair: Jacobus HOFFMAN (RC11
'Sociology of Aging' (host committee))**

1. The Effects of Work Commitment and Marital Status on Caregiving to Aging Parents: A Cross-National Perspective (Natalia SARKISIAN) (oral paper)
2. Specialization in Caregiving Networks (Emily AGREE) (oral paper)
3. Negotiating Parent Care Among Siblings (Gulcin CON) (oral paper)
4. Cash for Care Schemes and Older Migrants: Perspectives from Needs Assessment Practice (Sandra TORRES, Emilia FORSELL and Anna OLAISON) (oral paper)
5. Family Support and Quality of Life: Structured Ambivalence As Bridging Concept Between the Individual and the State (Franz NEUBERGER and Klaus HABERKERN) (oral paper)
6. Work-Life Balance. Welfare State, Family and Caregiving in Japan and Sweden (Ann-Britt SAND and Els-Marie ANBÄCKEN) (oral paper)
7. Care Provision for Older Migrants in Luxembourg: Social Policies and Expectations about (non-)Family-Produced Elder Care (Ute KARL, Boris KÜHN and Anne Carolina RAMOS) (distributed paper)
8. Informal Caregivers' Expectations and Experiences of Hospital Admission of a Relative with Dementia (Jeanne KATZ, Caroline HOLLAND, Heather GAGE, and Bart SHEEHAN) (distributed paper)

9. Inequality and Emotion Management in Parental Caregiving By Chinese Daughters (Patricia O'NEILL) (distributed paper)
10. Current Attitudes of Supporting Older Parents in Asia: Korea, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Japan (Yoshiko SOMEYA) (distributed paper)
11. Family, Elder Care and Caregivers in India (Premchand DOMMARAJU) (distributed paper)
12. Family Caregiving Sources for the Elderly and Living Arrangements (Cuc HOANG) (distributed paper)

Grandparenting

Session Organizer: Virpi TIMONEN

Session Organizer: Sara ARBER

1. Contemporary Grandparenthood In Germany: A Perspective Of Social Inequality (Katharina MAHNE) (oral paper)
2. Grandparents Who Care for Children While Parents Work: Characteristics and Time Use Patterns (Lyn CRAIG and Bridget JENKINS) (oral paper)
3. Grandmothering in Russia: Life Course Model Shifts and Family Relations (Veronika DUPRAT-KUSHTANINA) (oral paper)
4. Grandparenthood Under Family and Welfare Policy Changes in Post-War Japan: Gender Differences in the Conflict Between "Not Interfering" Norm and the Traditional Japanese Stem Family Values (Kiwamu ANDO) (oral paper)
5. Experiencing It like a "Gogo": Intergenerational Relationships in South Africa (Jaco HOFFMAN) (oral paper)
6. Grandparents As Custodial Parents: Intergenerational Support in Filipino Migrant Families (Elma LAGUNA and Helga DE VALK) (oral paper)
7. The Perception of Leisure By Grandparents in the Era of Active Ageing: Conflicting or Complementary Roles? (Lucie GALCANOVA, Marcela PETROVA KAFKOVA and Lucie VIDOVICOVA) (oral paper)
8. Practiced and Meanings of Grandfathering – Doing Gender and Doing Family (Jaroslava MARHANKOVA) (distributed paper)
9. Indirect Grandparents, Borrowed Grandparents and Grandparents of the Heart: The Step-Grandparents from the Point of View of the Children (Anne Carolina RAMOS) (distributed paper)
10. Transnational Grandparenting By Minority Ethnic Groups Living in England and Wales (Vanessa BURHOLT and Christina VICTOR) (distributed paper)
11. What Drives National Differences in Intensive Grandparental Childcare in Europe? (Giorgio DI GESSA, Karen GLASER, Debora PRICE, Anthea TINKER and Eloi RIBE MONTSERRAT) (distributed paper)
12. The Postponement Of Grandmotherhood: A Cohort Comparison Of East and West Germany (Thomas LEOPOLD and Jan SKOPEK) (distributed paper)
13. Use It or Lose It? the Impact of Grandchild-Caring on Grandparents' Cognitive Functioning in Rural China (Lu SONG and Liang LI) (distributed paper)
14. Do Grandchildren Influence Retirement? The Presence of Grandchildren and the Geographical Distance Between Grandparents and Grandchildren at Retirement Transition (Linda KRIDAHL) (distributed paper)
15. Multilocal Family Life from the Grandparents' Perspective – a Timegeographic Approach to Understand Contemporary Grandparenting Practices in Germany (Giulia MONTANARI) (distributed paper)
16. The Impact Of HIV/AIDS On Grand Parenting In Uganda (Edmund Kenneth MUGAYEHWENKYI) (distributed paper)
17. Intergenerational Relations in Rural Tamil Nadu: Grandparent –Grandchild Relations from the Perspective of Grandchildren (Rangasamy MARUTHAKUTTI) (distributed paper)

How Do Telecare and Assistive Technologies Impact on Care-Giving?

Session Organizer: Andreas HOFF

1. Ageing Well: What's Technology Got to Do with It? (Emma-Reetta KOIVUNEN) (oral paper)
2. Smart Aging – Ethnography on the Impact of Assistive Technologies in the Everyday Life of Elderly (Cordula ENDTER) (oral paper)

3. The Role of Assistive Technology for Personal Care Activities of Daily Living to Enable Families to Care for Relatives with Dementia in Their Location of Choice (Suzanne SNOWDEN, Karen GLASER and Anthea TINKER) (oral paper)
4. Knowledge Transfer: From Identify Determinants of Poor Sleep in Nursing Homes to Developing and Implementing Solutions Supported By Technology (Ingrid EYERS) (oral paper)
5. Developing Care-Technologies While Balancing Utopian/Dystopian Worldviews: Dimensions of Attention (An JACOBS, Pieter DUYSBURGH, Karen WILLEMS, Shirley ELPRAMA and Jasmien DECANCO) (oral paper)
6. Tool, Toy or Therapist? the Relevance of Emotion Stimulating Robots in Elderly Health Care (Michaela PFADENHAUER) (oral paper)
7. The Potential of Telecare/Aal Technologies for Enabling 'Ageing in Place' in Rural Areas in Poland and Germany (Jolanta PEREK-BIALAS and Andreas HOFF) (oral paper)

Innovation and Public Policies, New Answers for New Challenges

Session Organizer: Adriana FASSIO

1. Life Expectancy and Retirement Age: Policy Options and Practise (Harald KÜNEMUND) (oral paper)
2. E-Inclusive Active Aging: Citizens and Senior Volunteers in Telematic Society (Santiago CAMBERO, Manuela CABALLERO and Miguel CENTELLA) (oral paper)
3. Indicators and Models Assessing the Relationship Between Ageing, Severe Disability and Socio-Economic Deprivation (Georgia CASANOVA and Roberto LILLINI) (oral paper)
4. Aged Care Challenges and Solutions In Australia (Jed DONOGHUE and Chris TAYLOR) (oral paper)
5. Innovation in Nordic Elderly Care (Rolf RØNNING) (oral paper)
6. Promoting Elderly Volunteers and Long-Term Care Policy Reform: Through an International Comparative Analysis Between Nederland and Japan (Daisuke WATANABE) (oral paper)
7. Who Needs Age-Friendly Cities? Exploring

- Representations through Participatory and Trans-Disciplinary Research (Denise PICHÉ) (oral paper)
8. The Implications Of Demographic Changes On Intergenerational Relations and Social Policies. The Case Of Mexico City (Lukasz CZARNECKI) (distributed paper)
9. Navigating the Institutional Context in Late Life: The Function of Social Capital in Chilean Older People (Maria-Jose TORREJON) (distributed paper)
10. Envejecimiento Demográfico y Cambios En La Transición a La Vejez Entre Brasileiros De Distintas Generaciones (Carolina Alondra GUIDOTTI GONZALEZ) (distributed paper)

Intergenerational Dependencies (Roundtable)

Session Organizer: Michael FINE

1. The Politics of Intergenerational Conflict: A Comparative Study of the UK and Japan (Debora PRICE, Mayumi HAYASHI, Lynne LIVSEY, Suzanne MOFFATT and Utae MORI) (oral paper)
2. Beyond Mannheim: Conceptualising How People 'See' and 'Do' Generations in Contemporary Society (Virpi TIMONEN and Catherine CONLON) (oral paper)
3. Solidarity Regimes and Individualization: Institutional Change In Social Security Schemes (Patricia FRERICKS) (oral paper)
4. Intergenerational Dependencies: Retirement and Old Age in the Prism of Family Geography (Loïc TRABUT) (oral paper)
5. Characteristics in the Personal Network and Mortality Risk in Older Adults (Lea ELLWARDT, Theo VAN TILBURG, Marja AARTSEN, Rafael WITTEK and Nardi STEVERINK) (oral paper)
6. Intergenerational Dependencies: Challenges for Theory, Research and Policy (Michael FINE) (oral paper)
7. Problems of Elderly in Emigrant Households in Kerala, India (Jayakumar MADHAVAN SARASAMMA) (oral paper)
8. Understanding Care Giving and Care Taking Experiences throughout the Life Course - a Comparative Study of Older Couples in Denmark and Japan (Makiko MORITA) (oral paper)

9. Widowhood, Intergenerational Family Support and Living Arrangement Among Older Adults in China: Based on Gender LENS (Yunzhu JIA) (oral paper)
10. Changing Intergenerational-Caring Relations in East Asia (Raymond CHAN and Song DAYOUNG) (oral paper)
11. "I Don't Want to be a Burden": Japanese Immigrant Acculturation and Their Attitudes Toward Non-Family-Based Elder Care (Atsuko KAWAKAMI and Juyeon SON) (oral paper)
12. Features Of Household Of Older People (Angela JARAMILLO) (oral paper)
13. Gender Difference in Older Parents' Coresidence with Their Adult Children: A Comparison Between Japan and Taiwan (Reiko YAMATO) (oral paper)
14. Distance Makes the Heart Grow Fonder? Residential Proximity, Migration and Intergenerational Exchanges in Romania (Boroka BO) (oral paper)
15. Intergenerational Dependences and the Financialisation of Retirement: Lessons from Australia (Adam STEBBING and Ben SPIES-BUTCHER) (oral paper)
16. Intergenerational Reciprocity – the Idealization of the Interchangeability of Phases of Life (Andreas GOETTLICH) (oral paper)
17. Indirect Reciprocity in Intergenerational Support in Japan (Jun TSUNEMATSU) (oral paper)
18. Intergenerational Financial Transfers in European Families: Do Cultural Differences Matter? (Marco TOSI) (oral paper)
19. Married and Cohabiting Adults with Ill and Old Parents: Does Intergenerational Solidarity Change According to Family Conditions? (Monica SANTORO) (oral paper)
20. Childcare and Eldercare - Different Paths of Development (Ingrid JÖNSSON) (oral paper)

Joint Session Japan's Experience with Population Aging: Policy Challenges and Innovations

Session Organizer: Susan MCDANIEL (RC11 'Sociology of Aging') (host committee)

Session Organizer: Zachary ZIMMER (RC41 'Sociology of Population')

1. Japan As a Shrinking Society: What Is the Condition

- for Recovering the Replacement Level of Fertility? (Toshihiko HARA) (oral paper)
2. Policy Innovations for Active Aging in Japan (Yasuko TAMURA-URANO) (oral paper)
3. Intergenerational Transfer within Families from the Perspective of Social Inequality in Japan (Sawako SHIRAHASE) (oral paper)
4. Newly Started Activities of 80-Year-Old Japanese Seniors (Wataru KOYANO, Shino SAWAOKA, , Yuichi ANDO and Hitoshi OSADA) (oral paper)

Life Course Influences on Inequalities in Later Life: Comparative Perspectives (Invited Session)

Session Organizer: Hal KENDIG

Session Organizer: James NAZROO

1. Life Course Pathways to Later Life Wellbeing: A Comparative Study of the Role of Socio-Economic Position in England and the U.S (Bram VANHOUTTE) (oral paper)
2. Life-Course Influences on Paid Work Beyond Retirement Age: Quantitative and Qualitative Evidence (Simone SCHERGER and Anna HOKEMA) (oral paper)
3. Variations of Stressful Work and Effects on Health after Labour Market Exit. Results from Share and Elsa (Morten WAHRENDORF, David BLANE, Mel BARTLEY, Nico DRAGANO and Johannes SIEGRIST) (oral paper)
4. Gender and Cohort Differences in Work-Family Life Courses and Objective Markers of Health in Mid-Life: Evidence from the United Kingdom (Anne MCMUNN, Rebecca LACEY, Meena KUMARI, Peggy MCDONOUGH and Amanda SACKER) (oral paper)
5. Socioeconomic Influences on Inequalities of Wellbeing in Later Life: A Study of Australian Baby Boomers (Hal KENDIG, Vanessa LOH, and Kate O'LOUGHLIN) (oral paper)
6. Cohort, Gender and Socioeconomic Inequalities in Trajectories of Frailty: Findings from a Growth Modelling Approach (James NAZROO and Alan MARSHALL) (oral paper)

Life-Course Influences on Old Age

Session Organizer: Kathrin KOMP

1. The Life-Course Of "Life-Course" - a Historical Approach (Benoit MAJERUS) (oral paper)
2. Health Insights across the life course of Oglala Lakota Elders: From wellness to illness (Mary Kate DENNIS) (oral paper)
3. Exploring Age and Aging Via the Life Course Perspective: A Filipino Perspective (Maria Cecilia SAN LUIS) (oral paper)
4. Lonely and Unemployed: A Downward Spiral? (Martina BRANDT) (oral paper)
5. The Influence of World War II-Experiences on Today's Older Workers (Kathrin KOMP) (oral paper)
6. Getting Better All the Time? Selective Mortality, Attrition, and Compositional Changes in Longitudinal Studies on Ageing (Susanne KELFVE) (oral paper)
7. Pathways Of Aging: Old Women's Gendered Narratives and Cultural-Historical Locations (Meiko MAKITA) (distributed paper)
8. Do Older Women without Work Experience Participate Less? Life Course Analysis Using the Jages Data (Kayo SUZUKI) (distributed paper)
9. Loss of a Spouse As a Poverty Risk (Mervi TAKALA) (distributed paper)
10. Lifecourses, Pensions and Poverty Among Elderly Women in Belgium: Interactions Between Family History, Work History and Pension Regulations (Hans PEETERS, and Wouter DE TAVERNIER) (distributed paper)
11. Active Aging in East and West Germany. Life-Course Influences in a Formerly Divided Country (Silke VAN DYK) (distributed paper)
12. Social Relationships in Later Life: The Role of Childhood Circumstances (Sarah GIBNEY) (distributed paper)
13. The Life Course and Individual Time Styles of Elderly People in Cross-Cultural Perspective (Stefanie GRAEFE, Stephan LESSENICH, Anne MÜNCH and David EKERDT) (distributed paper)
14. Changing Life Course Trajectories and Their Influence On Socialization Of Retirement (Daniela HOCHFELLNER

and Carola BURKERT) (distributed paper)

Old-Age Security in the 21st Century

Session Organizer: Esteban CALVO

1. Need for a Comprehensive Reform of Old-Age Security in Japan (Koichi HIRAOKA) (oral paper)
2. Institutionalization Among Older Adults in Japan (Wenjing MO, Nanako TAMIYA, Li Mei CHEN, and Akiko KAMIMURA) (oral paper)
3. Are the Chinese Saving for Old Age? the Precautionary Motives of High Household Savings (Caroline VAN DULLEMEN) (oral paper)
4. Towards a New Everyday: Individuals' Meaning-Making at the Entry of Retirement from a Social Inequality Perspective (Marita FLISBACK, Mattias BENGTSSON and Anna LUND) (oral paper)
5. Pension System Based on Sharecropping and Economic Security of Families (Marek KOSNY) (oral paper)
6. The Impact of Motherhood on Women's Retirement Income: Six EU Countries (Sally BOULD, Isabella CRESPI, Gunther SCHMAUS, Roxana ELETA-DE FILIPPIS, Claire GAVRAY, and Clary KREKULA) (oral paper)
7. Individual Retirement Planning in Germany, Japan and the U.S (Annette FRANKE) (distributed paper)
8. Healthy Aging and Concerns Among Japanese Elderly People (Yoko TSUCHYA and Kazuhiko MACHIDA) (distributed paper)
9. Current Social Welfare Conditions in China (Haisong NIE and Huang WEIFENG) (distributed paper)
10. Effectiveness of Social Welfare Schemes for the Elderly in RURAL Kerala, India (Jacob John KATTAKAYAM) (distributed paper)

Older Migrants and Migrant Care Workers

Chair/Session Organizer: Jacobus HOFFMAN

1. Age, Gender and Migration Status on the Labour Market – a Case for Accumulation of Advantages and Disadvantages? (Laura ROMEU GORDO and Justyna STYPINSKA) (oral paper)
2. Experiences Of Place and Community Among First

- Generation Turkish Immigrants Living In Brussels, Belgium (Tine BUFFEL and Seval GÜVEN) (oral paper)
3. Swedish Retirement Migrants To Spain and Migrant Workers: Interlinked Migration Chains and Their Consequences To Work and Care In Ageing Europe (Inés CALZADA and Anna GAVANAS) (oral paper)
 4. Healthy Ageing and Resilience Among Immigrants Women Labourers (50 Years and Above) in Lagos, Nigeria (Ojo AGUNBIADE) (oral paper)
 5. Immigration and Elderly Care in Italy and Brazil (Guita GRIN DEBERT) (oral paper)
 6. How the Rhetoric of Reaction Justifies the Legalization of Migrant Care Labour in Austria (Marianne EGGER DE CAMPO) (oral paper)
 7. Nurses' Attitudes Toward Migrant Care Workers In Hospitals In Israel (Esther IECOVICH) (oral paper)
 - Canadian Older Adults (Lichun Willa LIU) (distributed paper)
 8. Work, Retirement, & Aging (Michelle SILVER) (distributed paper)
 9. Factors Affecting a Prolonged Working Life for the Older Work Force. the Swedish Case (Tomas BERGLUND) (distributed paper)
 10. Weak Old Geezers and/or Experienced Colleagues? An Exploratory Study of Organisation Around Age and Ageing in a Work Organisation (Clary KREKULA) (distributed paper)
 11. Labor Market Exit of Older Low-Skilled Workers: German Firms' Practices (Karl HINRICHS) (distributed paper)
 12. Causal Effects of Retirement Timing on Healthy Behavior (Esteban CALVO and Natalia SARKISIAN) (distributed paper)

Older Workers and Ageing Workforces

Session Organizer: Esteban CALVO

1. Completely Included, Partially Included or Partially Excluded in the Labour Market? an Exploratory Schema of Social Vulnerability in Late Careers (Ignacio MADERO-CABIB) (oral paper)
2. Socio-Economic Differences in Health Trajectories Around Retirement in the USA (Martin HYDE, Hugo WESTERLUND, and Jussi VAHTERA) (oral paper)
3. Flexible Work Practices, Workplace-Related Policies and Individual Strategies for Reconciling Eldercare and Paid Employment. Findings from the European Carers@Work Project (Andreas HOFF, Monika REICHERT, Jolanta PEREK-BIALAS, and Andrea PRINCIPI) (oral paper)
4. Older Women's Worklife Transitions: Competing Regimes (Elizabeth BROOKE) (oral paper)
5. "I Hope to Muddle through until the Retirement" – the Aging Workforce in Demanding and Dangerous Jobs (Samo KROPIVNIK and Aleksandra KANJUO – MR ELA) (oral paper)
6. Sustainable Work and the Ageing Workforce: Analysis of a European Survey (Patricia VENDRAMIN and Gérard VALENDUC) (oral paper)
7. Work and Its Impact on the Health Practices Among

Population Ageing, Work and Caregiving Responsibilities in Four Liberal Democracies (Invited Session)

Session Organizer: Kate O'LOUGHLIN

1. Caregiving and Employment in the Canadian Context (Janet FAST and Norah KEATING) (oral paper)
2. Health, Work, Caregiving and Retirement in the New Zealand Context (Sally KEELING and Fiona ALPASS) (oral paper)
3. Gender Disparities in How Older Workers Reconcile Work and Care in England (Sue YEANDLE and Lisa BUCKNER) ((oral paper)
4. Employment and Health Consequences of Care-Giving for Older Workers in Australia (Vanessa LOH and Kate O'LOUGHLIN) (oral paper)

Poverty at Times of Affluence

Session Organizer: Lucie VIDOVICOVA

1. Examining the Impact of Health and Housing on Poverty Among Older Australians (Yuvisthi NAIDOO and Peter SAUNDERS) (oral paper)
2. Cross Country and Intergenerational Comparison of Income and Wealth Using Luxembourg Wealth Study

(LWS) (Carmen PETROVICI) (oral paper)

3. Multiple Disadvantage in Midlife and Old Age - Exploring the Associations (Josephine HEAP) (oral paper)
4. Predators, Parasites and Ambulance Chasers: Financial Exploitation Of The Elderly In Rural America (Shirley NUSS) (oral paper)
5. Elderly Suicide - A Question Of Social Standing? (Tina WEBER and Antje KAHL) (oral paper)
6. Social Exclusion/Inclusion of Elderly People in Modern Russia (Irina GRIGORYEVA) (oral paper)
7. Is Poverty a Key Aspect of Ageing? (Lucie VIDOVICOVA) (oral paper)
8. Work after Retirement or Work Instead of Retirement? (J P ROOS and Anna ROTKIRCH) (oral paper)

Preparing for a Career in the Sociology of Aging

Session Organizer: Sara ARBER

Session Chair: Anne Martin-Matthews

This session is targeted to trainees and early career researchers in the sociology of aging. A panel of RC11 members (with editorial board experience and experience on research grant making bodies) will make brief presentations on key issues in successful publication and grantscraft in the fields of sociology of aging and in social gerontology. Issues of disciplinary strength and multidisciplinary collaboration are discussed.

RC11 Business Meeting

Session Organizer: Anne MARTIN-MATTHEWS

The RC11 Business meeting will provide opportunity for discussion of programming activities for the Research Committee on Aging for the period 2014-2018. Proposed changes to membership categories and governance structure will be discussed. Voting will take place for the slate of officers for election for 2014-2018. The Business Meeting will be followed by a networking reception for RC 11 members.

Social Class in Later Life: Power, Identity and Lifestyle (Invited Session)

Session Organizer Ian REES JONES

1. The Changing Significance of Social Class in Later Life (Paul HIGGS and Chris GILLEARD) (oral paper)
2. Social Class, Age, and Identity in Later Life (Martin HYDE) (oral paper)
3. Ageing and Class in a Globalised World (Christopher PHILLIPSON) (oral paper)
4. Class and Health Inequalities in Later Life (Ian Rees JONES) (oral paper)
5. Care and Caring in Later Life: Does the Inverse Care Law Apply? (Christina VICTOR) (oral paper)

The Challenge of Cultural Gerontology (Invited Session)

Session Organizer: Julia TWIGG

Session Organizer: Wendy MARTIN

1. The Challenge of Cultural Gerontology: New Directions, Critical Perspectives (Julia TWIGG) (oral paper)
2. Outlining and Applying an Intersectional Framework (Toni CALASANTI) (oral paper)
3. Communities, Connectivities and Later Life (Ian Rees JONES) (oral paper)
4. Distinction and Identity in Later Life (Chris GILLEARD) (oral paper)
5. Cultural Representations of Widowhood: Social Media and the Declaration of a Status (Anne MARTIN-MATTHEWS) (oral paper)

Joint Session Population Aging in South, East and Southeast Asia: Challenges and Opportunities

Session Organizer: Zachary ZIMMER (RC41 'Sociology of Population', host committee)

Session Organizer: Susan MCDANIEL (RC11 'Sociology of Aging')

1. Intergenerational Coresidence, Support Transfers, and Psychological Wellbeing Among Older Persons

- in Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam (Bussarawan TEERAWICHITCHAINAN, Wiraporn POTHISIRI, and Long Thanh GIANG) (oral paper)
2. Rate of Ageing of the Chinese Oldest-Old and Its Determinants (Kuangshi HUANG, Xuying ZHANG and Zhou CHEN) (oral paper)
 3. Managing NGOs for Older Persons in East and Southeast Asia: Lessons and Good Practices from the Field (Robert SALAZAR) (oral paper)
 4. Support for the Elderly in Vietnam: Role of Formal Versus Informal (Cuc HOANG) (oral paper)
 5. Factors Associated with Subjective Well-Being in Chinese Elderly People (Peng XU) (oral paper)
 6. Aging and China's Silver Industry: Based on a Sociological Survey of Urban and Rural Beijing in 2012 (Haisong NIE and Huang WEIFENG) (oral paper)
 7. Socio-Economic and Health Status Of Elder Population: Some Emprical Reflections From Tamilnadu, India (T. Augustus Julian LAZMEY and S. Gurusamy SELLAMUTHU) (oral paper)
 8. Social Aging in India and Its Challenges (Yashpal VYAS) (distributed paper)
 9. Population Change, Demographic Dividend and Health Care in Aging Population of ASEAN (Shayanisawa KULRATTANAMANEEPORN) (distributed paper)
 10. Aged Population and Social Disability in Rural South India: The Social Exclusion and Inclusion Perspective (Gurusamy SELLAMUTHU) (distributed paper)



Calico: Google's Attempt to Address the Challenge of Aging

On September 18, the tech giant Google added a new initiative to its growing project portfolio: Calico, a medical company that will focus on tackling the process of aging and its associated conditions. Google CEO Larry Page announced this new investment: "Illness and aging affect all our families. With some longer term, moonshot thinking around healthcare and biotechnology, I believe we can improve millions of lives." As the company is not giving away much information, many commentators have speculated about Calico's approach to health and well-being. However, Aubrey de Grey, an expert in the field of regenerative medicine said to CNN that "it's vital to keep in mind that there is essentially no concrete information about [Calico's] planned direction and emphasis, and any guess that they will take a heavily data-driven approach is no more than a guess."*

More information at <http://googlepress.blogspot.com/2013/09/calico-announcement.html>.

Open-Ended Working Group on Aging.

This working group was established by the UN General Assembly by resolution 65/182 on 21 December 2010. It considers the existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and seeks to identify possible gaps and how best to address them. By considering the feasibility of further instruments and measures, the working group aims to develop a comprehensive and integral International Legal Instrument to Promote and Protect the Rights and Dignity of Older Persons. Shirley Nuss, one of RC11 Executive Board Members, suggests that RC11 members may have important research that would serve as valuable input to the formulation of this international instrument.*

For more information, visit <http://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/index.shtml>.



Old Age Care System Dilemma in the United Kingdom

The UK is facing an old age dilemma with the number of older adults set to soar by a third over the next 25 years. The UK's Local Government Association and other local government bodies—the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (Solace)—have urged ministers to underwrite a national deferred payment scheme to assist people pay for their care costs in old age. As local authorities suggest, a nationwide organization set by the government could lend money which would be paid back from a person's estate when they die. LGA chairman Sir Merrick Cockell said: "This needs to be part of a huge overhaul of the system that brings care up to a standard fit for the 21st Century and ensures that our increasingly ageing population can lead happy, healthy independent lives long into their old age." The government's response to this call is expected around New Year. In the meantime, Care and Support Minister Norman Lamb said: "This is one of a range of proposals we think will make the system fairer—protecting people from unlimited care costs and helping them to pay for care. Our proposals have been part of an open consultation with the public and we will consider all the responses, including this one, carefully."*

More information at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-24846367>



Review of Social Class in Later Life: Power, Identity and Lifestyle

Edited by Marvin Formosa and Paul Higgs, Policy Press, Summer 2013



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'Class' stands proudly centre-stage in the title of this new edited volume from Policy Press. I was delighted to spot the title as I had noted in my own recent research features and indicators of what understood as 'social class' playing an important role, but wanted to read more about the concept. The book's promise to 'conceptualize the interface between class and later life' is tantalising.

Marvin Formosa, Paul Higgs and the chapter contributors set out to argue that class relations are an integral part of later life, an argument that has been in recent decades overshadowed by attention to 'individualised social inequality' (Beck) as well as by gender, ethnicity and other markers that differentiate experiences of ageing and old age. The editors offer a masterful review of the evanescence of class and the focus on consumption, including taste, fashion and lifestyle that had come to the foreground in gerontological literature as the new bases of divisions and unities among older adults. Some chapters acknowledge the tensions between 'cultural' and 'economic' approaches to class. The chapter by Wendy Bottero is particularly attuned to the strengths and weaknesses of both approaches, and offers a useful compromise between them. In the light of what I see in my own data, I am inclined to side with the 'economic' approach propagated by e.g. Goldthorpe and Crompton in their work. However, this book has convinced me of the merits of the cultural approach, too. The concluding chapter's call for 'repositioning social class in terms of individual identity or personal trajectories' is intriguing but raises questions about the

applicability of class as a micro or macro-level concept, and the ensuing challenges for theorising it further. The editors' invitation to think of class in terms of its 'moral significance' also remains somewhat amorphous – but this is not so much a weakness as an indication that there is work to be done and room for new research. Potential fruitful areas for class-focused substantive analysis are singled out by Chris Phillipson at the end of his chapter.

Formosa and Higgs argue that 'the individual and collective experiences of growing old, as well as the nature of age relations, differ so significantly by class that there is an urgent need for a unified analysis in which both age and class are taken into account'. Indeed, disparities related to class are arguably increasing, providing further impetus to promoting a new research agenda on class and ageing. Striking and consequential differences in resources available to sub-groups of older people (and their families and wider social networks) have emerged in studies that I have recently undertaken with colleagues in Ireland. This book's argument that variances in social, cultural and physical capital impact on identities, experiences, opportunities and lifestyles in later life resonates with findings arising from the Changing Generations study recently published in the *European Journal of Ageing* (Timonen et al. 2013). Reading the excellent chapters by Alexandra Lopes and Wendy Bottero in this book, I now realise that our understanding of 'class' on the basis of residential locations (their affluence/deprivation profiles) and occupational classification was perhaps somewhat one-dimensional and even 'old-fashioned'.

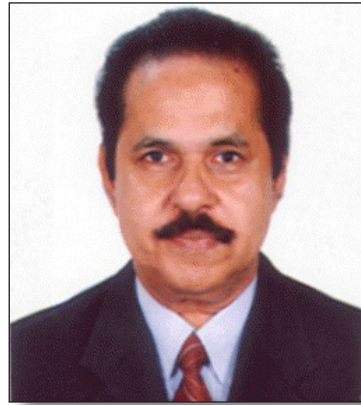
Nonetheless, for pragmatic reasons, academics and students engaged in empirical research are always looking for operationalisations of central concepts in the literature. Social class in later life does not seek to mask the complexity of 'class'. It is not a research manual and as such it might be somewhat unfair to expect it to offer specific guidelines on how to know what you are looking at is 'class', or how to go about finding or generating data on 'class' in your research. Nonetheless, a slightly more directive approach in this regard would have been helpful, especially for students considering 'class' as a PhD topic or as a significant dimension of their postgraduate research. The characterisation of social class as a 'condensate of occupation, lifestyle and resources' does go some way towards flagging a useful approach for the empirically minded though. The potential practice and policy relevance of better understanding of class is also apparent. The chapter by Christina Victor highlights how little we know about care and class, an astonishing fact in view of the need to plan policies that respond to the growing need for care and the differential needs for and capacities to care contoured by class.

Formosa and Higgs have done excellent work as editors. All too frequently, editors take the easy way out by cobbling together perfunctory introductions, often not even bothering to write a concluding chapter; such an approach is partly to blame for the gradual devaluing of books and book chapters. Here, the editors have evidently taken their job seriously and the results are commendable. This book will be of great value to advanced students and researchers alike, and I trust it will stimulate a raft of new theorising and empirical research into class, until recently a 'zombie category' – and now set to be transformed into a central concern for all who seek to understand ageing.*

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Oldest of the Old in Kerala

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In India, the states of Kerala and Punjab have a larger percentage of elderly population compared to other states. Heavy out-migration, high literacy rates, and remarkable achievements in family planning, health, education and sanitation have led to a decrease in birth rate and death rate in Kerala. But the paucity of geriatric institutions, trained personnel, and societal responses have created an alarming situation in a context of rapid ageing. The oldest-old (80-plus) are growing more rapidly than those in 60-69 age-group. The proportion of 80-plus in the elderly population might rise from 11.25% in 1991 to 16% in 2020. People aged 85-plus are now the fastest growing age-group in Kerala. By 2061, older adults could constitute 40% of Kerala's total population. Of this, 9.1% would be in the 80-plus group. What was formerly a small group of exceptional individuals is rapidly becoming a whole new generation. The increased life expectancy in the state is also leading to four-generation families and increased financial burdens.

Aged parents are often left behind during out-migration. Loneliness is a major issue for these senior citizens, even when living with family. Old-age homes have become common among the elderly in Kerala. Data from the Kerala Ageing Survey of 2009 suggests that Kerala topped the country with 204 old-age homes. One out of every five old-age institutions in India is located in Kerala and they continue to expand rapidly. The poor economic status and illiteracy among the oldest-old population in Kerala coupled with more mental and physical ailments than other age-groups worsens the discrimination and oppression they face. Disrespect, neglect and verbal abuse are the three major forms of abuse faced by the oldest-old segment in

Kerala. They are enrolled in old-age homes if their blood relations can afford it; otherwise the oldest-old are ignored, if not abandoned. Instances of the oldest-old being abandoned at public places have been reported statewide and the Kerala Police have begun registering cases against people for neglecting/abandoning their parents.

The Kerala government seems to be waking up to meet this challenge head-on. The primary needs reported by Kerala's oldest-old include free medicines and health-care, financial aid, pension schemes and separate hospitals. Now old-age homes are being planned exclusively for the 80-plus group. NGOs volunteering to start such initiatives are given subsidies. The government has also recognised the importance of "multi-service community elder care centres" to support the 80-plus. Ideally these centres should be run by senior citizens. The centre's social workers should visit the families of the oldest-old, where they provide counseling and emotional support, and supplemental care beyond what the family normally provides or is expected to provide to the oldest-old. Similarly, these centers will require trained medical personnel to treat minor ailments. Thus these centres could function as overseers for the cause and care of the oldest-old in Kerala.*

Announcements



Call for Papers

Palliative Medicine Special Issue on Palliative Care in Critical Care Settings. Palliative Medicine, a highly ranked, peer reviewed scholarly journal dedicated to improving knowledge and clinical practice in the palliative care of patients with far advanced diseases, announced a new call for papers for a forthcoming special edition about palliative care in critical care settings. This special edition will focus on original research that offers insights into the care of patients nearing the end of their lives in intensive and critical care settings, as the primary focus moves from prolongation of survival to the alleviation of suffering. The deadline for submissions is 30 April 2014. For more information, contact the Editorial Office at debbie.ashby@bristol.ac.uk or visit <http://pmj.sagepub.com/>. *



Meetings

International Conference at AGH University of Science and Technology,

January 24, 2014, Kraków, Poland.

“Between Work and Retirement. Transition to Retirement in Central and Eastern European Societies.” The focus of this conference is exploring the retirement strategies within Central and Eastern European countries, which are currently

undergoing rapid demographic change and grappling with problems arising from population decline, in particular declining birth rates and economic migration. The call for abstracts will be open until November 30, 2013. Proposals may include, but are not limited to, the following topics: Social policy and the intergenerational contract; Strategies for different socio-occupational categories entering retirement; Combining work and family life in the pre-retirement period; Social and cultural practices pursued by “young retirees”; Changes in intergenerational relations within the family and public spaces; Transformations in the identity of individuals in the process of entering late middle age and old age; Old and new media representations and discourses relating to old age and growing old. For more information, contact Łukasz Krzyzowski at lukasz.krzyzowski@agh.edu.pl or visit <http://www.wh.agh.edu.pl/conference/retirement/index.php>. *

International Conference at the University of Algarve, January 24, 2014, University of Algarve, Faro, Portugal. “Care, Health and Well-being: The Views of Older People.” This conference is hosted by the Faculty of Economics and the Centre for Spatial and Organizational Dynamics (CEO). Its aim is to gather professionals, policy makers, students and academics from different areas to discuss health, social care and well-being from the perspectives and experiences of older people. Some of the keynote speakers are Dr. Liz Lloyd (University of Bristol, UK) and Dr. Tom Andrews (University College Cork, Ireland). More information at <http://elderviews.info/conference/>. *

IAGG's 5th Panamerican Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics / XI National Congress of the Colombian Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics / IV International Meeting of Psychogeriatric, March 26-29, 2014,

Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. "Unifying the Region." This event seeks to recognize the efforts that each of the nations of the Americas conducted to standardize the knowledge and be a reference in academic and research issues. Early bird registration deadline: December 31, 2013. More information at <http://www.acgg.org.co/congreso/index.html> *

The 6th Interdisciplinary and Interfaith Conference about Palliative and End of Life Care, April 3-4, 2014, Westchester County, NY, USA. "The Art and Science of Palliative Care: Where Medicine, Market and Meaning Meet." The Collaborative for Palliative Care convenes this conference that every 18 months brings together over 450 professionals from a variety of settings. The event includes half a day focused on research, and a full day of keynote presentations and workshops. For more information contact Judith Dobrof at jdobrof@cancersupportteam.org or Cornelia Schimert at cschimert@vnahv.org, or visit <http://www.cpcwestchester.org/>. *

8th International Symposium on Cultural Gerontology / 2nd conference of European Network of Aging Studies, April 12-14, 2014, Galway, Ireland. "Meaning and Culture(s): Exploring the Life Course." The event aims to deepen empirical, theoretical and reflective approaches to the field of cultural gerontology. It will explore ways in which practices and interpretations shape the experience of ageing, making its impacts more or less habitable and offering resources that human beings can shape and change. Equally, it will look at the social processes connected with ageing that promote exclusion and inequality, and the narratives that support or excuse them. The Conference will thus promote discussion of the human ageing process from both interdisciplinary and disciplinary perspectives. For more information contact Christine De Lary at icsg@nuigalway.ie or visit <http://www.conference.ie/Conferences/index.asp?Conference=213>. *

International Academy on Nutrition and Aging, July 10 -11, 2014, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. "Nutrition and Aging: From Cells to Body Systems and Populations." This research and practice symposium is an opportunity to discuss the prevention of frailty and loss of function with advancing age, and to present findings on topics that range from basic science cellular response, to body systems and population-based nutritional research. The deadline for abstract submission is January 20, 2014. For more information visit som.unm.edu/cme/2014/IANA.html or contact Kathy Breckenridge, Program Coordinator, 001-505-272-3942, kbreckenridge@salud.unm.edu. *

New Zealand Association of Gerontology Conference, September 12-14, 2014, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand. "The Age of Ageing." The New Zealand Association of Gerontology Conference Committee invites researchers and practitioners to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentation at the event. The conference will promote discussion of the following topics: Living Well with Multiple Chronic Conditions; Cognitive and Social Aspects of Ageing; Health Promotion Communities; Policy and Wellbeing of Older People. Submissions will be accepted until February 24, 2014. More information at <http://gerontology.org.nz/>. *

CAG Annual Meeting, October 16 - 18, 2014, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. The Canadian Association on Gerontology Annual Meeting theme will be "Landscapes of Aging: Critical Issues, Emerging Possibilities." The call for abstracts will be issued in January 2014. More information is at: <http://CAG2014.ca>. *

2014 Aging and Society: An Interdisciplinary Conference, November 7-8, 2014, Manchester, UK. "Diversity and Aging." This conference seeks to explore the social and cultural diversity in the process of aging, in the topic areas of sexuality, ethnicity, culture, gender and health. The early registration for this event

is until May 7, 2014. Conference proposals are accepted in monthly rounds. More information at <http://agingandsociety.com/the-conference>. *

IAGG's 8th European Congress, April 23-26, 2015, Dublin, Ireland. "Unlocking the Demographic Dividend." This event is hosted by the Irish Gerontological Society. It aims to explore the growing awareness that gerontological research can help us to understand the collective and personal benefits that we gain from population ageing. The congress is also an opportunity to learn about the advances in gerontological science which allow overcoming the barriers for realizing the full potential of the Demographic Dividend. More information at: <http://www.iaggdublin2015.org/index.html>. *



Funding

Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (FAD): Sociology. The American Sociological Association promotes this funding project for competing research initiatives. The goal of these awards is to nurture the development of scientific knowledge through the promotion of innovative research that has the potential for challenging and stimulating the discipline, proposing new lines of research and creating new networks of scientific collaboration. Deadline for the winter cycle is December 15, 2013. More information at <http://www.asanet.org/funding/fad.cfm> *

2014 Dissertation Fellowship Program. The Center for Retirement Research at Boston College announces the 2014 Dissertation Fellowship Program for research on retirement income and policy issues. These fellowships, funded by the U.S. Social Security

Administration, support doctoral candidates writing dissertations on retirement income and policy issues. The program is open to scholars in all academic disciplines. Up to two fellowships of \$28,000 will be awarded. The deadline for submitting proposals is February 14, 2014. Fellowship recipients will be announced by April 2014. For more information contact Marina Tsiknis at tsiknis@bc.edu, 617-552-1092, or visit <http://crr.bc.edu/about-us/grant-programs/dissertation-fellowship-program-2/>. *



Jobs

Tenure-track Position of Assistant Professor at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA. The Department of Sociology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position of Assistant Professor. The Department invites candidates with active research agendas and teaching expertise in the fields of: urban and community, race and ethnicity, crime and deviance, social inequalities, immigration, gambling and addictions, family dynamics, aging and health, sexual commerce, and environmental sustainability. Applicants should be able to teach introductory and advanced quantitative methods as well as statistics courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. Review of the applications began on October 15, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled. Materials should be addressed to Prof. Christie D. Batson, Search Committee Chair, and are to be submitted via on-line application at <https://hrsearch.unlv.edu>. For assistance with the on-line applicant portal, contact hrsearch@unlv.edu.

Tenure-track Position of Assistant Professor at University of Kentucky. The Department of

Sociology at University of Kentucky is seeking a scholar with expertise in medical sociology or sociology of health and illness to participate as an assistant professor in an innovative, interdisciplinary program in Population Health. The applicant must be able to teach 2/2 to pre-med students, at graduate and undergraduate levels. Further information about the Department can be found at www.as.uky.edu/Sociology. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, their curriculum vitae, a research statement, a teaching statement, samples of research, and three letters of recommendation. The application should be sent via email to the Search Committee Chair, Brea L. Perry (breaperry@uky.edu), and to Justin Conder (justin.conder@uky.edu). Review of applications began on October 15, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled. Estimated start date is August 15, 2014. *

Tenure-track Assistant Professor Position at University of Maryland, Baltimore County, USA.

The UMBC Department of Sociology and Anthropology invites to submit applications for a tenure track position of Assistant Professor beginning August 2014. The areas of focus are health & aging; diversity, culture, inequality, & social change; and, applied social science research. Candidates are expected to have an active program of research. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and qualifications, a CV, and three letters of reference. Review of applications began on Oct. 15, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled. Send materials via email to Angela McNulty, amcnulty@umbc.edu or to: Search Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Maryland Baltimore County, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250 (www.umbc.edu/sociology). *

Tenure-track position at Franklin and Marshall College. The Department of Sociology and the Public Health Program at Franklin and Marshall College invite academics to apply for a tenure-track position beginning Fall 2014. The core area is medical sociology.

Applicants should possess or be close to completing a doctorate in Sociology. The Department is particularly interested in candidates with a research specialization in one or more developing countries. The successful candidate will have teaching and administrative duties in the Public Health program, though the appointment will be in Sociology. The teaching load is 5 courses per year. The applicant must submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, teaching and research statements, and three reference letters, to apply. interfolio.com/22777. Review of applications began on November 15. *

Tenure-track Faculty Position in Public/Applied Sociology at Salem State University, USA.

The Department of Sociology of Salem State University is seeking a scholar for a full-time tenure track faculty position of public/applied sociology. Secondary areas include: aging and the life course, medical sociology and sociology of the family. The successful candidate will teach different sociology courses during the 2014-2015 academic year, advise students, solicit external funding, and serve on departmental and university-wide committees. More information at <https://careers-salemstate.icims.com/jobs/1204/faculty%2c-public-and-applied-sociology%2c-full-time%2c-tenure-track%2c-fall-2014/job> *

Postdoc Position at Duke University. The Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI) is seeking qualified applicants for a Postdoctoral Associate position funded by grants from the National Health, Lung, and Blood Institute and the National Institute on Aging. The position involves interdisciplinary research on the social, behavioral, and psychosocial antecedents of cardiovascular disease and related outcomes. The postdoc will have opportunities to integrate in the DCRI Research Fellowship Program (<https://www.dcri.org/fellowship-program>), DCRI Outcomes researchers (<https://www.dcri.org/outcomes>), and contribute to new and on-going research activities. Eligible candidates should have a doctoral degree (Ph.D. or

equivalent) and excellent quantitative skills. Interested applicants should send their curriculum vitae; a statement of research interests and qualifications; examples of written work; and contact information for three references; to Angie Arrington (angie.arrington@dm.duke.edu). For further information, contact Dr. Matthew Dupre (matthew.dupre@dm.duke.edu). Review of applications began on November 1, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled. *

Berner Hanley Professor of Gerontology at Purdue University. The Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Purdue University is searching for a senior-level social scientist for the tenured position of Berner Hanley Professor of Gerontology. Responsibilities of this position include research, soliciting external funding, teaching, and providing leadership for further development of gerontology research and academic programs in the Department and the University. For further information about the Department, please consult <http://www.purdue.edu/hhs/hdfs>. Applications - including a curriculum vitae and a cover letter describing your research agenda - should be sent to Dr. Doran French, Department Head, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, 1202 West State Street, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2055 (dcfrench@purdue.edu). References will be solicited later in the process. Review of applications began on November 1, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled. *

Tenure-track Assistant Professor in Public Health at University of Texas Medical Branch. The Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health is recruiting two Assistant Professors in Public Health to play an active role in teaching and mentoring graduate and medical students, conducting and publishing public health research, and obtaining external funding for research or training programs. Applicants must have expertise in one of the core areas of public health: epidemiology; biostatistics;

social and behavioral sciences; environmental health sciences; or health policy and management. Applications must be sent to the Search Committee (trgroh@utmb.edu) and submitted online at <http://www.utmb.edu/hcm/> (Job ID #36978).*

Research Scientist/ Associate at The Population Research Institute, Penn State. The Population Research Institute (PRI) and the Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) at the Pennsylvania State University is searching for a Research Scientist/ Research Associate with expertise in GIS and spatial analysis. The successful candidate will help building intellectual capacity in GIS and spatial methods in social sciences at Penn State. This will include, but not be limited to: leading and contributing to the development of proposals that incorporate geospatial data and spatial methods in addressing complex social problems; leading and contributing to research papers and publications; and developing new methods and/or instructional resources for advanced spatial analysis. The individual will have opportunities to work on their own research as well as partner with existing research teams at Penn State. Applicants should email their curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, and names of three references to Sherry Yocum (sly1@psu.edu). Applications will be considered until the position is filled.*

Public Health, Associate/Full Professor, Tenured, at NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, NYU Global Institute of Public Health. The NYU Steinhardt's Department of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health and the NYU Global Institute of Public Health (GIPH) are seeking applications for a tenured Associate/Full Professor in Public Health position. The individual will be expected to take a leadership role in NYU's expanding public health enterprise; serve as a focal point between Steinhardt and the GIPH; teach courses and advise students in NYU's BS/BA, MPH, and doctoral public health programs; and collaborate

with other NYU researchers to establish independent, externally-funded research. The preferred start date for the appointment is September 1, 2014. To apply online, visit www.nyuopsearch.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=51879. Review of applications will begin December 1, 2013 and continue until the position is filled.*



Competitions

American Sociological Association Major Awards. Until January 31, 2014, ASA will be accepting nominations for its major awards. The deadline for submission of nominations is January 31, 2014. The results of this competition will be presented at the ASA Annual meeting on August, 2014. The major awards are: Distinguished Book ASAMajor Award; Dissertation ASA Major Award; Excellence in the Reporting of Social Issues ASA Major Award; Jessie Bernard ASA Major Award; Cox-Johnson-Frazier ASA Major Award; Award for the Public Understanding of Sociology ASA Major Award; Distinguished Career ASA Major Award for the Practice of Sociology; Distinguished Contributions to Teaching ASA Major Award; W.E.B. DuBois Career of Distinguished Scholarship Award. For further information, please contact: governance@asanet.org. *

ASA's Medical Section Awards. The American Sociological Association invites nominations for the Medical Sociology Section awards: the 2014 Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award; the 2014 Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation in Medical Sociology Award; the 2014 Howard B. Kaplan Memorial Award in Medical Sociology; the 2014 Louise Johnson Scholar Award; the 2015 Leo G. Reeder Award. Nomination deadlines range from February 15, 2014,

to May 31, 2014. More information at <https://www.facebook.com/MedicalSociologyASA>. *

ASA's Aging and the Life Course Section Awards. The Aging and the Life Course Section of the American Sociological Association calls for nominations for the following awards: the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award, which honors a scholar who has shown exceptional achievement in research, theory or policy analysis in the field of aging and the life course; the Outstanding Publication Award, which recognizes an outstanding recent publication, including research reports, theoretical or methodological developments, and policy-related contributions; the Graduate Student Paper Award, which honors an outstanding paper written by a graduate student. All nominations are due by March 1, 2014. More information at http://www.asanet.org/sections/aging_awards.cfm. *



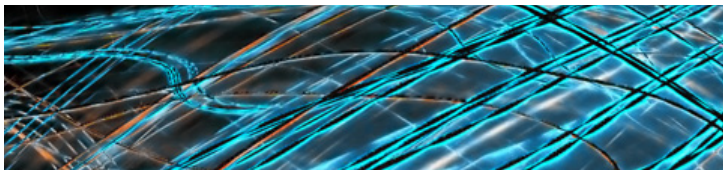
Websites

Global AgeWatch Index 2013, <http://www.helpage.org/global-agewatch/>. The NGO HelpAge International drew data from the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the World Bank, World Health Organization, International Labor Organization, UNESCO and the Gallup World Poll, to develop a global index about ageing. The aim of the Index is to capture the multidimensional nature of the quality of life and wellbeing of older people, and to provide a means to measure performance and promote improvements. The website contains interactive tools to compare countries in multiple domains: income, health, employment and education, and enabling environment. *

EduPad Generations,

<https://edupad.uni-konstanz.de/generationses-v8bmkqNO1z-KN>. **Research**

Research in the analysis of the dynamics of private and public intergenerational relationships, including international and cultural comparisons, is a popular and important theme in the social and cultural sciences, politics, and practice. For this reason, an understanding of the conceptual foundations – one that takes into account the diversity of languages – is helpful. To this end, the members of the international network GENERATIONES (with support of the Center of Excellency, “Cultural Foundations of Integration” of the University of Constance) have created a multilingual compendium that is also helpful in teaching. It has been composed to make direct comparisons between the German, English, French, Italian and Spanish versions possible and to stimulate the exchange of ideas. *



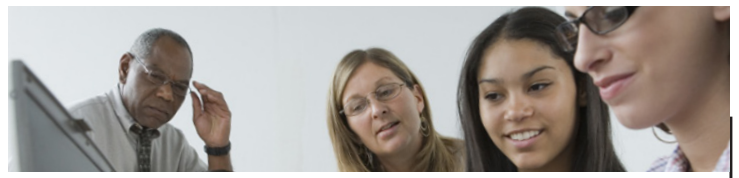
Data

Healthy Aging Data Portfolio. This data portfolio was released by the CDC Healthy Aging Program. It focuses on the health and well-being of older persons in the United States and considers two factors that significantly affect health and the social system: longer adult life span and a dramatic increase in the number of older adults. The portfolio is a compilation of previously published reports that focus on adults aged 50-64 years or ≥ 65 years, depending on the nature of the report. Public health and aging services network professionals, researchers, health-care providers, journalists, decision makers, and others interested in the health of older adults in the USA can use the portfolio to examine data, create reports, and find links to other resources. The data portfolio is available at http://nccd.cdc.gov/dph_aging/

default.aspx. For further information, please visit the following website: <http://www.cdc.gov/aging>. *

Data Mapping Project of the Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) “More Years, Better Lives - The Challenges and Opportunities of Demographic Change”. This initiative seeks to map data sources on aging in European countries, searching for gaps in the data infrastructure and informing scientists and policy-makers about available data sources. More information at <http://www.jpi-dataproject.eu/>. *

Sloan Center on Aging and Work’s Innovative Practices Database. Through the partnership between the Sloan Center on Aging & Work and the NSyP Kennisnetwerk Duurzame Inzetbaarheid (Radboud University, Netherlands), the Sloan Center’s Innovative Practices Database is now available in Dutch and English. This database is a compilation of initiatives that seek to enhance quality of employment in the age-diverse workplace in the Netherlands. More information at: http://www.bc.edu/research/agingandwork/archive_news/2013/2013-11-06.html. *



Training

LIVES Life Course Winter School. The National Centre of Competence in Research LIVES and four other international research centers invite doctoral students to apply to this one-week intensive program on life course research, to take place from March 22nd to 29th, 2014 in Les Diablerets, Switzerland. The program includes three interdisciplinary research workshops: “Friends of the elderly. Friendship networks of older adults”; “Role of personal characteristics in an unstable professional context”; “Spatial mobility over the life course and its links to family life”. With the aim

of preparing collaborative articles, each workshop will take place in groups of 6 to 8 students and will be led by three experts. Deadline: November 15, 2013. Contact: Delphine Fagot, LIVES Doctoral Program Officer. More information at http://www.lives-nccr.ch/fr/winterschool_2014.*

People



Professor Lars Andersson has been awarded this year's "Stora Gerontologipriset" (Distinguished Gerontology Award) as an acknowledgement for his many scientific contributions to social gerontology. Professor

Andersson's research has contributed to overturning many myths about older people and aging. He has authored many scientific publications, arranged international conferences, started the first international open-access journal in social gerontology (International Journal of Aging and Later Life), been a driving force in several scientific societies (for example, he was chair of the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Aging and Nordisk Gerontologisk Förening) and chair of Swedish Gerontological Society. For several decades, Lars Andersson has contributed to putting studies of older people and aging on the agenda and has thereby been influential in putting Swedish social gerontology on the international map.*



Anne Martin-Matthews received a Distinguished Member Award from the annual conference of the Canadian Association on Gerontology, in October 2013. This award is CAG's highest honor, and recognizes a member who has made a

significant contribution to furthering the objectives of the Association.*

Professor Robert Kastenbaum, passed away on July 24 at the age of 80. He was professor emeritus at Arizona State University in the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication. Professor Kastenbaum was globally recognized for his research on the psychology of aging and death. He wrote the first textbook on the subject, entitled "Death, Society and Human Experience" (1977). He also established the first university-based center on death and dying at Wayne State University in 1996, and founded and served as the first editor for the International Journal of Aging and Human Development and Omega: Journal of Death and Dying. For his contribution to the field of gerontology, he was awarded the Richard A. Kalish Award for Most Innovative Publication from the Gerontological Society of America and the Lawton Award for Distinguished Contributions to Clinical Geropsychology from the American Psychological Association.*

Shirley Nuss, Ph.D., is an Executive Board Member of RC11. Since 2002 she has been conducting research on elder abuse in the rural community to which she returned to assume full responsibility for the care of her elderly parents. In this isolated rural area where health care and elder care remains inadequate, she obtained a unique perspective and commitment to policy-oriented research. She has been has been

circulating the following definition of elder abuse to increase awareness of the broad scope of the problem:

Elder abuse can be defined as “a single, or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust which causes harm or distress to an older person”. The core element to the harm of elder abuse is the “expectation of trust” of the older person toward their abuser. The fundamental common denominator is the use of power and control by one individual to affect the well-being and status of another, older, individual.

While there are a variety of circumstances that count as elder abuse, it does not include general criminal activity against older persons. Elder abuse can take various forms such as physical, psychological or emotional, sexual and financial abuse. In many parts of the world elder abuse occurs with little recognition or response. Evidence is accumulating, however, to indicate that elder abuse is an important public health and societal problem.

Psychological / Emotional Abuse: This form of abuse includes threats or actions directed at an elderly person in an effort to provoke the fear of violence or isolation and which may result in mental anguish, anxiety or depression. Examples of psychological abuse include the intentional use of threat or injury, unreasonable confinement, punishment, verbal intimidation or humiliation, name-calling, insulting, frightening, threatening or isolating, yelling or screaming at the older person, using ridicule or demeaning language toward him/her, etc.

Financial / Material Abuse: Included in this form of abuse is any behavior by another person, without the knowledge and consent of the older person, that results in financial exploitation of the older person through illegal or unethical use of his/her money, property or other assets for personal gain. Other examples of financial/material abuse include theft or conversion of money, personal or other property to the benefit, gain or profit of the perpetrator and loss to the older adult, such as unusual bank account activity or changes in the title to property.

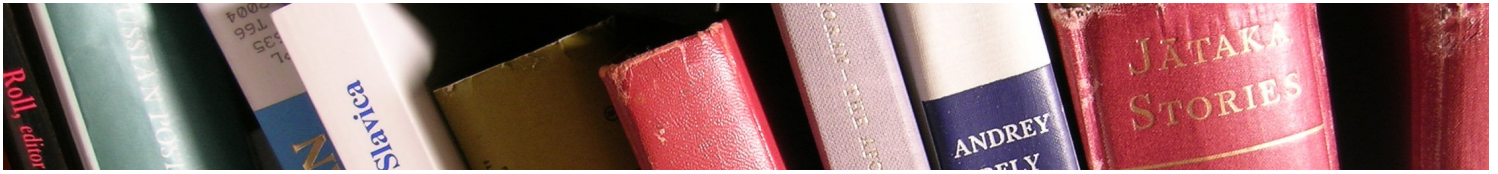
Some causes of elder abuse: Widely held negative attitudes and dehumanizing stereotypes make older persons especially vulnerable to maltreatment of various types.

As a result of the World Assembly on Ageing meeting in Madrid in April 2002, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA), adopted by UN member states in 2002, was developed. The document is based on the United Nations Principles for Older Persons as adopted in 1991. Within the MIPAA elder abuse is specifically addressed as a problem that requires both national and international attention. The document states that in order to work towards a sustainable society for all ages, society as a whole should combat age discrimination and age related violence.

Elder abuse prevents older people from living a life in dignity and fully participating in society, therefore it is an infringement of basic Human Rights. Furthermore, the MIPAA recognizes that ‘older victims of abuse may never fully physically or emotionally recover from trauma. ... (O)lder people are especially vulnerable to abuse due to underlying ageism and their higher risk of poverty.

In 2006 the International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) designated June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) and an increasing number of events are held across the globe on this day to raise awareness of elder abuse, and highlight ways to challenge such abuse. In 2011, nearly two hundred countries adopted June 15th as the International Day to Raise Awareness of Elder Abuse. June 15th is the birth date of Anna Marie Koppel Nuss. Make it your International Day! *

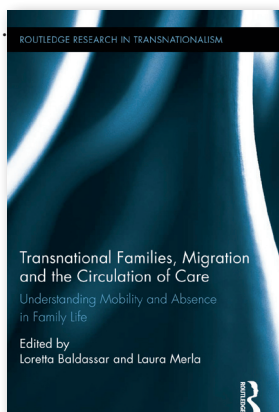
What Are Members Writing and Reading?



In December 2013, the *Journal of Aging Studies* published a special issue on widowhood, honouring the legacy of long-time RC11 member, the late Helena Znaniecka Lopata. The volume was published to coincide with the 10th anniversary of Helena Lopata's death. It was guest-edited by Deborah K. van den Hoonaard (Canada), Anne Martin-Matthews (Canada) and Kate Davidson (UK). Several long-time RC 11 members have papers in the special issue: Susan Feldman (Australia) on the role of theatre in advancing understanding of widowhood; Sarah Matthews (USA) on historical perspectives on widowhood; and Anne Martin-Matthews (Canada) on ethno-cultural diversity in the experience of widowhood. The special issue also includes the introductory essay: "The Legacy of Helena Znaniecka Lopata in Widowhood Research: Enduring Concepts, Life Lessons, New Insights", *Journal of Aging Studies* (2013), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jaging.2013.06.004>.

Baldassar, Loretta and Laura Merla, eds. 2013.

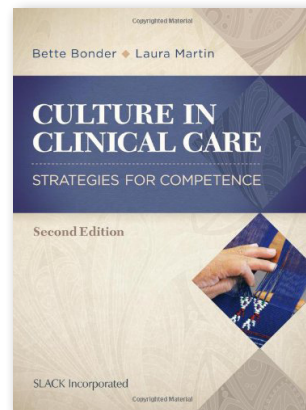
"Transnational Families, Migration and the Circulation of Care. Understanding Mobility and Absence in Family Life." Routledge: Oxon, United Kingdom. Available at <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415626736/>



This book explores the agency of family members in transnational processes of care, in an effort to recognize the transnational family as an increasingly common family form and to question its predominantly negative conceptualizations. By covering a rich array of ethnographic case

studies, this volume re-conceptualizes transnational care as a set of activities that circulates between home and host countries - across generations - and fluctuates over the life course, going beyond previous approaches. In August, 2013, this book was nominated "book of the month" by the European Sociological Association. ✨

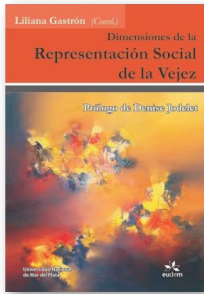
Bonder, Bette and Laura Martin. 2013. "Culture in Clinical Care: Strategies for Competence." Slack Incorporated: Thorofare, NJ, USA.



This book aims to describe the multidimensional nature of cultural beliefs about health and wellness, and how those beliefs and their associated actions affect intervention strategies. By defining and illustrating strategies for culturally sensitive assessment and

intervention, the book emphasizes the connection between theory and practice, giving readers the opportunity to practice and evaluate what they are learning. ✨

Gastrón, Liliana. 2013. "Dimensions of the Social Representation of Old Age." ("Dimensiones de la Representación Social de la Vejez.") Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata: Mar del Plata, Argentina.

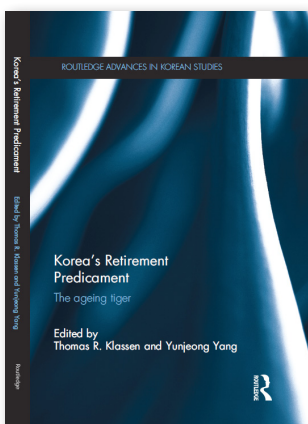


This book explores the contribution of different scientific traditions to the knowledge of old-age and its context from an interdisciplinary approach. A variety of interpretative frameworks arise from the social representation of old age, all of which express the historical changes of a social construction. *

Jeon, Gyeong-Suk, Soong-Nang Jang, Dong-Sik Kim, and Sung-Il Cho. 2013. "Widowhood and Depressive Symptoms Among Korean Elders: The Role of Social Ties." *Journal of Gerontology Series B* 68(6):963-73. Available at: <http://psychsocgerontology.oxfordjournals.org/content/68/6/927.abstract>. *

Komp, Kathrin, Kees van Kersbergen and Theo van Tilburg. 2013. Policies for older volunteers: A study of Germany and Italy, 1990–2008. *Journal of Aging Studies* 27:443–55. Available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jaging.2013.10.003>.*

Klassen, Thomas and Yunjeong Yang. 2013. "Korea's Retirement Predicament: The Ageing Tiger." Routledge: Oxon, United Kingdom. Available at <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415644105/>.

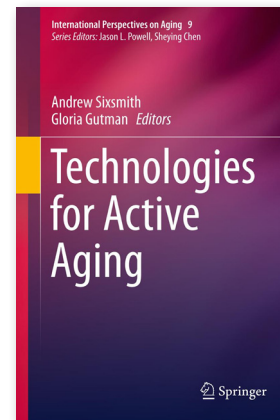


Using a multi-disciplinary and comparative approach, this book examines how this retirement arrangement arose, and the policy reforms that have been both undertaken and proposed to allow workers to remain employed longer in South Korea. The analysis focuses on the institutional

constraints to reforms, as well as the impact forced retirement has on individuals. By studying contractual mandatory retirement trends and policies in South

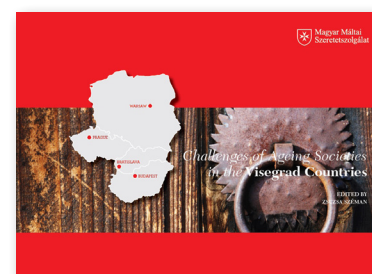
Korea, the authors explore the political, social, legal, economic and labor market implications of this widespread practice. *

Sixsmith, Andrew and Gloria Gutman, eds. 2013. "Technologies for Active Aging." Springer Science+Business Media: New York, NY, USA.



This book offers novel answers to a range of aging issues, from safety and mobility to cognition and continence. Written for the non-technical reader, the book examines the potential of information and communicative technologies such as pervasive computing, smart environments, and robotics to enhance seniors' quality of life and encourage independent living, better care and self-care, and social participation.

Zsuzsa Széman, ed. 2013. "Challenges of Ageing Societies in the Visegrad Countries: Hungary, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia." Institute for Sociology, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences: Budapest, Hungary. Available at http://www.maltai.hu/data/Challenges_of_Aging_Societies.pdf.



This e-book explores the challenges of ongoing ageing trends and transitions in four Central European countries - the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia -

known as the Visegrad countries. By presenting new research results and better examples, the book tries to fill a gap in knowledge that exists because much of the material on these countries is only available in national languages.

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