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Dear colleagues,

I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break and this finds you well. This is fourth RC11 Newsletter in which I have served as Editor. I like newsletter numbers that are multiples of four because they announce that we are about to get together in another conference. Before the fifth issue we will gather in Argentina, before the ninth issue we will gather in Japan, and before the thirteenth issue... that remains to be announced.

This issue of the RC11 Newsletter opens with a letter from our President, Anne Martin-Matthews. Following a brief section with news, you will find an innovative article by Wendy Martin and Veronika Williams, using photographic diaries and photo elicitation to explore the significance of the ordinary and everyday life among older adults. This issue also includes a numerous announcements on a variety of issues, such as: call for papers, meetings, funding, jobs, competitions, websites of interest, data, educational programs, and news about specific RC11 members. The final section lists publications and readings suggested by our members.

I sincerely thank all the contributions I have received for the RC11 Newsletter. Exchange of information is our main asset as a global network of academics working on the sociology of aging. I look forward continuing receiving your contributions and suggestions for the newsletter and to seeing many of you at the ISA Forum of Sociology in Buenos Aires. *

Sincerely,

Esteban
We are now only a few months away from the Second World Forum of Sociology in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As part of the Forum, RC11 will hold its inter-Congress meeting, with a full programme of 21 sessions, six of which are joint with other Research Committees. In total, 120 presentations have been scheduled as either Oral Presentations or as Distributed Papers. Details of the RC11 programme, final at time of printing, are provided in this Newsletter. As is evident in the programme, RC11 has very much embraced the spirit of this Forum as an opportunity to engage with our colleagues in Latin America. To that end, two special symposia are being held, one on Life Course Perspectives in Latin America and another on Old Age and Society: Views from Latin America. Our sincere appreciation to Professor Julieta Oddone of the University of Buenos Aires, for her organization of both of these invitational symposia.

ISA overall has received a very enthusiastic response to this Second World Forum, with 54 Research Committees, Working Groups and Thematic Groups submitting approximately 625 sessions in the call for abstracts.

My sincere thanks to the Chair of the RC11 Programme Committee, Julie McMullin, for her outstanding work in overseeing the review of abstracts and organization of sessions, while dealing with the vagaries of ISA’s new online submission process. Susan Feldman and Lucie Vidovicova have also assisted with aspects of the program. We are also grateful to Adriana Fassio for being our local liaison, and assisting with the social programme for RC11 in Buenos Aires.

While Business Meetings of RCs are normally held only once every four years, in conjunction with World Congresses, this year RCs have been encouraged to hold Business Meetings during this Forum. In order to comply with ISA regulations concerning Statutes, some minor amendments will be proposed and voted on at RC11’s Business Meeting. Details will be presented in our next newsletter in Fall 2012.

Even as we anticipate the Second World Forum, we also look ahead to the World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan in July 2014. As our membership continues to grow and moves past the threshold of 150 current members, the number of sessions allocated to RC11 by ISA will increase. We therefore encourage you to invite new members from amongst your colleagues and graduate students. A commitment to the most extensive RC11 programme of sessions in 2014 seems an appropriate goal when the ISA conference is held in Japan, with its extraordinary profile of population aging and attendant challenges and opportunities.

All good wishes,

Anne Martin-Matthews

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**Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 09:00am - 10:30am**

**Connecting Generations: Societal Policies and Family Relations #2441**

**Session Organizer:** Anne Martin-Matthews, University of British Columbia, Canada

**Chair:** Susan McDaniel, Prentice Institute, University of Lethbridge, Canada

- Life courses across generations and borders in the context of international migration. Y. R. Zhou (Oral Presentation id=18848).
- Intergenerational split? The Turkish elderly parents and their adult children. G. CON and S. Kalaycioglu (Oral Presentation id=27156).
- Women between caring for the elderly and for the youngsters. A. Motta (Oral Presentation id=20668).
- Intergenerational support and quality of life in old age: Do welfare state regimes matter? F. Neuberger (Oral Presentation id=17428).
- Intergenerational households and well-being of the older persons’ in Nigeria. E. Wahab (Distributed Paper id=13811).

**Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 10:45am - 12:15pm**

**Age based inequalities: Recent research and challenges #1887**

**Session Organizers:** Clary Krekula, University of Uppsala, Sweden; Neal King, Virginia Tech, USA

**Chair:** Julie McMULLIN, University of Western Ontario Canada

- Age and gender in Brazilian self-help books. T. Castro (Oral Presentation id=26027).
- Gender equality politics and age relations in workplaces. C. Krekula (Oral Presentation id=24576).
- Migrantship and old age: Intersecting social positions. L. Machat-From (Oral Presentation id=17392).
- Aging, frailty, and intimacy: The gendered experience of close relationships among adults 75+ who have multiple chronic conditions. L. Hurd Clarke and E. Bennett (Oral Presentation id=2072).
- Vejez, género y pobreza: Estrategias de reproducción de los hogares en el barrio el Sur. F. Bravo Almonacid (Distributed Paper id=26777).

**Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 12:30 pm-2:00pm**

**Empirical Methods in Aging Research 1 #1884**

**Session Scheduled by ISA**

Joint session of RC11 Sociology of Aging and RC33 Logic and Methodology in Sociology (host committee).

**Session Organizers:** Valentina HLEBEC, Researcher, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; Kathrin KOMP, Umea University, Sweden

- To study lives over many years. The meaning of ageing in the research process. E. JEPPSSON GRASSMAN (Oral Presentation id=8760).
- Empirical methods in ageing research: Recent developments and upcoming trends. K. KOMP (Oral Presentation id=20204).
- The effect of interviewee characteristics on subjective variables in surveys of older people. L. VIDOVICOVA and M. PETROVA KAFKOVA (Oral Presentation id=22835).
- Does place matter? Micro-geographies and power relations in interviewing elderly. B. OZDEMIR (Oral Presentation id=27460).
- Images of successful ageing among “younger elderly”. J. ANDERSSON (Oral Presentation id=10220).
- Highlights from the NCRM series on the methodological challenges facing ageing cohort studies. T. CHANDOLA (Oral Presentation id=20109).
Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 12:30pm - 02:00pm

Caring for older adults with dementia #1885
Session Organizer: Neena Chappell, University of Victoria, Canada
Chair: Eva Jeppsson Grassman, Linkoping University, Sweden

- La spécialisation des modes de prise en charge de la maladie d’alzheimer en France: Entre levier d’évolution des carrières professionnelles, désinsertions sociale des patients et renforcement de la stigmatisation. L. Lechevalier Hurard (Oral Presentation id=24449).
- Conceptual analysis of “dementia” among family caregivers in Japanese SHGs. S. Kinoshita (Oral Presentation id=22592).
- Families caring for assisted living and nursing home residents with dementia: Does setting matter? L. Strain and C. Maxwell (Oral Presentation id=26006).
- Dementia stories: Representations of carers. A. Kirkman (Oral Presentation id=15410).
- The gendered nature of caregiver perceptions of the effectiveness of cholinesterase inhibitors (ChEI) for those with dementia. N. Chappell and M. Maclure (Oral Presentation id=14026).
- Mental fitness for dementia patients: Can it work? B. Sanbrn (Distributed Paper id=19908).
- What is the value of keeping patients at home if informal caregivers become exhausted to the detriment of their own life satisfaction? M. Baumann, S. Couffignal, K. Lurbe I Puerto, and N. Chau (Distributed Paper id=11632).

Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 02:30pm - 04:00pm

Images, Meaning, and Discourses of Ageing #2590
Session Organizer: Julie McMULLIN, University of Western Ontario, Canada
Chair: Kyriakos Markides, University of Texas Medical Branch, USA

- Diversity and ageing – the meaning of new intimate relationships in later life. P. Öberg (Oral Presentation id=22965).
- ‘This is a good time for ageing’ - images of old age from social workers and private health care providers. G. Zamora, E. Aldaz, I. Cuartango, and N. Galdona (Oral Presentation id=24805).
- Imaginarios sobre la vejez de jóvenes universitarios: Un estudio comparativo entre alumnos de medicina, psicología y trabajo social (Universidad de Granada, España) . J. Sanhueza (Oral Presentation id=24139).
- Discourses of child free later life: A gendered topic. J. Reynolds (Oral Presentation id=1827).

Thursday, August 2, 2012: 09:00am - 10:30am

Later life decision making: Consumption, home care, and end of life #1894
Session Organizer: Lucie Vidovicova, Masaryk University, Czech Republic
Chair: Neena Chappell, University of Victoria, Canada

- Consumption in older age: Risks and potentials. L. Vidovicova (Oral Presentation id=20056).
- Exploring the goals of older people with high support needs in the UK: Does their consumption match their aspirations? J. Katz, C. Holland, and S. Peace (Oral Presentation id=12213).
- Care service utilization among frail elderly in Japan. S. Kikuzawa (Oral Presentation id=18631).
- Understanding informal carers’ decision-making in choosing a care home for a person with dementia in hospital. J. Katz and C. Holland (Oral Presentation id=10851).
- “because I do not want to be a burden – also beyond my death” – results of a qualitative interview study on funeral decisions. N. Sachmerda (Oral Presentation id=17583).

Thursday, August 2, 2012: 10:45 am-12:15pm

Participation and cultural sociology of the life course. Part I #1883
Session Scheduled by ISA
Joint session of RC11 Sociology of Aging and RC10 Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management (host committee).
Chair: Julia ROZANOVA, University of British Columbia, Canada
Co-Chair: Andreas HOFF, Hochschule Zittau-Gorlitz, Germany
Session Organizer: Julia ROZANOVA, University of British Columbia, Canada; Andreas HOFF, Hochschule Zittau-Gorlitz, Germany

- On the possibilities of “feeling young” as a senior with extensive physical impairments. A. TAGHIZADEH
LARSSON (Oral Presentation id=29485).
- Subjective well-being in the late life period: A cross-national study. J. ZELIKOVA (Oral Presentation id=11576).
- Participation and aging in the council. G. DESTRO DE OLIVEIRA (Oral Presentation id=28689).
- Social participation of elderly people in German and Polish municipalities in the context of current demographic change. B. JONDA (Oral Presentation id=26887).
- Does the renaissance of the policy? The case of student’s mobilizations in 2011 in Colombia. M. TRUJILLO (Oral Presentation id=14163).
- Participación de la familia en la escuela. J. L. ALVAREZ LÓPEZ (Oral Presentation id=15221).
- Thriving or surviving? Extending working lives in different occupational contexts. E. Brooke (Oral Presentation id=29909).
- Ageing and employability - the influence of personal circumstances and individual factors. A. Tisch (Oral Presentation id=24190).

**Thursday, August 2, 2012: 12:30pm - 02:00pm**

**Panel: The life-course perspective in Latin America #1897**

**Session Organizer:** María Julieta Oddone, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina  
**Discussant:** Hugo José Suarez, Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico   
- Discussant: M. J. Oddone (id=30163).
- Changes and events across the life course: An international comparison. S. Cavalli (id=30164).
- Crisis y memoria histórica: El golpe de estado de 1973 en Chile. E. Guichard (id=30165).
- Cambios y transiciones en el curso de la vida. Argentina en el estudio CEVI. G. Lynch (id=30162).

**Thursday, August 2, 2012: 02:30pm - 04:00pm**

**Extending working lives: Are workplace practises convergent with recent policy directions? #1888**

**Session Organizers:** Elizabeth Brooke, Swinburne University, Australia; Julie McMULLIN, University of Western Ontario, Canada  
**Chair:** Julie McMULLIN, University of Western Ontario, Canada  
- Thriving or surviving? Extending working lives in different occupational contexts. E. Brooke (Oral Presentation id=29909).
- Ageing and employability - the influence of personal circumstances and individual factors. A. Tisch (Oral Presentation id=24190).

**Thursday, August 2, 2012: 4:15 PM-5:45pm**

**Participation and its relationship to social justice and democracy. Part II #1879**

**Session Scheduled by ISA**

**Joint session of RC11 Sociology of Aging and RC10 Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management (host committee).**

**Chair:** Martine REVEL, Université Lille, France  
**Session Organizer:** Isabel DA COSTA, CNRS-IDHE, France  
- Participation, voice and negotiation throughout the crisis: is Europe changing its model? F. VASQUEZ (Oral Presentation id=30210).
- Promotion of participation and citizenship in Europe. Engaging citizens in the fight against corruption through the advocacy and legal advice centres of transparency international. A. GIANNAKOPOULOS and D. TAENZLER (Oral Presentation id=4284).
- Right to health and sanitary democracy: Bridges to citizenship. R. BALBINOT and S. DALLARI (Oral Presentation id=27129).
- From the goal of regulating to the emancipatory capacity of participation in health. F. ALVES (Oral Presentation id=27144).
- Participation and the national coffee policy in Brazil. S. ZIMMERMANN (Oral Presentation id=23934).
- Participación y justicia social en la política agroalimentaria y agroindustrial de Argentina. M. MANZONI and R. BÖCKER (Oral Presentation id=22907).
- Nuevos actores políticos en la democracia participativa. organizaciones afros e indígenas en la construcción de políticas públicas en cali. C. D. GARCA CAICEDO (Oral Presentation id=13726).
- The relationship between research and improvement
of police stations through community oversight. L. RIBEIRO (Oral Presentation id=18317).

- Local self governance - the only means to achieve equity. R. BASU (Oral Presentation id=3610).

Thursday, August 2, 2012: 04:15pm - 05:45pm
RC11 Business Meeting #1896
Session Organizer: Anne Martin-Matthews, Sociology, University of British Columbia Canada

Friday, August 3, 2012: 09:00am - 10:30am
Retirement, older workers, and pension policy #1891
Session Organizer: John Williamson, Boston College, USA
Chair: John Williamson, Sociology, Boston College, USA
- Causal effects of retirement timing on health and well-being. E. Calvo, N. Sarkisian, and C. Tamborini (Oral Presentation id=23833).
- Social security’s reform impact in Argentina (1996-2010). M. A. Arlegui (Oral Presentation id=16999).
- Ageing in the countryside and the need of public policies of social security as means to implement the rights of elderly rural workers in Brazil. S. M. Garcia, J. P. P. Netto, and J. Lenzi Silva (Oral Presentation id=21488).

Friday, August 3, 2012: 10:45 am-12:15pm
Intergenerational solidarity: Bringing the public and the private into dialogue #1886
Session Organizers: Virpi Timonen, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland; Thomas Scharf, National University of Ireland, Ireland
Chair: Virpi Timonen, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
- Inconsistency between policy presumptions and actual relationships of the intergenerational relationships within the family in present-day Japan. R. Yamato (Oral Presentation id=18708).

Friday, August 3, 2012: 12:30pm - 02:00pm
Intergenerational Relations: Intimate Ties and Solidarity #2589
Session Organizer: Julie McMULLIN, University of Western Ontario, Canada
Chair: Edmund Kenneth Mugayehwenkyi, TBC, Uganda
• FAMILIA (S): Las distintas prácticas de la “solidaridad” en el mundo contemporáneo. M. Santos (Oral Presentation id=11914).

• La generación de bienestar a partir de la experiencia de los beneficiarios del programa pensión alimenticia para adultos mayores en el estado de méxico. G. Fuentes Reyes (Oral Presentation id=13522).

• The impact of new intimate relationships in later life on social and filial relationships. T. Bildtgård (Oral Presentation id=21199).

• A comparison of determinants between married children’s coresidence with their fathers and with their mothers in Japan. R. Yamato (Oral Presentation id=14295).

• Time as a structuring condition behind new intimate relationships in later life. T. Bildtgård and P. Öberg (Distributed Paper id=20046).

Friday, August 3, 2012: 2:30 pm-4:00pm
Demographic challenges associated with aging populations in the developing world #1900
Session Scheduled by ISA
Joint session of RC11 Sociology of Aging and RC41 Sociology of Population (host committee).
Session Organizer: Zachary ZIMMER, University of California, San Francisco, USA
• Trends in old age disability in developing countries. K. MARKIDES (Oral Presentation id=21130).

• Understanding population ageing in India: A case study of Maharashtra. P. PANSHIKAR (Oral Presentation id=20860).

• Care policies aimed at older adults in Mexico. S. E. CARMONA VALDES (Oral Presentation id=25791).

• Elderly and value of children: Assessing the importance of children in old age security provisions in Nigeria. E. WAHAB (Oral Presentation id=13803).

• The faces and stories of Lebanese elders: Changes in family structure, differing demographics, quality of life, and challenges faced in building capacities for care givers in social services. Z. CHEMALI, L. BAZZI, C. BORBA and J. CARNEY (Oral Presentation id=18083).

• Ethnography of ageing. how transformation lived in the process of ageing echoes in the social interactions. M. G. P. KOURY (Oral Presentation id=17432).

• Gender differentials in the socio-economic well-being of older persons in Lagos state, Nigeria. O. E. AJIBOYE (Oral Presentation id=22599).

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 9:00 am-10:30am
Transformation of leisure and ageing perspectives #1899
Session Scheduled by ISA
Joint session of RC11 Sociology of Aging and RC13 Sociology of Leisure (host committee).
Co-Chair: Francis LOBO, Edith Cowan University, Australia; Laura Hurd CLARKE, University of British Columbia, Canada
Session Organizer: Ishwar MODI, India International Institute of Social Sciences, India; Laura Hurd CLARKE, University of British Columbia, Canada
• Los rituales del cuerpo: Resignificando la vejez a través del danzón en la ciudad de México. M. C. TAMARIZ (Oral Presentation id=16682).

• Sujeitoidoso e pós-modernidade: Novas propostas de sociabilidade. K. PERUFO (Oral Presentation id=16890).

• Leisure and Aged Persons. S. TYAGI (Oral Presentation id=29587).

• A study on quality of life of the urban community elderly people. C. ZHOU (Oral Presentation id=19012).

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 09:00am - 10:30am
Generations: Connections across the life course #1890
Session Organizer: Marc Szydlik, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Chair: Marc Szydlik, University of Zurich, Switzerland
• Generationing relations in challenging times: Americans and Canadians in mid-life in the great recession. S. McDaniel, A. Gazso, and S. Um (Oral Presentation id=20357).

• Intergenerational transfer of money and services in France, Germany, Denmark and Italy. G. Schmaus and S. Bould (Oral Presentation id=20807).

• Intercambio de apoyo entre hijos adultos y sus padres mayores en Chile: Retos y desafíos actuales. M. B. Fernandez Lorca (Distributed Paper id=18282).
Saturday, August 4, 2012: 10:45am - 12:15pm

Old age and society: Views from Latin America #1898

Session Organizer: María Julieta Oddone, FLACSO / CONICET, Argentina

Panelists: Liliana Gastron, University of Lujan, Argentina; Paulina Osorio, University of Santiago, Chile; Leonor Nava, University Francisco de Miranda, Venezuela; Veronica Montes de Oca, Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico

Discussant: Blanca de Lima, University Francisco de Miranda, Venezuela

- Envejecimiento y grupos en alto riesgo en América Latina y el Caribe. V. Montes de Oca (id=30166).
- Vejez y viudez en Chile: interpretaciones socioculturales desde la experiencia. P. Osorio (id=30168).
- Las representaciones sociales que poseen los docentes jubilados sobre la violencia ejercida por la sociedad hacia los adultos mayores. L. Nava (id=30169).
- Acerca de las personas de edad en las universidades argentinas, desde la perspectiva de género. L. Gastron (id=30167).

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 12:30pm - 02:00pm

Images of old age #1893

Session Organizer: Kathrin Komp, Umea University, Sweden

Chair: Elizabeth Brooke, Swinburne University, Australia

- Defeat, soccer and the media: Paradoxical images and discourses of aging. L. Pacheco (Oral Presentation id=14262).
- From retirement to active ageing: Changing images of “old age” in the late twentieth century. S. Lessenich (Oral Presentation id=17067).
- A new image of old age: The case of third age societies. K. Komp and E. Wiegand (Oral Presentation id=13663).
- Understandings of ethnic ‘otherness’ in need assessment practices. S. Torres, E. Forssell, and A. Olaison (Oral Presentation id=27623).
- From zoomers to geezerade: Representations of the body in ageist and classist society. J. Low (Oral Presentation id=15269).
- El envejecimiento desde la óptica demográfica: Podemos hablar de un cambio de paradigma? C. A. Guidotti Gonzalez (Distributed Paperid=21360).

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 02:30pm - 04:00pm

Public policies to promote healthy and happy aging #1889

Session Organizers: Esteban Calvo, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile; Adriana Fassio, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Chairs: Adriana Fassio, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina; Esteban Calvo, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile

- Reform strategies in home care for elderly in Europe. T. Rostgaard (Oral Presentation id=24847).
- How can policies promote healthy and happy aging among the oldest old (85+) and centenarians? I. Etxeberria, N. Galdona, E. Aldaz, J. Yanguas, and E. Urdaneta (Oral Presentation id=24541).
- European welfare states, family carers and quality of life in sunset years: Analyzing the happy aging aspect in the specialization hypothesis. F. Neuberger and K. Haberkern (Oral Presentation id=16251).
- Asistencialismo y salud en el marco de las políticas sociales dirigidas a personas mayores en Chile: El caso del programa VÍNCULOS (Servicio Nacional del Adulto Mayor, 2008). J. Sanhueza (Distributed Paperid=16216).
- Políticas sociales para mejorar el bienestar de las personas que envejecen. La experiencia en el País Vasco (España). E. Del Barrio, M. Sancho, M. Leturia, and A. Gurpegui (Distributed Paperid=26218).
The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging

The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) is a large, national, long-term study that will follow approximately 50,000 men and women between the ages of 45 and 85 for at least 20 years. The study will collect information on the changing biological, medical, psychological, social, lifestyle and economic aspects of people’s lives. These data will help to understand health change and trajectories, as well as the development of disease and disability as people age. In December 2011, the CLSA welcomed its first group of participants for a pilot study at Data Collection Site at McMaster University. Recruitment of the 30,000 participants who will take part in the comprehensive portion of the study will begin in early 2012. The CLSA aims to be one of the most comprehensive studies of its kind undertaken to date, not only in Canada but around the world. *

More information at http://www.clsa-elcv.ca/

Singapore’s Network on Business of Ageing

According to a recently published article by Channel News Asia, the homegrown company Ageing Asia has created the region’s first industry network on the business of ageing. The newly created alliance seeks, among other things, to nurture investments, and develop new products and services to address the needs of Asia’s growing ageing population.

The recent initiative complements a series of efforts from Singapore’s authorities to provide a comprehensive environment where accessible, affordable, and quality care is delivered to its older residents. Minister of State for Community Development, Youth and Sports, Halimah Yacob, pointed out: “in order for us to address the needs of our elderly across various generations, backgrounds and life circumstances, government’s initiatives alone are not going to be enough.”


Massachusetts Seeks to Expand Coverage of Private Pensions

A recent publication from the Pension Action Center of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at UMass Boston, reveals an initiative to expand pension coverage and work-place saving options in the private sector. The initiative seeks to gather key players from business, labor, government, academia, and the financial sector, to review a range of proposals developed nationally. In October, 2011, Ellen Bruce, Director of the Pension Action Center, formed a working committee to explore building a coalition to expand private sector coverage in the state. The group’s next step is to convene an invitational roundtable in Boston in early 2012 to bring in key national and local figures to discuss how state governments can encourage the expansion of employer based retirement plans.

The aim of this project is to explore the significance of the ordinary and day-to-day and focus on the everyday meanings, lived experiences, practical activities, and social contexts in which people in mid to later life live their daily lives. In particular, the project focuses upon the very ordinariness and mundanity of daily living; and the day-to-day practical activities and personal meanings embedded within personal, domestic and working lives. In order to make these everyday lives visible, the project involves visual methods (photographic diaries) and in-depth interviews (photo elicitation) with people aged 50 years and over who have different types of daily routines. This approach aims to make visible the ordinary and everyday as well as explore the disruptions, vulnerabilities, complexities, fluidity and changing nature of ageing so that important insights can be gained and our understandings and theorising enhanced. In particular, the research aims to be much closer to lived experiences and how people give meaning and engage with their own everyday lives on their own terms. As Gubrium and Holstein argue, a focus on daily life can generate important insights into ‘how people themselves interpret and discern what it’s like to grow older and be old in today’s world’ (2000, p. 3).

We aim to recruit 60 participants who are asked to take photographs for one week that focus on their daily routines. These photographs are then explored during in-depth interviews to elicit the meaning and context of their visual diaries. Ethical approval has been granted by the Brunel University Research Ethics Committee. The textual and visual data has been thematically analysed using Atlas Ti. For this paper we are drawing on data from the exploratory stage of the study; in particular, of 16 participants (age range 50-70 years; 12 women, 4 men) who have different daily routines. The following themes presented in this paper are early and preliminary ideas that will be developed further as the project progresses.

Time and Routines

Time was significant to the routines of the participants in which certain routines and activities can be seen to take place on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. Daily practices were predominately structured around the care of the body, in terms of showering, drinking, eating, bodily care, and sleep. There were certain practices that occurred on a daily basis, often at the same time and in the same place. This was especially apparent in morning and evening routines. For example, the first photograph of the day often portrayed the same image, such as a cup or pot of tea or coffee. Participants often said that the rhythm and structure of their morning routines had followed the same habitual patterns for many years, and continued despite key transitions within their lives (for example, retirement, change of working patterns). Weekly and monthly patterns were often structured around specific events, in particular, social and work activities, such as exercise classes, shopping, social clubs and family meals.
Food, health and risk

Food and mealtimes were significant to the ways in which participants organised their daily lives. When portraying and talking about food many participants drew on wider discourses of health promotion and ideas about risk and health. In particular, there was a heightened awareness of health risks associated with ‘healthy’ eating as the participants grew older:

“That’s my typical daily breakfast. I have porridge, proper porridge, blackberries er blueberries, and soya milk. Every day in the year, even if I go on holiday I try and do it. Because .. it’s very healthy and I’m worried about my health as I get older. I want to be a strong older person, and its true what they say, if you do have a good breakfast it does keep you going and you don’t pick, and I recommended that” (Participant 16)

In contrast, for some participants alongside discourses of body maintenance and discipline, alternative discourses associated with enjoyment, treats and relaxation were emphasised:

“Lots of chocolate and lots of sweets. [laughs] And consequently the rest of Sunday was just in front of the television munching ... I don’t always cook Sunday dinner. Odd occasions we might go out for a Sunday dinner. But not very often. Its usually. Yes, normally we’re in and we’ve got goodies. And it’s the television the rest of the day. You know, Sunday” (Participant 1).

The photographic diaries not only highlighted the context of eating and meals in terms of time and place but social and contextual meanings could also be discerned that may influence food choices including living alone, meals denoted as everyday / routine or for a special occasion, social relationships, and the role of gender in relation to preparing and choosing food.

Social Connectivity, Embodiment and Daily Life

Whilst the significance of social relationships and connectivities are well recognised in research with people in mid to later life, these connections are rarely situated within the context of their daily lives. Within our data the importance of connectivity, i.e. connections with family, partners, friends and the locality, as well as wider inter/national communities was apparent. These connections were maintained or created virtually (social networking, emails) and in shared space and / or time (telephone, living together, visits). Other mediating factors that appeared to promote, or sometimes hinder, participants’ connections and relationships included
mobility, engagement in local communities, and work related patterns. Exploring the routines and patterns that underpin the everyday lives of people as they grow older therefore enables us to make visible and explore how people build, maintain and experience their social connections. In particular, the texture, rhythm, spatio-temporal and embodied nature of social connections are highlighted, including the significance of embodied co-presence (social relationships experienced in shared and immediate time and space) and the increasing role and frequency of virtual connectivities.

Concluding Comments
This paper has presented some initial and preliminary analysis from our project. The photographs have allowed us to explore narratives and meanings of everyday life, and reveal the rhythms, tempo-spatial textures and patterns that underlie the participant’s habitual and routinised everyday worlds. The photographic diaries could also be described as facilitating the researcher to join the participant on a ‘journey’ for a week of their lives. For this, we thank all our participants for their time and allowing us to analyze and portray their daily lives.

The project will be completed in June 2013. All photographs were taken as part of the study and are the copyright of Dr. Wendy Martin.

Reference
Call for Papers

IJAL Special Issue on Ageing Embodiment as Social Critique. Emmanuelle Tulle (Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland) and Clary Krekula (Karlstad Universitet, Sweden) are editing a special issue of the International Journal of Aging and Later Life (IJAL). This special Issue invites manuscripts which reflect on ageing embodiment and its contribution to contemporary theorizing in ageing. Whilst these reflections are expected to be prompted by empirical research it is welcome to make contributions which take stock of the author’s work or of a body of work which the author would like to synthesize and push forward theoretical or conceptual issues with regards to ageing. The call welcomes any contributions to reflect on the relevance of theorizing ageing embodiment in a range of sites: social fields, discourses, policy and practice. More particularly, in relation to debates on social change; intersectionality; discourse, paradigm; performance/performativity; the social construction of normative bodies; structure and agency; social action; late, post, liquid modernity; emerging modalities of social control; power, resistance; objectification/subjectivity; cohort/generation; time and space; social and cultural location. All manuscripts will be subjected to a peer-review process. Deadline for submission: Tuesday 31st July 2012. Manuscripts should be submitted to ijal@isv.liu.se. Do make sure you mark clearly in the email subject line and on the front page of your manuscript that you are submitting to the Special Issue: Theorizing Ageing Embodiment as Social Critique. Contact: e.tulle@gcu.ac.uk, clary.krekula@kau.se More information at http://www.ep.liu.se/ej/ijal/

Ethics in Social Research: Theoretical and Methodological Issues. Isabella Paoletti, Adriano Duarte Rodrigues & Isabel Tomás (Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal) are editing an essay collection dedicated to ethical issues in conducting social research with interactional data. Ethical issues are part of ordinary practices in conducting research, involving the collection of interactional data in a variety of disciplines. Established codes of practices and ethical committees define acceptable standards of conducts within the professions, but in fact the literature relating to ethics in social science research is relatively marginal. The edit collection will describe and discuss critically actual ethical problems, and relevant methodological issues, researchers encounter during all stages of research. Contact: isap@fcsh.unl.pt. The current call for papers will be integrated to the existing material at http://www2.fcsh.unl.pt/giid-clunl/clunl/eventos/callforpapersethics.html.

Meetings

International Federation on Aging, May 28-June 1, 2012, Prague, Czech Republic. IFA announced its 11th Global Conference on Ageing, titled “Ageing Connects.” Among the themes that will be highlighted in this conference are: Older Persons and Development, Advancing Health and Well-being into Old Age, Ensuring Enabling and Supportive Environments, & Connected Technologies. Contact: cllenave@ucalgary.ca. More information at http://www.ifa-fiv.org/
**Gerontological Society of America**, May 20 - 24, Hangzhou, China. GSA is partnering with China’s Zhejiang University to co-host an upcoming international conference, under the theme of “Aging and Social Security — International Experience and China Development.” This conference will provide a forum for an international academic exchange in the field of social security. It aims to effectively improve China’s academic status and international influence on aging and social security studies. Free local accommodation will be provided to those whose abstracts are accepted, although attendees will be responsible for their own travel costs. Contact: Prof. Hong Mi, at spsswork @ 163.com.

**Human Rights of Older Persons in Asia Pacific Region Workshop**, June 4-6, 2012, Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum), India. The workshop, organized by the Centre for Gerontological Studies, will focus on health and well-being. The objective is to come out with measures and mechanisms for a Human Rights Framework for Older People. The Workshop is being co-partnered by the International Federation on Ageing and Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions and co-sponsored by HelpAge International, Government of India, Government of Kerala, Indian National Human Rights Commission and UNFPA. There is no Registration Fee but prospective participants will have to register before April 30, 2012. Contact: Dr. PKB Nayar, Coordinator of the Workshop, gerontocentre @ gmail.com, pkbnayar @ rediffmail.com.

**Healthy Environments Across Generations**, June 7&8, 2012, New York City. The subject of this conference is to bring together leaders and innovators from multiple sectors to: Catalyze innovative approaches towards a systems-based approach to health across the lifespan; Identify key intervention points and crosscutting environmental solutions to help reverse rising disease trajectories; develop intergenerational programmatic and policy recommendations/models that reflect an integrated approach to wellness; create an ongoing network for collaboration to build healthier communities for all. Unlike other conferences, there will be no powerpoint presentations and all the attendees will be actively engaged in participating—not just passive listeners. Contact: info @ healthandenvironment.org. More information at http://www.healthandenvironment.org/news/conference/intergen2012

**Aging in a Changing World**, October 18-20, 2012, Vancouver, Canada. The 41st Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the The Canadian Association on Gerontology is the primary multi-disciplinary conference in Canada for those interested in individual and population aging. The theme of the 2012 conference is “Aging in a Changing World,” and it features world-renowned keynote speakers from the health and social sciences, cutting-edge symposia, opportunities to present papers and posters, and an exciting social program. CAG invites to take part in this dynamic forum for knowledge exchange and networking. More information at http://www.cagacg.ca

**Ageing in the Light of Crises: Economic Crisis, Demographic Change, and the Search for Meaning**, October 3-5, 2012, Umea University, Sweden. The Mid-term conference of the Research Network on Ageing in Europe (ESA) 2012 brings together scholars from across Europe to discuss developments in ageing and old age. Such developments could, for example, relate to older workers, retirement, and pensions; formal and informal care arrangements; active and productive aging; social inequalities and poverty in
old age; effect of population ageing on generational solidarity and welfare states; effects of the economic crisis and of globalization on life-courses; images, attitudes, coping-strategies and ageing. Quantitative, qualitative and conceptual papers are welcome. Contributions from scholars in the early stages of their careers are very welcome. You can submit your abstract of max. 200 words until June 15, 2012 Contact: kathrin.komp @ soc.umu.se. More information at http://eventus.trippus.se/crisis2012.

**Funding**

**AHRQ Small Conference Grant Program.** The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), through its Small Conference Grant Program, seeks to support conferences that help to further its mission to enhance the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health services, and access to such services. The grant is available to public and private non-profit organizations. More information at http://www.ahrq.gov.

**Brookdale Foundation Support to Centers of Geriatric and Gerontology.** To foster the development of a new generation of leaders in geriatrics and gerontology by supporting investigators in the developmental stages of their careers and by aiding established researchers who are shifting the focus of their work to the field of aging. It is an invitational competition among selected institutions with centers of geriatric and gerontological study. More information at http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/.

**Jobs**

**Assistant Professor/Instructor at Miami University.** The Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University seeks for a Visiting Assistant Professor/Instructor to teach in the gerontology undergraduate program and would include teaching the introductory course in social gerontology as well as additional undergraduate classes based on interest and expertise. Requirements include: ABD (for appointment as instructor); Ph.D (for appointment as Visiting Assistant Professor); experience in teaching and conducting research in social gerontology. This position provides a unique opportunity to join a dynamic faculty as they expand gerontological education and conduct research to better understand the evolving issues of an aging society. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. Screening begins April 15, 2012 and will continue until the position is filled. Send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching effectiveness and quality scholarship, and three letters of recommendation to: Jean Lynch, Ph.D. Department of Sociology and Gerontology, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056 or via email to: lynchjm@muohio.edu. More information at http://www.units.muohio.edu/sociology/ and at the Scripps website at http://www.Scrippsaging.org.

**Director at John and Janice Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology.** Ball State University invites applications for a tenure-line 12-month faculty position to serve as Director of the Institute. The mission of the Fisher Institute is to teach, promote, investigate, and evaluate well-being throughout the life span. The Institute, housed in the College of Applied Sciences and Technology, is seeking a dynamic leader who will coordinate collaborative,
applied research that meaningfully contributes to the overall mission of the university. The specific role of the Director is to support an interdisciplinary research and applied practice team as they work to enhance well-being across the lifespan. The successful applicant will teach in the Wellness Management and/or Applied Gerontology program areas, obtain extramural funding to support research, and disseminate scholarly findings through refereed journals and conferences, and community-based formats. Send cover letter, resume/vita, copy of transcript of highest degree earned, and the names and contact information for three professional references to: Dr. Jack Wescott, Associate Dean, College of Applied Sciences and Technology, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. More information at www.bsu.edu/hrs/jobpostings.

Websites

Documentary featuring LGBT seniors asked to hide their friends and spouses due to their sexual preferences. ✕


Competitions

Purpose Prize. Now in its seventh year, The Purpose Prize is the nation’s only large-scale investment in people over 60 who are combining their passion and experience for social good. The Prize awards up to $100,000 each to five people in encore careers creating new ways to solve social problems. The Prize was created in 2005 by Civic Ventures with funding from the John Templeton Foundation and Atlantic Philanthropies to showcase the value of experience and innovation in later life.
Contact: mprowler @ comingofage.org. More information at http://www.encore.org/prize/about. ✕

Innovation without Age Limits, http://www.technologyreview.in/business/39591/
Business article from the MIT Technology Review brings to the table the current belief: “if you are over 35, you are too old to innovate”, and discusses the “age requirement” for the perfect entrepreneur. ✕

Virtual JAS Special Issues, http://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-aging-studies/journal-news/new-virtual-special-issues-from-journal-of-aging-studies/ The Journal of Aging Studies (JAS) has recently launched a ‘New Virtual Special Issues’ consisting of articles previously published in the Journal. The current ‘Virtual Special Issues’ Series includes such topics as: identities in old age, images of
aging, intergenerational relations, issues in qualitative method, and new perspectives on caregiving.


Training

First International Summer School on Ageing (ISSA), is an interdisciplinary training program to be held in Ancona (Italy) on 10-14 September 2012, and organized in collaboration with the University of British Colombia (Canada) and the Lund University (Sweden). ISSA aims at building capacity by offering graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in ageing research the opportunity to enhance their chances of starting a career in their field, and to network with emerging researchers and academic mentors from different countries. Its design reflects multifaceted perspectives of the ageing process and has a strong interdisciplinary and international focus. It is organized in seven learning modules that consider both relevant content and methodological issues in the field of ageing research. The first summer school will have a specific focus on longitudinal studies. Selected participants will be asked to pay a 200€ registration fee, which will include travel, accommodation and meals. Deadline for submitting applications is 15th April 2012. More information at http://www.inrca.it/INRCA/Focuson2.asp?ID=41.

Data

Supplemental Modules for NHATS 2013. The National Health and Aging Trends Study is a national study of functioning in later life. It is encouraged that researchers propose brief supplemental data collection modules for inclusion in an upcoming wave of the survey. Modules should be brief, no more than 3 minutes in length. We anticipate including 3 to 5 modules at each wave. Sample size available for a module will vary depending on the number of modules included in a wave but will generally include approximately 2,500 individuals. Modules are administered at the end of the NHATS interview. Deadline for submission: May 15, 2012. Contact: jkasper@jhsph.edu. More information about NHATS including copies of the instruments and documentation at http://www.nhats.org/.
Helena Znaniecka Lopata (1925-2003) will be commemorated in JAS. RC11 President Anne Martin-Matthews (The University of British Columbia, Canada), along with Deborah van den Hoonnaard (St Thomas University, Canada) and Kate Davidson (University of Surrey, United Kingdom) are editing a Special Issue of the Journal of Aging Studies commemorating the career of sociologist (and former RC11 member) Helena Znaniecka Lopata. Manuscripts, based on work that engages the ideas of Helena Lopata, have already been submitted and are currently under review for this Special Issue, which is scheduled for publication in 2013—the 10th anniversary of Professor Lopata’s death. As we prepare the introduction and context for the Special Issue, we welcome the opportunity to hear from RC11 members who have known and worked with Helena, and who may wish to provide us with observations and insights based on that connection. Please feel free to send any comments or anecdotes to either Anne (amm@exchange.ubc.ca) or Deborah (dkvdh@stu.ca) or to Kate (kate.davidson1@btinternet.com) by November 30, 2012.

Larry Anderson has been building a new set of activities, since his retirement on August 30th, 2011. For the last two and a half years he has been building a blogspot that provides information about both retirement and ageism. The website larryand.blogspot.com, has had over 7000 visits. He also volunteered at a place called “Alexandra House” where programs are presented to community members of all ages. In addition, he recently joined TALK (Third Age Learning at Kwantlen), an organization that provides workshops, seminars, and classes for older persons. In the fall he will be giving a Retirement Workshop. Larry sent the following message to RC11 community: “I urge people who are retired or about to retire to, in addition to finance, consider strengthening social relationships and desired activities like art work. I am enjoying life while still remembering that I will not live as long as the Highlander.”
Grandparenting in the 21st century is at the heart of profound family and societal changes. It is of increasing social and economic significance yet many dimensions of grandparenting are still poorly understood. Contemporary Grandparenting is the first book to take a sociological approach to grandparenting across diverse country contexts and combines new theorising with up-to-date empirical findings to document the changing nature of grandparenting across global contexts. In this highly original book, leading contributors analyse how grandparenting differs according to the nature of the welfare state and the cultural context, how family breakdown influences grandparenting, and explores men’s changing roles as grandfathers. Grandparents today face conflicting norms and expectations about their roles, but act with agency to forge new identities within the context of societal and cultural constraints. Contemporary Grandparenting illuminates key issues relevant to students and researchers from sociology and social policy, including in the fields of family, childhood, ageing and gender studies.

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This study explores the effects of month of birth (a proxy for early-life environmental influences) on the chances of survival to age 100. Months of birth for 1,574 validated centenarians born in the United States in 1880–1895 were compared to the same information obtained for centenarians’ 10,885 shorter-lived siblings.
Comparison was conducted using a within-family analysis by the method of conditional logistic regression, which allows researchers to control for unobserved shared childhood or adulthood environment and common genetic background. It was found that months of birth have significant long-lasting effect on survival to age 100: siblings born in September–November have higher odds to become centenarians compared to siblings born in March. A similar month-of-birth pattern was found for centenarian spouses. These results support the idea of early-life programming of human aging and longevity. Available at http://longevity-science.org/pdf/Gavrilov-JAR-2011.pdf and http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3236478.


The article is based on the author’s study of ICT usage and perception by the Portuguese elderly. It explores concepts of technophobia and ageism, and develops the concept of “faux-users.” The authors found that although older adults do not use Internet directly, they do use it indirectly with the assistance of others. ★