



Call for contributions for an upcoming special issue:

MEDIA DISCOURSES ON INEQUALITIES IN OLD-AGE CARE

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This special issue aims to critically discuss media representations of old-age care & inequalities, focusing on the dimensions of migration, socio-economic status (SES), and gender. It aims at collecting papers that deal with images distributed through media – that is, (online) journals, magazines, nonfictional tv productions and the like – on old-age care. Specifically, the special issue will focus on dimensions of inequalities in old-age care that are discursively debated through media productions. Papers may deal with inequalities regarding care receivers or caregivers. With respect to migration, this may include migrant workers caring for the elderly, services caring for migrant elderly, or elderly seeking care through migration. Issues addressing gender may involve e.g. gender disparities regarding need for care, care provision or care relationships. The SES dimension in ageing may involve equity issues in care provision, the marketization of care services or debates on societal costs of care provision for older populations.

Media discourses can be regarded as representing typified images of what needs to be negotiated in a society. Analyzing the ways in which issues of old-age care & inequalities are debated in the media sheds light on cutting-edge topics which challenge pluralized modern societies. By doing so, media analysis has a strong potential to inform gerontological research on how taken for granted assumptions on ethics of care involved in ageing are challenged by diversities and inequalities.

The special issue will bring together papers that explore media representations at the intersection of inequalities due to migration, gender, and/or SES and population ageing from different angles. Contributions may e.g. focus on images of 'good' or 'appropriate' old-age care that may be challenged by migration, SES and/or gender. Or they may discuss diverging political or social claims at the intersection of old-age care & inequalities represented in media discourses, e.g. immigration control vs. labour market needs. Paper submissions on these as well as on related topics are welcome.

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