

Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to share the announcement and [Call for Papers](#) for the

Aging & Society: Sixth International Conference

hosted in partnership between the National Institute for the Study of Ageing and Later Life (NISAL) and Common Ground Publishing (USA) at Linköping University in Norrköping, Sweden, 6-7 October 2016.

Please see the conference website for more information <http://agingandsociety.com/2016-conference>

Conference themes

We invite proposals for paper presentations, workshops, poster presentations, or colloquia that address the themes listed below:

Theme 1: Economic and Demographic Perspectives on Aging

Theme 2: Public Policy and Public Perspectives on Aging

Theme 3: Medical Perspectives on Aging, Health, Wellness

Theme 4: Social and Cultural Perspectives on Aging

Special Focus: Aging, Life-Course, and Social Change

2016 SPECIAL FOCUS: Aging, Life-Course, and Social Change

The aging of societies is a global social megatrend, but it differs between societies in reasons, timing, and extent as well as in potential consequences and societal responses. Moreover, it is related to profound social change. Long-term changes in political, economic, and institutional conditions due to international integration and globalized competition between societies, recurring economic and political crises, as well as shifts in national and international social policies all contribute in transforming social and demographic structures as well as people's lives, and vice versa. Current societies tend to be more diverse and unequal while life-courses show increasing plurality, rising inhomogeneity and a previously unknown mobility. Shifts in prerequisites and trajectories of later life are a major consequence: new cohorts of older people exhibit previously unwitnessed diversity due to different life experiences and increasingly diverse ethnic background, display extended potentials, and face new risks.

Aging research must deal with these highly complex issues of social development and institutional change in dynamic times on the one hand, as well as with the individual lives embedded into them on the other. In doing so, aging research needs to integrate a variety of fields, such as research on welfare systems, demographic developments, socio-economic and health-economic issues, families and social networks, health, migration, work and retirement, as well as social structure and social inequality. This means putting a focus on proper micro-macro integration, which leads to issues of time and the life-course concept, as well as to the relation of social change and individual agency. Current policy topics like welfare state retrenchment, economic crises, and international conflict would also be put on the agenda. The issue of ageism, age discrimination, and age stereotypes may serve as a key example for such approaches. Against this backdrop, we invite you to share your ideas and proposals as well as theoretical and empirical approaches on aging, life-courses, and social change at the 2016 conference.

Plenary and featured speakers

Mark Hawley - Professor, Health Services Research, Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Research Group, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK

Susanne Iwarsson - Professor, Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Lund University, Lund, Sweden and President of the Swedish Gerontological Society, Lund University, Lund, Sweden

Giovanni Lamura – Senior Researcher and Gerontologist, National Institute of Health & Science on Ageing and the Centre for Socio-Economic Research on Ageing, Ancona, Italy

Joakim Palme - Professor, Department of Government, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden
Sharon Wray - Director, Huddersfield Intergenerational Research Group, University of Huddersfield,
Huddersfield, UK

Submission details

The current review period closing date for the latest round of submissions to the Call for Papers (a title and short abstract) is 6 July 2016. Visit the website for more information on submitting your proposal and future deadlines:

<http://agingandsociety.com/2016-conference/call-for-papers>

Thank you, and we hope to see you in October.

Yours sincerely,

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