— HOMeAGE —

Advancing Research and Training on Ageing, Place and Home

3rd Network-Wide Training Event: Home and Belonging

Meeting and Training Programme

October 8th – 11th 2024

Chair: Interdisciplinary Ageing Research (IAW), Goethe University Frankfurt

Venue: Seminar House, Campus Westend, Max-Horkheimer-Str. 4, 60323 Frankfurt, Germany

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About HOMeAGE

HOMeAGE involves a nine-country collaboration between leading research units, major intergovernmental organisations, international civil society actors and governmental and non-governmental organisations.

HOMeAGE aims to institute an interdisciplinary, intersectoral, and international programme of doctoral training and research that drives the development of new leaders in excellence for the advancement of evidence-based innovation on ageing in place.

HOMeAGE, tackles three interrelated challenges by pursuing three strategic objectives through the work of 12 Doctoral Researchers (DRs) and their individual research projects.

Challenge 1- Needs and Systems:

HOMeAGE will identify flexible and sustainable housing, community-care and mobility systems and critically assess their capacity to support community living needs, across various cultural and structural conditions.

Challenge 2 – Home and Belonging:

HOMeAGE will identify innovative place-based pathways for engagement as a means to create new channels for building a sense of home and belonging amongst diverse older populations, in diverse places.

Challenge 3 – Rights and Voice:

HOMeAGE will identify integrative frameworks, that are responsive to the diversity of older people and their places, to drive relevant and rights-based policy development on ageing in place.

Ancillary Meetings

Tuesday, 8 October 2024

13:30: Implementation Working Group Meetings and Ancillary Meetings

    WG5: Training and Supervision
(Co-leads: An-Sofie Smetcoren (VUB) & Giovanni Lamura (INRCA))   (Room SH 3.106)[1]

    WG6: Dissemination, Exploitation and Impact
(Co-leads: Kieran Walsh (UOG), Matthias Drilling (FHNW),
Thiago Herick De Sa (WHO))   (Room SH 3.107)

14:30: Steering and Supervisory Board Meeting *(Chair: Kieran Walsh)*   (Room SH 3.106)

15:30: Coffee break   (Room SH 3.108)

16:00: Welcome (back) plenary   (Room SH 3.106)

16:30: Research Working Group Meetings

    WG1: Needs and Systems *(Chair: Anu Siren)*   (Room SH 2.108)
    WG2: Home and Belonging *(Chairs: Lucie Vidovicova & Frank Oswald)* (Room SH 3.106)
    WG3: Rights and Voice *(Chairs: Alex Peine & Liesbeth De Donder)*   (Room SH 3.107)

17:30: Implementation Working Group Meetings and Ancillary Meetings

    HOMeAGE Reference Group (HRG)   (Room SH 3.106)
    Doctoral Researcher (DR) Forum   (Room SH 3.107)

18:30: Close of day 1

19:30: Welcome reception   (Room PEG 1.150)

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Day 1 – Wednesday, October 9th   Room PEG 1.168[2]

Public Lecture and Training Session

09:30:   **Institutional welcome**

Sabine Andresen, Vice President for Opportunities, Career Development, Career Advancement, Diversity and Equality, Goethe University

09:45:   **Welcome address by host team**

Anna Wanka and Frank Oswald (Interdisciplinary Ageing Research, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany) – Academic Lead

10:00:   **Introduction to HOMeAGE 3rd Training Event**

Kieran Walsh (HOMeAGE Coordinator, University of Galway, Ireland)

10:15:   **The Impact of (Dis)embodied Social Presence on Loneliness, Home and Belonging**

Chair: Anna Wanka
Speaker: *Vanessa Burholt (University of Auckland, New Zealand)*

11:00:   ***Coffee break***   (Room PEG 1.150)

11:30:   **Narratives of Ageing and Materiality: The Experience of Home in Older People's Residential Care**

Chair: N.N.
Speaker: *Melanie Lovatt (Dept. of Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK)*

12:15:   **Belonging, Migration, and Ageing**

Chair: Kieran Walsh
Speaker: *Sandra Torres (Department of Sociology, Uppsala University, Sweden)*

13:00:   **Lunch**   (Room PEG 1.150)

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14:00:   **Late-Life Homelessness: Experiences of Disadvantage and Unequal Aging**

Chair: Tine Buffel
Speaker: Amanda Grenier (Factor Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, Canada)

14:45:   **Geographical Gerontology: Knowing Place, Five Ways**

Chair: Anna Wanka
Speaker: Gavin Andrews (Department of Health, Aging and Society, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada)

15:45:   **Coffee break**   (Room PEG 1.150)

16:15:   **Emancipatory Gerontology and The Political Economy of The City: Understanding new inequalities and policy responses**

Chair: N.N.
Speaker: Chris Phillipson, Professor of Sociology and Social Gerontology in the School of Social Sciences at the University of Manchester

17:00:   **Practitioners – Panel discussion on Research and Innovation
"How Specific Innovations or Processes Enable Ageing in Place?"**

Chair: Julia Wadoux (AGE Platform)
Speakers: Paul McGarry (Manchester Urban Ageing Research Group [MUARG], Greater Manchester Ageing Hub) & Mark Hammond, Senior Lecturer and Deputy Research Lead at Manchester School of Architecture.

End of the public session

17:45:   **Close of day 1**

19:00:   **Joint dinner**   (Restaurant "Sturm und Drang" no. 13 on the map)

Interconnections in Context and Transferable Skills

09:00: **Interconnections and Interrelationships**

Chair: Kieran Walsh

Individual DR Presentations (WG1-3) with a focus on progress, methods, and gender and diversity (12 x 5 min)

Individual peer-feedback on methods (12 x 2.5 min)

10:30: **Feedback on Gender and Diversity: A Discussion on Gender and Diversity Aspects in Theories, Methods, and Data Analysis**

Speaker: Anna Wanka

11:00: **Coffee break**   (Room SH 3.108)

11:30: **Transferable Skills: Qualitative and Participatory Methods**

Chair: Anna Wanka

Reflections on Participatory Research

Speaker: Miranda Leontowitsch (City of Frankfurt and Goethe University)

12:15: **Participatory Research with Older Adults (The COST Action Network)**

Speaker: Anna Urbaniak (Jagellonian University Krakow, Poland)

13:00: **Lunch**   (Room SH 3.108)

14:00: **Transferable Skills: Career Development**

Chair: Kieran Walsh

Deepening Understanding of Contexts of Ageing, Place and Home Through International Engagement

Norah Keating, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

14:45 **Scientific Writing and Publication**

Speaker: Susanne Iwarsson (Active and Healthy Ageing Research Group, Lund University, Sweden)

15:30 **Project Support Team (PST)**

All Doctoral Researchers and supervisory teams

Round 1: 15:30 – 16:15		Room
Fatemeh Hatami	Frank Oswald, Matthias Drilling, Laura Christ	SH 1.101
Roua Shaban	Micol Bronzini, Giovanni Lamura, Kaitlin Papp, Carlos Chiatti	SH 2.106
Lu Stoisser	Kieran Walsh, Tine Buffel, Rodd Bond, Henk Herman Nap	SH 2.108
Susan Thapa	Alex Peine, Liesbeth De Donder, Vassili Louziotis, Jane Barratt	SH 3.101
Petra Tamasova	An-Sofie Smetcoren, Francesco Barbabella, Soteris Avgoustis, Herwig Teugels	SH 3.107
Petra Zist	Anu Siren, Lucie Vidovicova, AmandaWarren, Thiago Herick De Sa	SH 5.105

16:15 – 16:45: **Transfer between teams and short coffee break**   (Room SH 3.108)

Round 2: 16:45 – 17:30		Room
Preetha Joseph	Matthias Drilling, Liesbeth De Donder, Amanda Warren	SH 1.101
Nil Meral	An-Sofie Smetcoren, Tine Buffel, Vassili Louziotis	SH 2.106
Fatima Salomoni	Alex Peine, Micol Bronzini, Rodd Bond, Nat O'Connor	SH 2.108
Pamela Suero	Giovanni Lamura, Anu Siren, Soteris Avgoustis, Lisa Warth	SH 3.101
Philippa Winship	Kieran Walsh, Lucie Vidovicova, Kaitlin Papp, Chris Ryan	SH 3.107
Jianmei Zhou	Frank Oswald, Francesco Barbabella, Laura Christ, Julia Wadoux	SH 5.105

17:45:   **Closing of Day 3**

18:00:   **Flying Buffet**   (Room tbc)

Day 3 – Friday, October 11th

09:00: **Context and Lived Experience / Site Visit Frankfurt** **(Meeting Point)**
Chair: Roua Shaban

12:00: **Plenary discussion between HOMeAGE Reference Group (HRG)**
and DRs on the field visits experienced in the morning (Room SH 1.101)

Laura Christ, Older Women's Network, Netherlands;
Rodd Bond, Active Retirement Ireland, Ireland;
Vassilis Louziotis, 50+Hellas, Greece;
Soteris Avgoustis, PASYDY, Cyprus;
Katalin Papp, Hungary

13:00: **Closing session**: Evaluation of current Training Event and discussion on the next event in April 2025 in Delft (Netherlands)

14:00: **Lunch and departure** (Restaurant "Sturm und Drang" no. 13 on the map)

Session Abstracts and Learning Outcomes

Day 1 – Wednesday, October 9th

The Impact of (Dis)embodied Social Presence on Loneliness, Home and Belonging
Vanessa Burholt (University of Auckland, New Zealand)

This session will introduce the concepts of embodied and disembodied social presence. It will examine the use of technology mediated communication by older adults in long distance (within the UK) relationships with relatives and the influence on loneliness. It will introduce a classification of transnational relationships that considers the (dis)embodied processes which migrants use to sustain international networks with relatives and the influence of these relationships on belonging. Additionally, the session will discuss 'spectral traces' of ancestors and communities that symbolise social presence, and the potential impact on (auto)biographical belonging and home.

At the end of the session, participants will:

- understand the differences between embodied and disembodied social presence;
- gain familiarity with the concept of 'spectral traces' of social presence;
- reflect on how these concepts can be utilised in theorisation concerning loneliness, belonging and home.

How creative and qualitative methods can illuminate understandings of home in later life
Melanie Lovatt (Dept. of Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK)

This session will explore how our understandings of home and what it means to become at home – or to not become at home – can be enhanced by creative and qualitative research methods. Taking examples of ethnographic and material methods in older people's residential care, and 'creative mapping interviews' in private accommodation, we will discuss how these methods can illuminate home as a temporal, material and relational process.

At the end of this session, participants will:

- be familiar with a range of qualitative and creative research methods that can be used to research experiences of home, and the advantages and limitations of these methods;
- have a conceptual understanding of home from sociological and critical gerontological perspectives.

Belonging, migration and ageing
Sandra Torres (Dept. of Sociology, Uppsala University)

This session will introduce the audience to the ways through which international migration (at various times during the life course) could challenge people's sense of belonging and affect quality of life. The session will address how differences between migrants' ethno-cultural/ religious backgrounds and the values that the 'host' society regard as 'typical' for that ethno-cultural/ religious setting could affect international migrants' sense of belonging, as well as how ageism and racism could impact migrants' ability to navigate space and place.

At the end of this session, participants will:

- gain familiarity with some of the specific challenges that ageing international migrants face as far as belonging is concerned;

- gain familiarity with some of the streams of research that inform scholarship on international migrants, belonging and ageing;

- gain familiarity with where the state of the art of research on this topic is at and where contributions could be made.

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Late-Life Homelessness: Experiences of Disadvantage and Unequal Aging
Amanda Grenier (Factor Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, Canada)

This session will focus on the broadly defined area of aging and inequality. It will draw on studies of precarity and late life homelessness to share insights on two different experiences of unequal aging, highlight the inconsistencies between policy frameworks or practices and lived experiences of marginalization, and offer suggested pathways to carry out research that shapes gerontological knowledge that is inclusive of diverse older people's perspectives.

At the end of this session, participants will:

- gain familiarity with the concepts of precarity and homelessness as examples to understand and address aging and inequality;

- consider research-based illustrations from older people with lived experiences and the stakeholders who work with them in everyday community and shelter practices;

- begin to recognize how qualitative and ethnographic research can be used to include 'unheard voices', challenge, and extend the parameters of gerontological knowledge and practice.

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Geographical Gerontology: Knowing Place, Five Ways
Gavin Andrews (Department of Health, Aging and Society, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada)

Geographical gerontology is a broad subdiscipline title that captures both gerontological research conducted by geographers and geographical research conducted by gerontologists and other academics. What has been consistent in geographical gerontology over the years has been its focus on place as a key concept, even if understandings of place have differed. This chapter reviews these different theoretical understandings of place over the years namely (i) place as location (in spatial

science); (ii) place as a state/market formation (in Marxism and political economy); (iii) place as multi-meaningful (in humanism, social constructionism and post-structuralism); (iv) place as relational and generative (in relational materialism and assemblage theory); (v) place as performed and registered (in non-representational theory and affect theory). Brief comments are made on how each of these understandings of place might inform policy and practice in particular ways.

Ageing in the city: Foundations for developing a critical urban gerontology
Chris Phillipson (Professor of Sociology and Social Gerontology in the School of Social Sciences at the University of Manchester)

This presentation argues the case for developing what will be termed a '**Critical Urban Gerontology**', one which places support for age-friendly work within a framework which seeks to overcome the inequalities and injustices which limit the potential of urban life. Three principles are put forward to support such an approach: (1) analysing how spatial ageism intersects with other forms of oppression such as patriarchy, racism, classism, homophobia and ableism; (2) linking work on age-friendly cities with wider struggles for urban space, reflected in the development of solidarity cities, rebel cities, and sanctuary cities; and (3) challenging the dominance of market-driven priorities by realigning cities to serve values such as care, equity and sustainability. Drawing on these principles, it will be suggested that Critical Urban Gerontology should develop research and policy around the following areas: first, ensuring *spatial justice* in cities through planning and policymaking to guarantee that all residents, particularly the most disadvantaged, can fully participate in and benefit from urban resources. Second, enabling *mobility justice* to maintain equality of movement in cities for people with different types of disability. Third, developing *protective social spaces* which favour co-operation over competition: these vital in giving people diagnosed with some form of dementia, or those with a disability of some kind, and/or those experiencing abusive relationships, full access to the resources of the city. Fourth, stimulating urban planning which can facilitate *interactions between diverse communities* where people learn to tolerate contrasting values and perspectives, across and within generations and cultures.

Learning outcomes:
   (1) As a result of the session, researchers should have a fuller understanding of the factors driving the development of critical urban gerontology.
   (2) As a result of the session, researchers should have an awareness of the possibility of developing new policy responses to urban inequalities and injustices.

Practitioners – Panel discussion on Research and Innovation
"How Specific Innovations or Processes Enable Ageing in Place?"
Paul McGarry (Manchester Urban Ageing Research Group, Greater Manchester Ageing Hub),
Mark Hammond (Senior Lecturer and Deputy Research Lead at Manchester School of Architecture)

Paul McGarry from the Greater Manchester Ageing Hub will describe how the development of the Manchester and Greater Manchester ageing programmes over the last 20 years. He will set out some of the successes and challenges of working of delivering an age-friendly programme during an extended period of economic austerity, focusing on the building of multi-stakeholder eco-systems, including research institutions. Dr Mark Hammond, who was seconded to the GM Ageing Hub, will present reflections on the negotiation of research and policy in relation to housing and ageing in place.

Reflections on Participatory Research
Miranda Leontowitsch (City of Frankfurt, Youth and Social Services, Frankfurt/Main, Germany)

The session will introduce principles of participatory action research and examine the process of doing research with people rather than about them. In doing so, the importance of reflexivity as a method of knowledge production – both on the side of the academic researchers as well as the co-researchers – will be discussed. The presentation will draw on participatory research projects that I have been involved in over the past few years.

At the end of this session, participants will:

- gain understanding of the key principles of participatory research and the rational for choosing this methodology for social research;
- gain insights into the challenges of conducting participatory research, particularly when involving older people as co-researchers;
- be able to reflect upon the realities of using participatory methods across a range of settings.

Participatory Research with Older Adults (The COST Action Network)
Anna Urbaniak (Jagellonian University Krakow, Poland)

This session will provide an introduction to the PAAR-net COST Action, focusing on its mission to promote participatory approaches in research involving older adults across Europe. I will present an overview of the network's activities, including current projects, collaborations, and key outcomes achieved so far. A significant portion of the session will be dedicated to exploring the opportunities available for early career researchers within the PAAR-net framework. These opportunities include engaging in interdisciplinary research, participating in training schools and workshops, networking with experienced researchers and policymakers, and contributing to impactful research that influences practice and policy. By highlighting the support structures and resources available to early career researchers, this session aims to encourage greater involvement and foster a collaborative community that advances participatory research with older adults.

At the end of this session, participants will:

- gain an understanding of the PAAR-net COST Action, its objectives, and its current activities related to participatory research with older adults;
- understand the value of participatory research and how early career researchers can contribute to and benefit from engaging with older adults in research projects;
- identify specific opportunities within the PAAR-net network for early career researchers, including research collaborations, training, and networking.

Deepening understanding of contexts of ageing, place and home through international engagement
Norah Keating (University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada)

Social gerontologists seek to advance knowledge on life-course patterns of ageing and the inequalities that flow from them. Place is a key area of inequality across Europe and globally. The purpose of this session is to present a rationale and guidelines for early career scholars to build their international networks toward developing visibility of their research; engaging with scholars with diverse understandings of place; and seeking ways to reduce exclusion of older adults. During the workshop ECRs will build and pitch a proposal for engagement on global issues in place in a world congress on ageing.

At the end of this session, participants will:

- better understand the purposes of building international collaborative relationships;
- have practical experience in developing and presenting a plan to work on a large global gerontology congress.

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Scientific Writing and Publication
Susanne Iwarsson (Active and Healthy Ageing Research Group, Lund University, Sweden)

In her presentation on Scientific Writing and Publication, Susanne Iwarsson will give an overview of requirements for an effective publication process. She will present concrete advice and examples of how to develop scientific manuscripts for peer review, considering different publication traditions.

About the Doctoral Researcher Forum

A Doctoral Researcher (DR) Forum will be established as a peer-support network and will provide a collegial space for knowledge exchange and methodological discussion. The Forum will comprise of all Doctoral Researchers. The Forum will convene once a quarter virtually (using Zoom/Blackboard collaborative classrooms) and in person once every 6-months during training events.

About the Project Support Teams

A Project Support Team (PST) will be established for each DR (12 PSTs in all), with the aim of ensuring a match between network-wide training and DR needs through entry and exit meetings at each training event. The PSTs will also ensure IRP alignment with HOMeAGE objectives, and will provide an additional research quality and student welfare check. PSTs will comprise two academic, one non-academic and one HRG (see below) member and will meet at least twice a year.

About the HOMeAGE Reference Group (HRG)

The HOMeAGE Reference Group (HRG) will provide insight on 'on-the-ground' advocacy issues and a critical 'lived experience' perspective within network-wide training and project supervision. As civil society actors, the HRG is not meant to be representative of older populations in Europe or internationally, but will assist in embedding critical 'lived experience' perspectives within HOMeAGE research and network-wide training. HRG members will sit on Project Support Teams, the Steering Board, and Network working groups.

Objectives:

1. To embed a 'lived experience' perspective within network-wide training and project supervision.

2. To provide insight and guidance on key topics related to ageing in place from a grass-roots perspective.

3. To facilitate the participation of older adult advocates and policy stakeholder experts in HOMeAGE activities and events.

HOMeAGE Reference Panel Members are:

- Laura Christ, Older Women's Network, Netherlands

- Rodd Bond, Active Retirement Ireland, Ireland

- Vassilis Louziotis, 50+Hellas, Greece

- Soteris Avgoustis, PASYDY, Cyprus

- Amanda T. Warren, FATEC/Catalonia, Spain

- Katalin Papp, Hungary

About the International Panel of Policy and Research Experts

The International Panel of Policy and Research Experts (IPPRE) will lead a peer-review process providing a critique of learning materials and the learning outcomes for network-wide training. Comprising of academic and non-academic experts, five panel members will support HOMeAGE to deliver gold-standard transferable training that fosters cross-sector innovation. It will comprise of: Patricia Conboy, formerly of HelpAge International; Norah Keating, Global Social Initiative on Ageing; Malcolm Cutchin, Pacific North West University; Vanessa Burholt, University of Auckland; Susanne Iwarsson, Lund University.

About the HOMeAGE Ethical Advisory Board

HOMeAGE Ethical Advisory Board Members are:

- Rose Gilroy (Newcastle University, UK)

- Atiya Mahmood (Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada)

- Mark Schweda (Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany)

Speakers, Chairs and Panellists

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Day 1 – October 9th Biographies

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Dr. Frank Oswald is Professor for Interdisciplinary Ageing Research (IAW), Chair of the Frankfurt Forum for interdisciplinary Ageing Research (FFIA) at the Goethe University, Germany and Director of the Center AGING for Early Career Researcher at the Goethe Graduate Academy (GRADE). His research interests are contexts of adult development, issues of person-environment transaction and transitions in old age, housing, ageing in place, relocation and the role of technologies in later life. He has conducted research in the field of environmental gerontology on the local, national and European level. Dr. Oswald has a Ph.D. in psychology from the University Heidelberg.

Kieran Walsh is Professor of Ageing & Public Policy in the Discipline of Economics, and Director of the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology (ICSG) at the University of Galway, Ireland. His research focuses on social exclusion in later life, life-course transitions and trajectories, and place, community belonging and a sense of home. Kieran is focused on translating research into real-world impact and integrating lived experience of those experiencing entrenched exclusion in the design of impactful research, services and teaching programmes. Kieran was Chair of the ROSEnet COST Action network on 'Reducing old-age social exclusion' (2016-2020) and is currently Scientific Coordinator of the Marie-Sklodowska Curie doctoral training network on 'Advancing research and training on ageing, place and home '- HOMeAGE.

Dr.in Anna Wanka is a sociologist and critical gerontologist interested in the social construction of age. Her areas of expertise comprise the social practices of un/doing age, life course transitions / retirement and the re/production of social inequalities across the life course, ageing and technologies, age-friendly cities and communities, ageing migrants, and lifelong learning. She finished her PhD in 2016 in Sociology at the University of Vienna, and has since worked at Goethe University Frankfurt am Main as a postdoctoral researcher in the research training group "Doing Transitions" (2017 - 22) and research group leader of the research group "Linking Ages" (since 2022).

Professor Vanessa Burholt is Professor of Gerontology in the School of Nursing/School of Population Health, Faculty of Health and Medicine at the University of Auckland and is a Co-Director of the Centre for Co-created Ageing Research. She has overseen the integration of transdisciplinary research in ageing and dementia, and is committed to co-production of research on ageing. She has published on dementia, rurality, social exclusion, loneliness, support networks, intergenerational relationships, ethnicity and migration. Since 2013 she has been a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (in the UK). Her research profile is here https://profiles.auckland.ac.nz/vanessa-burholt

Dr Melanie Lovatt is a senior lecturer in sociology at the University of Stirling. Her expertise lies in ageing, intergenerational relationships, temporalities and materialities. She is a qualitative researcher who often uses creative methods. She has used a material culture approach to understand experiences of home in older people's residential accommodation. Her most recent projects include *Reimagining the Future in Older Age* which used fiction and theatre as research methods, and *Designing Homes for Healthy Cognitive Ageing,* which used creative home mapping activities to understand how people experience their home when living with physical and cognitive change.

Sandra Torres is a Professor in Sociology and the Chair in Social Gerontology at Uppsala University, Sweden. As a critical social gerontologist, her work problematizes old age-related constructs and deconstructs some of the taken for granted assumptions that inform research, policy and practice for the older segments of our populations. Although most of her research has focused on various research questions generated at the intersection of migration and aging, Sandra has also worked on research projects on dependency amongst home-help care recipients, care management within eldercare, dementia in couple, civic engagement in old age and documentation practices within needs assessment processes in eldercare. Prof. Torres is the Editor-in-Chief for *Ageing & Society,* and serves on the editorial board of *Ethnicity & Health*, and the *Journal of Aging Studies*. Sandra's latest sole-authored book - *Ethnicity & Old Age: Expanding our Imagination* (2019, Policy Press) – was awarded the 2021 Richard M. Kalish Innovative Publication Book Award by the Gerontological Society of America. Her latest co-edited collections include *Critical Gerontology for Social Workers* (w- Sarah Donnelly, Policy Press, 2022), and the *Handbook of Migration & Aging* (w- Alistair Hunter, Edward Edgar Publishing, 2023).

Tine Buffel is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (FAcSS) and Professor of Sociology and Social Gerontology at the University of Manchester, where she is the founding director of the Manchester Urban Ageing Research Group. She has published widely in the field of ageing, addressing social and environmental issues affecting ageing populations, with a particular focus on inequality, exclusion, and spatial and social justice. Renowned for her participatory and co-production methodologies, she collaborates with older people, local authorities, and community groups to study and develop age-friendly communities.

Amanda Grenier is a Professor and the Norman and Honey Schipper Chair in Gerontological Social Work at the Factor Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Dr. Grenier is an inter-disciplinary social sciences scholar focused on aging and the life course, with a specific expertise in aging and inequality. Her scholarship has focused on frailty, life course transitions, social exclusion, precarity, and homelessness among older people and her current funded research explores consent and research participation of people living with dementia (Alzheimer's Society) and urban experiences of poverty among older people (SSHRC).

Gavin J Andrews is a Professor in the Department of Health, Aging and Society at McMaster University in Canada. A geographer by training, his research explores a range of phenomena through their production in/of space including aging people and things, holistic medicine and health care work. Much of his research is positional in that it considers the development, state-of-the-art and future of health and human geography. In particular he is interested in what non-representational and posthumanist theory can tell us about the emergence and immediacy of life. In 2021 he was awarded a Higher Doctorate from the University of Nottingham (UK).

Chris Phillipson is Emeritus Professor of Sociology and Social Gerontology in the School of Social Sciences at the University of Manchester. He has led a number of research programmes concerned with family and community life in old age, problems of poverty and social exclusion, social theory and ageing, and issues relating to urbanisation and migration. He has a particular interest in questions relating to the relationship between urban development and population ageing. He has published numerous books and research papers on various topics relating to the development of ageing populations. Chris is the former director of the Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA). He is a Fellow of the British Gerontological Society, and the Gerontological Society of America. His latest books are: COVID-19, Inequality and Older People: Everyday Life During the Pandemic (Policy Press, co-authored, 2023), and Ageing in Place in Urban Environments: Critical Perspectives (Routledge Books, co-authored, 2024).

Julia Wadoux leads policy work in the areas of public health, accessibility, including age-friendly environments, and new technologies at AGE Platform Europe. She is responsible for the Task Force on Age-Friendly Environments. She represents AGE in the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) and is the liaison person for their work with the WHO - WHO Europe and the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Julia also supports the Secretary General on the implementation of work programmes including coordination with project team, and on statutory matters. Julia joined AGE in 2010 after having gained experience on social protection policy issues at European level. She holds a Master degree in political science.

Paul McGarry has been the Head of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority's (GMCA) Ageing Hub since 2016 and is now Assistant Director of GMCA's Public Service Reform Directorate. Paul has worked in local government since 1993, working on ageing projects since 1997, setting up the Age Friendly Manchester Programme at Manchester City Council in 2009. Under Paul's leadership, in 2010 Manchester became the first UK city to achieve World Health Organisation (WHO) age-friendly status. Paul was a founding member of both the WHO's Global Network and the UK Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Paul is a research fellow at Manchester University. He has been awarded the "United Nations Healthy Ageing 50" title for his work as a leader in the field. Paul was also awarded the "Outstanding Achievement Award" by the British Society of Gerontology for his 'significant and lasting contribution to gerontology'. In June 2024, Paul has recently contributed a

chapter to the Manchester University's Urban Ageing Research Group called *"Re-imagining Age-Friendly Communities: Urban Ageing and Spatial Justice"*.

Dr Mark Hammond is Senior Lecturer and Deputy Research Lead at Manchester School of Architecture. His research focuses on the intersections between architecture and urban ageing, with a specific interest in housing inequality and spatial justice. He works closely with local governments, social housing providers, architecture practices and local communities in his research, aiming to make policies, practices and places more agefriendly.

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Day 2 – October 9th Biographies

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Miranda Leontowitsch leads the Central Office for Ageing in the Department of Youth and Social Services in Frankfurt. Her background is in sociology and social work and she has studied and worked at universities in England and Germany. Until October 2023 she was Senior Researcher in the Department of Educational Sciences at Goethe University Frankfurt where she conducted qualitative research on ageing with a particular focus on gender, digitalisation, cultural gerontology, retirement, health and implications of living alone in later life. She is currently completing a book on the lived experience of ageing and needing care of LGBTQI* person in Germany.

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