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Institute for Gerontology (IfG) International Colloquium

Eldercare and work - International Perspectives and Challenges

13th June 2018 - E-Building, Room No. E 131

Location

University of Vechta, Driverstr. 22, 49377 Vechta
E-Building, Room Number E 131

How to get there

Vechta is situated 68 km from the Airport Bremen and 90 km from the airport Münster/Osnabrück.

From either destination, you drive on the motorway A1 and exit at no. 64 "Vechta", heading in the direction "Vechta/Goldenstedt/Bakum". After having arrived in Vechta, follow "Rombergstraße" which leads to the University in Driverstraße 22.

Public transport, "Nordwest-Bahn", offers a train connection that runs every hour from Bremen or from Osnabrück. Starting at the train station of Vechta, you can walk to the University in less than 30 minutes. Alternatively you can take a bus, Line 602 or Line S60.



Speakers

Monique Lanoix, Prof.

Monique Lanoix is an Associate Professor of Public Ethics and Philosophy at Saint Paul University in Ottawa.

Her areas of research interest include political philosophy, feminist philosophy and medical ethics, in particular: the rights of social citizenship as they pertain to adults in need of ancillary health care services and the status of care labor.

Wouter De Tavernier, Ph.D.

Wouter De Tavernier is postdoctoral researcher at the Centre of Comparative Welfare Studies at Aalborg University in Denmark, where he also obtained his Ph.D. Before, he graduated in Social Policy Analysis and in Sociology and worked as research assistant at KU Leuven (Belgium).

Today, his research focuses mainly on ageing and female employment, covering issues of pensions and retirement, late career and eldercare.

Giovanni Lamura, Ph.D.

Giovanni Lamura is director of the Centre for Socio-Economic Research on Ageing (INRCA). He graduated in economics in Italy in 1990; obtained a PhD in „Life course and social policy“ at Bremen University (Germany) in 1995; was visiting fellow in 2006-07 at the University of Hamburg-Eppendorf (Germany); and research director of the pillar "health and care" of the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research in Vienna (Austria) in 2010-11. His research interests are family and long-term care of dependent older people; work-life balance; migrant care work; prevention of elder abuse and neglect; ICT-based initiatives to support informal carers; intergenerational solidarity; active ageing and volunteering in later life; interdisciplinary research on ageing.



University of Vechta

In Vechta, the Institute of Gerontology (IfG) is dedicated to the study of individual and social conditions, mechanisms and consequences of ageing. The goal is the shaping of sustainable demographic changes that we understand as a transition to a society of long life.

Internationally acknowledged scientists from different fields teach and conduct research in the area of Gerontology. Their research focuses on different aspects of ageing and address social, psychic and economic issues.

Newly established in 2006, the IfG is regional and application oriented, nonetheless it targets theoretical and internationally relevant subjects. Our colloquia aim for contributing relevant gerontological issues to the scientific discourse, to discuss the research outcomes within the scientific community and thus gain newly emerging research perspectives.

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Demographic developments in general and the ageing of societies in particular affect the eldercare service sector currently in two respects. On the one hand, care demands increase and the group of elderly in need of care becomes more heterogeneous. On the other hand, the workforce in the care sector is ageing and it proves to be increasingly difficult to attract new staff.

At the background of these twofold challenges it becomes even more important to promote the employability of employees in the eldercare sector, to increase attractiveness of this occupational field for future staff and to reflect on different care needs of specific groups such as elder migrants.

The international colloquium on “Eldercare and work” provides the opportunity to get deeper insight in these challenges from an international - not to say comparative - perspective and to reflect upon improvements in labour organisation and how to cope with different care requirements in eldercare.

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Programm Wednesday, 13th June 2018

- 15.00 Welcome and Introduction
Prof. Dr. Frerich Frerichs
(Germany)
- 15.10 Eldercare and work - International
Research Perspectives
Prof. Dr. Hildegard Theobald
(Germany)
- 15.30 Vulnerability and Care
Prof. Dr. Monique Lanoix
(Canada)
- 16.15 Coffee break
- 16.45 Eldercare in the Turkish Community in
Belgium
Wouter De Tavernier
(Denmark)
- 17.30 Migrant carers in Italy
Giovanni Lamura
(Italy)
- 18.15 End