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The Department of Social Anthropology and History University of the Aegean

invites you to the Conference

AGING IN THE PANDEMIC ERA

The pandemic has led to worldwide reconfigurations causing multiple, immediate, and long-term effects in everyday and institutional life. The lives of the elderly have often been at the centre of attention, mostly framed via biomedical risk discourses, while their own experiences and understandings of life in the pandemic era have yet to be elucidated. The contributions of this conference unravel what we see as a multiplicity of experiences and conceptualisations regarding risk, responsibility and vulnerability, as well as (dis)continuities in care relations through the prism of the elderly experience of the pandemic.

The conference will take place in the **Amphitheatre | Geography Building | University Hill | Mytilene | Friday 14th and Saturday 15th October 2022**

There is also the option of digital attendance with registration at the following link: https://aegean-gr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3zPaeTE8Tw0cTISnJlUAdQ





Program

Friday 14 October 2022

Welcoming note

18:00 – 18:15

Venetia Kantsa, Professor, Head of the Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean

Aglaia Chatjoui, Assistant Professor, Principal Investigator BIO-AGE Research Project, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean

Keynote Lecture

18:15 – 19:00

Athena McLean, Professor of Anthropology, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, Central Michigan University

SORTING THROUGH COVID WONDERLAND: making sense of global institutional policies for our elders, our practices and fundamental values and understandings

Discussion

19:00 – 19:30

Coffee Break

19:30 – 20:00

PANEL 1

20:00 – 20:20

Aglaia Chatjoui, Assistant Professor, Principal Investigator, BIO-AGE Research Project, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean

Thoughts on the poetics of aging in the pandemic context

20:20 – 20:40

Dr Giorgos Kostakiotis, Researcher, BIO-AGE Research Project, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean, Social Service Directorate, Municipality of Agia Paraskevi, Athens

It isn't just about COVID: Elderly lives and the pandemic consequences in post-Crisis Greece

Discussion

20:40 – 21:00

Saturday 15 October 2022

PANEL 2

10:00 – 10:20

Falia Varelaki, PhD Candidate, Researcher BIO-AGE Research Project, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean

'Supported care': constructing new forms of care during the Covid-19 pandemic



10:20 – 10:40

Dr Maria Łuszczynska, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Social Work Department, Social Science Faculty, Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, Poland
Polish long-term care institutions during COVID-19 pandemic years

10:40 – 11:00

Dr Aspa Chalkidou, Postdoc Researcher, BIO-AGE Research Project, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean
The shifting contents of intimacy in digitalized care provision for elders

11:00 – 11:20

Silas Michalakas, Visual Anthropologist, Freelance filmmaker
Reflections on filming in a care home

Discussion

11:20 – 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 – 12:30

PANEL 3

12:30 – 12:50

Anastasia Zissi, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean
Creative Healthy Ageing: New challenges and directions

12:50 – 13:10

Panos Tigas, PhD Candidate, Researcher BIO-AGE Research Project, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean
«Everyone was there, on the benches, holding plastic coffee cups in their hands». Aging, vulnerability and sociality during the Covid-19 pandemic

13:10 – 13:30

Dr Eirini Papadaki, Postdoc Researcher, BIO-AGE Research Project, Department of Social Anthropology and History, University of the Aegean
Solidarity networks among elderly neighbors in Athens during the lock down

Discussion

13:30 – 14:00

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