

What does it mean to grow old(er) today? With increasing longevity, old age itself is transforming: A life stage once characterised by disengagement is now active, healthy, and heterogeneous. Consequently, contemporary cultural approaches in age studies put emphasis on the diverse subjective experiences, identities and everyday practices of older adults.

The Marie Jahoda Winter School of Sociology 2018 is dedicated to the topic 'Doing Age', taking age not as something that we are, but something that we do. From such a praxeological perspective, ageing is an embedded, decentralised, incorporated, and routinized everyday life practice. All of us are performing age on a daily basis – in the way we dress, the way we cook, the way we communicate.

Hence, the Marie Jahoda Winter School of Sociology welcomes young scholars working on topics surrounding age and ageing from a practice-theoretical perspective. We aim to establish an environment for intellectually open debate about how, where and when the socio-material practices of growing old take place, and what they can reveal about what it means to grow old(er) today.



“What I used to do only on Saturdays and Sundays, go out, have breakfast at a café, read the newspaper – I do that everyday now, now that I am old.”

Andrea, 66 | Interview Nr. 5



Doing Age – The Practices of Age and Ageing

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PROGRAMME DAY 1

- 09:00–09:30** Opening of the Winter School
- 09:30–10:30** Public Keynote, **Julia Twigg**, University of Kent: 'Dress and Age: The Materiality of Everyday Life'
- 10:30–10:45** *Coffee break*
- 10:45–11:25** **Julia Hahmann**: 'Doing Age, Doing Gender: Material Practices and Identity Formation Processes'
- 11:25–12:05** **Grit Höppner**: 'Silhouettes of Age(ing): a Tool to Illuminate the Practice of Establishing Cases During Social Work with Elderlies'
- 12:05–12:20** *Coffee Break*
- 12:20–13:00** **Shir Shimoni**: 'The, Here and Now': Affective Temporalities Within Ageing Subjectivity'
- 13:00–14:30** *Lunch*
- 14:30–15:10** **Carolyn Kollwe**: '(In)activities of Daily Life – Categorizing and Shaping the Daily Life of the Elderly Using Technologies of Ambient Assisted Living'
- 15:10–15:50** **Cordula Endter**: 'Sociomaterial Entanglements in the Development of a Mental Training Platform for Older Users'
- 15:50–16:00** *Coffee, Snacks and Jenga!*
- 16:00–16:40** **Kristi Allain**: 'Snow on the Roof, Fire on the Ice: Aging Embodiment, Gender, and National Identity in Canadian Winter Sport'
- 16:40–17:00** *Wrap-Up*

PROGRAMME DAY 2

- 09:00–10:00** Public Keynote, **Clary Krekula**, Karlstad University: 'Critical Age Studies: From Age Categories to Markings and Age Normalities'
- 10:00–10:15** *Coffee break*
- 10:15–10:55** **Niklas Petersen**: 'Practices of (De-)Activation. On the Ambivalence of Psychotropic Medication in Geriatric Care'
- 10:55–11:35** **Veronika Prieler**: 'Subject Formation in the Context of 24-Hour Home Care'
- 11:35–11:50** *Coffee Break*
- 11:50–12:30** **Anamaria Depner**: 'Gerontological Concepts in a Diverse Society. A Transcultural Perspective on Aging?'
- 12:30–14:00** *Lunch*
- 14:00–14:40** **Luise Geithner**: 'Dynamics in Lifestyle and Practices of Distinction in Very Old Age: Intersectionalities Between Age and Class'
- 14:40–15:20** **Anna Richter**: 'Doing Class While Doing Age'
- 15:20–15:35** *Coffee, Snacks and Jenga!*
- 15:35–16:05** **Vera Gallistl**: 'Consecrations and Distinctions – the Doings of Age-Difference in Artistic Practice'
- 16:05–16:15** *Wrap-Up*
- 18:00** Reservierung Glacis Beisl
- 20:00** Public Panel Discussion: 'The Art of Ageing and the Cultural Turn in Gerontology'
Discussants: **Franz Kolland, Roberta Maierhofer, Josef Ehmer**
Venue: Raum D / Q21, Electric Avenue, MQ, Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Vienna
- 23:30** *Afterhour Drinks – Halle Café, Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Vienna, www.facebook.com/HALLE.Cafe.Restaurant*

PROGRAMME DAY 3

- 09:00–10:00** Public Keynote, **Rosie Day**, University of Birmingham: 'Climate change, low carbon imperatives and spaces of ageing'
- 10:00–10:15** *Coffee break*
- 10:15–10:55** **Mona Urban**: 'Topography of Aging. a New Materialist Approach on Ageing as a Material-Discursive Practice'
- 10:55–11:35** **Sarah Wagner**: 'The Social and Digital Margins of Old Age: Media-Related Practices and Communicative Spaces in Nursing Homes'
- 11:35–11:50** *Coffee Break*
- 11:50–12:30** **Philip Lambrix**: 'Shrinking, Tightening, Thickening. Reorganizing Space Around an Immobilizing Body'
- 12:30–14:00** *Lunch*
- 14:00–14:40** **Rebekka Rohner**: 'Attitudes Towards Nursing Homes and the Willingness to Relocate'
- 14:40–15:20** **David Struzek**: 'Involving Multiple Stakeholders in the Design of Ict in Rural Areas'
- 15:20–15:30** *Closing of Winter School and Group Picture*