



CIRAC

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Research on
Aging and
Care

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1 About the Center

About the Center

Founded in November 2020, the **Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care (CIRAC)** at the University of Graz works towards fostering innovative approaches and shaping the future of interdisciplinary aging and care studies. Its researchers address questions of age and aging, sociodemographic change, and the organization of care from the perspectives of the humanities and social sciences. Bridging disciplinary boundaries and establishing an integrated framework connecting research, education, practice, policy development, and community engagement, CIRAC is **the first of its kind in Europe**.

CIRAC's mission is to:

- Critically examine the challenges and opportunities presented by demographic change from a multi-, trans-, and interdisciplinary perspective,
- Facilitate and further develop knowledge exchange and knowledge production about topics related to aging and care with related communities such as university researchers, practitioners, political stakeholders, and the public at large,
- Support and train the next generation of aging and care studies researchers,
- Network and collaborate with local, national, and international partners and institutions, both in academia and society.

Together with our inter- and transdisciplinary collaboration partners, we develop theories, approaches, models, and methodologies to discuss different aspects of what it means to live and to age, to give and receive care, and, ultimately, to seek answers to the question of how to live a good and meaningful life until the very end. Our research contributes to analyzing and shaping social transformation with the aim to co-create a more just and democratic aging and caring society.

What is our research about?

In its first three years, CIRAC clustered its research in the following areas:

- Cultural Representations of Age, Care, and the Life Course,
- Human-Technology Interaction,
- Ecologies of Care,
- Ethics and Politics,
- Health / Medical Humanities & Narrative Medicine

These clusters include research on societal transformation (digitalization, migration, the environment), aging and care in communities and institutions, end-of-life care, frailty, and vulnerability, and health and illness as cultural constructs. We place these topics in an inter- and transdisciplinary research context within the University of Graz, with other universities

in Graz and beyond, as well as the general public, and national and international partner institutions.

CIRAC's founding history

Drawing upon the already existing research conducted in Graz over the years in the field of aging and care studies, to which most of CIRAC's founding members contributed, and following the formation of the Age and Care Research Group Graz in 2019, establishing an institutional space to conduct research collaboratively and interdisciplinarily at the University of Graz was a logical next step. Understanding the urgency and importance to create an institutional setting and a physical infrastructure for such endeavors, the dean's office of the Faculty of Humanities as well as the rectorate supported and approved the foundation of CIRAC. From the beginning, the structural and personnel cooperation with the Faculty of Catholic Theology was an important prerequisite for the establishment of CIRAC. This endorsement facilitated the acquisition of **research grants amounting to almost 2 million Euros** within the first three years – an impressive accomplishment for a new center rooted in the humanities.

Due to the COVID-19-pandemic, the center started out as a virtual center with occasional office spaces in different parts of the campus. In the spring of 2022, the CIRAC team moved into a common office space on Schubertstraße 23, centrally located on campus. Since then, we have been steadily growing as a team. As of December 2023, we are 16 people from 9 different disciplines working at CIRAC in our pursuit to drive interdisciplinarity in aging and care research forward. Given the current sociodemographic developments, we dare to believe that CIRAC was founded just in time, and it already looks like other institutions in the German-speaking area are about to follow.



CIRAC offices at Schubertstraße 23 in Graz

CIRAC in an international context

The idea for such a research center did not grow in a local vacuum, but was a project encouraged by several longstanding international collaboration partners, most importantly the Trent Centre for Aging & Society (TCAS) in Peterborough, Canada, and the Centre for Aging and Health (AgeCap) at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden whose researchers and members were catalysts for CIRAC. Similarly, institutions such as the Gilbrea Centre at McMaster University in Canada, as well as the continuous exchange with colleagues from the North American Network in Aging Studies (NANAS), the European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS), the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), and the Network Public Health Palliative Care International, as well as many other collaborators on individual levels were driving forces to put this idea into practice. Its national and international network is growing at a fast pace, leading to CIRAC being a popular host institution for incoming international research fellows, and guest researchers.

Age and Care Research Group Graz

Our commitment to interdisciplinarity is further exemplified by CIRAC's leadership in coordinating the Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG), a collaborative research entity comprising over 60 researchers of all four universities in Graz: the University of Graz, the Medical University of Graz, the University

of Music and Performing Arts Graz, and the Technical University of Graz. The group serves as a nexus for collaborative research, joint MA and doctoral theses supervision, cultural and social activities, policy development, and community engagement in the city of Graz and beyond.

Participation in the University's core research areas

In line with University of Graz's research strategy, the members of CIRAC contribute to the profile area "Dimensions of Europeanization" as well as the clusters "Aging, Demography & Care," "Gender," and "Migration" of the research network "Heterogeneity and Cohesion." We actively participate in the Faculty of Humanities' research group "Perception: Episteme, Aesthetics, Politics."

Third mission: collaboration and knowledge transfer

Recognizing that major social questions can only be adequately addressed in a broader social cooperation that includes individuals, communities, practice partners, and political stakeholders, we collaborate in diverse settings with local residents and community organizations. In our research with local and regional partners, we aim to both shape societal transformation and to further develop theories and methods in the field of aging and care. In addition to intensifying international research collaborations, CIRAC focuses on expanding its network with socially and politically relevant stakeholders at regional and national levels ("third mission"), such as the City of Graz, the State of Styria, the association Sorgenetz in Vienna, the Austrian Platform for Interdisciplinary Aging Issues (ÖPIA), the International Network Caring Communities, and many others.

CIRAC supports early career researchers

We aim to instill our ethos in the next generation of researchers as well. Our approach engages students directly through employment opportunities, equipping them with excellent research and project management skills. In doing so, we enable them to become responsible and sought-after experts who can contribute to societal transformation. Supporting early career researchers also happens more broadly through the courses our faculty teach in various disciplines and multiple departments. We mentor diploma theses, Master and Bachelor theses, and supervise PhD dissertations both at the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Catholic Theology. Students and post-docs at CIRAC organize and participate actively in events and training sessions organized by CIRAC as well as by partner institutions. CIRAC's members are part of doctoral programs, and an interdisciplinary curriculum in Health and Medical Humanities ("Master Module +") is in the making. CIRAC's network of aging and care studies provides early career researchers with an ideal context for understanding global perspectives on aging, connecting with international researchers, and developing their skills and furthering their careers.

By working together to explore and transcend the boundaries of aging and care studies, the center aims to discover and share a deeper understanding of the complexities of aging in the context of a caring society.



Back row, L–R: Patrick Schuchter, Stefanie Rieger, Unmil Karadkar, Urša Marinšek, Alekszandra Rokvity, and Stefan Schweigler

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CIRAC's governance is supported by an advisory board. This advisory board consists of experts who are connected to the Center's fields of activity through their academic work. All members are appointed by the Rector of the University of Graz on the recommendation of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care's director and deputy director. The task of the advisory board is to advise CIRAC in fulfilling its goals and meeting qualification agreements, and is available for consultation on the strategic orientation of the Center.

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CIRAC Team

Director

Ulla Kribernegg is Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care (CIRAC) and Full Professor in Cultural Aging and Care Studies at the University of Graz. An Americanist by training, her focus in research and teaching is on North American literary and cultural studies, Aging and Care Studies, and Health Humanities. Ulla is a founding chair of the Age and Care Research Group Graz and was chair and vice-chair of the European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) for several years. She co-edits the Aging Studies book series (Transcript), is Associate Editor of *The Gerontologist* and member of the GSA's Humanities, Arts, & Cultural Gerontology Panel. Since 2020, she has been a Fellow of the Trent Centre for Aging & Society, Canada. Since 2021, she has been a governing board member of the *Aging in Data* project. Ulla has taught internationally (USA, Trinidad & Tobago, Cuba, Uruguay) and has won several teaching and research awards.

Deputy Director

Klaus Wegleitner is Associate Professor (Public Health & End-of-Life-Care) at the Institute of Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Psychology, Deputy Director of CIRAC, and chair of the civil society Association Sorgenetz (Vienna). His research interests are addressing the need for developing and transforming health care systems and societal care networks for older people and end-of-life care, interlinking palliative care and public health perspectives, care ethics, questions about social justice, and the democratization of care. A major aspect of his research is to promote Caring Organizations and Communities.

Members

Regina Brunnhofer has been working at the University of Graz since 2008 and has been part of CIRAC since March 2022 as an office manager. She is responsible for budget administration, personal management, and general administrative work. She also helps with organizational issues in scholarly projects, events, and the communication with partners.

Sarah Bindar is a student assistant at CIRAC. After completing her BEd in teacher education and BA in English and American Studies, she enrolled in a Master's program in American Studies. Her research focus is on cultural representations of old age in North American literature, series, and films. She is also interested in the topic of age and aging in the educational sector as well as lifelong learning experiences. Currently, she is conducting a study on intergenerational language learning.

Kira Binder is a student assistant at CIRAC. Having returned from her internship at a language firm in Japan, she now spends all her energy on her job and finishing her BA in English and American Studies in Graz. Her academic interests include, but are not limited to, Japanese feminist literature, the depiction of female old age in contemporary popular culture, and the Asian-American experience of generational trauma.

Julia Groß is a project assistant at CIRAC. After completing her MSc in psychology, she started a second master's program in applied ethics where she is currently working on her master thesis with a research focus in exclusion and inclusion of older people with migration backgrounds in Graz, exploring the topics of social participation, discrimination, racism, othering, and ageism. Her goal is to combine the fields of psychology and ethics to generate a wider perspective on society.

Teresa Hartinger worked as a researcher at CIRAC from 2019 to 2023. She was a co-ordinator and is now a member of the Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG). In addition, she was responsible for organizational matters within the research network Heterogeneity and Cohesion. She completed her teaching degree in German and History at the University of Graz and taught German as a second language at ISOP (2016–2020) and at the FH Joanneum Graz (2021–2023). She is a PhD student of German Studies and her dissertation focuses on contemporary Austrian literature and examines it from the perspective of age(ing).

Svitlana Kadubovska is a Ukrainian researcher who worked at CIRAC from 2022 to 2023. She received her PhD in pedagogy in Ukraine and is now working on a dissertation at the University of Graz, where she researches the representation of age in German and Austrian language contemporary drama. Her focus in research is German-speaking modern literature and representations of old age and aging, she is especially interested in contemporary drama and film scripts.

Anna-Christina Kainradl is a pre-doctoral researcher at CIRAC. She is Junior Fellow in the Elisabeth List Fellowship project *Gender Matters: Aging, Care and Migration* and works in the project *Caring-Living-Labs Graz. Shaping Urban Caring Spaces Equitably, in Solidarity and Diversity*. Her dissertation focuses on old age and migration in the context of the Austrian healthcare system, analyzing the sensitivity of medical-ethical theories to intersectional discrimination. She also teaches Medical Ethics at the Medical University of Graz, and is involved in projects dealing with age, autonomy, knowledge, health literacy, and migration. She is the student representative in the advisory board of ENAS and a member of the Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG). Her publications discuss age(ing) in the context of health, care, and climate change.

Unmil Karadkar works as a scientist at CIRAC. He blends techniques from social, information, and computer sciences to study how older adults understand, adopt, adapt, and coopt digital technology, especially data. As a member of the governing board of the *Aging in Data* project, Unmil leads the data governance activities of this consortium of 34 researchers from 10 countries. His current projects explore whether Google search results change by age (EMERALD) and how digital records of an older adults' choir (RE-CAA, Canada) constitute a born-digital cultural heritage archive. Unmil also leads the Austrian efforts of a six-country survey regarding perceptions of online surveillance among older adults. His research broadly aligns with areas such as Sociogerontechnology, human-data interaction, and digital humanities. Unmil holds a PhD in computer science from Texas A&M University, USA and a courtesy appointment as a research associate at the University of Texas at Austin, USA.

Urša Marinšek studied English Language and Literature and Sociology, and holds an MA in English from the University of Maribor, Slovenia. At CIRAC she has collaborated in many interdisciplinary and international research projects connected to aging and digital learning (*App-solute News* project, Age and Care Research Group Graz). Her research focus includes aging studies, drama, stylistics, translations, and adaptations of Shakespeare's plays.

Christian Perwein is an independent scholar who holds a PhD in American Studies from the University of Graz, Austria. Affiliated with the Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG), Christian's research is located at the border between literary and cultural studies with a special focus on the impact of new technologies and their literary depictions. During his previous work at CIRAC, he dedicated his work to looking at conceptions of age and aging through this lens and how the phenomenon of transhumanism influences our perception and approach towards aging.

Dženana Pupić is a postdoctoral researcher at CIRAC and the Department of Pastoral Theology and Psychology at the University of Graz. Trained in economics and social sciences, her research is currently located at the intersections of aging, care, and social participation. The research project she currently works on deals with questions of needs and potentials of aging citizens living in precarious circumstances with respect to their health literacy, social participation, and caring arrangements. Dženana was a Junior Research Fellow at the Department of Public Economics at the University of Graz and taught courses on game theory, public economics, and identity and violence.

Stefanie Rieger worked as a social worker in the field of psychiatry, youth and addiction support, but also in refugee counseling for more than 10 years. In addition, she completed courses in philosophy (Bachelor and Master) at the Hochschule für Philosophie SJ in Munich, training as a systemic consultant (SG certified), and the university course *Philosophical Practice* at the University of Vienna. Since December 2022, she has been a researcher in the FWF-funded project *Philosophical Practice in Palliative Care and Hospice Work. The Role of Philosophical Reflection for Developing Caring Cultures and Death Literacy*. She is currently a doctoral candidate at the Department of Philosophy, University of Graz, researching the role of trust in *Philosophical Practice* on the topics of dying and death.

Alekszandra Rokvity is a doctoral candidate writing her dissertation about endometriosis from a health humanities perspective. She is a Junior Fellow for the Elisabeth List Fellowship project *In/Visible Endometriosis: Menstruation, Menopause, and Narrative Medicine*. She has previously conducted a doctoral fellowship at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, and worked as a student assistant in the fields of cultural studies and literature at the Department of American Studies at the University of Graz.

Patrick Schuchter, philosopher, nurse, and health scientist, is a research associate at CIRAC and head of the department Hospice, Palliative Care, Dementia at Kardinal König Haus, an institution of continuing education in Vienna, Austria. Currently, he is leading the research project *Philosophical Practice in Palliative Care and Hospice Work* (FWF).

Stefan Schweigler is Incoming Junior Researcher of the Elisabeth List Fellowship project *Gender Matters: Aging, Care, and Migration* and a PhD candidate at the Department of Theatre, Film and Media Studies (tfm) at the University of Vienna. His PhD thesis explores recent LGBTIQ+ media practices from viewpoints of intersectionality, affect studies, and care ethics. He has taught at the Universities in Klagenfurt and Vienna. His teaching focuses included media, queer, dis/ability, housing, and affect studies, as well as care ethics. He recently co-edited an anthology on media practices and infrastructures of pride parades.

Eva-Maria Trinkaus is a post-doctoral researcher in aging studies. Her research focuses on literary and cultural representations of aides, maids, and carers in US American culture, as well as food as literary and cultural practice throughout the life course. With a literary and cultural studies approach, she investigates images of age and aging that have a potential of shaping and co-creating social policies and practices, countering ageism, and imagining diverse and alternative futures. She is the former manager and a current member of the Age and Care Research Group Graz, serves on the executive board of the European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS), the Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Gerontology (HACG) Advisory Panel of the Gerontological Society of America.

Human-Technology Interaction

An emerging theme of research at CIRAC is exploring the role of technology in the lived experiences of older adults and their care networks. The capturing, storage, processing, and management of data about older adults generated by devices and the impact on privacy and autonomy deserves special attention. Technologies and data, in the broadest sense, may include mobile phones, in-home medical or health monitoring devices, sensors embedded in household devices, etc. In our research, we adopt a mix of humanities, social science, computer science, and information science methods to study the impact of these technologies on the day-to-day life of older adults, the many different venues of interaction at various life-stages between humans and technology, as well as their institutional and socio-cultural implications. In addition, we investigate how different storage devices affect and are affected by structural inequalities. Some of our current research includes the ongoing Aging in Data project that examines what it means to age in a reality shaped by digitalization, data, and technologies.

The following project exemplifies this research thread:

- Aging in Data (Government of Canada)
- App-Solute News (Future Fund Styria)

Cultural Representations of Age, Care, and the Life Course

The way we experience age/ing is shaped by culture. Thus, our research at CIRAC aims at deconstructing images, stereotypes and narratives of age and aging via the analysis of media, films, and literature. In this analysis of images and narratives, life course imaginaries and their correlating expectations and attributions become evident. With these under-

standings, we can contribute to researching and re-conceptualizing a “good life” as well as (intergenerational) care relations.

The following projects exemplify this research thread:

- Transforming Anxieties of Ageing in Southeastern Europe: Political, Social, and Cultural Narratives of Demographic Change (Volkswagen Stiftung, Germany)
- Gender Matters: Aging, Care, and Migration (Elisabeth List Fellowship, University of Graz)

Health Humanities & Narrative Medicine

Health & Medical Humanities are an interdisciplinary field situated at the intersection of arts, social sciences, and humanities with health sciences and medical theory. Health and illness are not understood solely as clinically defined categories or binary opposites, but rather perceived in their complexity, for instance, through the lens of Disability Studies. Socio-cultural dimensions of health and illness are particularly emphasized, viewed primarily as part of cultural practices from a critical constructivist perspective.

To analyze the epistemologies underlying various concepts and examine the interactions between medical/health sciences, forms of knowledge production, socio-political frameworks, and cultural representations (literature and art, film, theater, media), both collective social imaginaries and individual perceptions and their narrative negotiations play a significant role. Researchers at CIRAC engage with intersectional analysis of concepts such as health and illness, care and care cultures, aging, disability, and the politics of the body based on literary, artistic, cultural, media, social science, and philosophical approaches.

Questions of hegemonic power and social justice receive attention in the investiga-

tions of various epistemologies, along with queer-feminist, care-ethical, and medical-ethical perspectives. Currently, researchers at CIRAC are working on various projects related to the perception, representation, and shaping of vulnerability and resilience, frailty, dementia, palliative care, long-term care, as well as dying, death, and mourning, and also on illness narratives (“Illness Pathographies”) and representations of healthcare in film and literature. Our cooperation partners include the German Network for Narrative Medicine and the Medical Humanities Research Center Innsbruck.

The following projects exemplify this research thread:

- In/Visible Endometriosis: Menstruation, Menopause, and Narrative Medicine (Elisabeth List Fellowship, University of Graz)
- The Role of Philosophical Reflection for Developing Caring Cultures and Death Literacy (FWF, Austrian Science Fund)

Ethics and Politics

A caring society needs spaces and places to reflect on the conditions of a good life in old age and to struggle for a just and democratic organization of care (Joan Tronto, 2013). It is essential to reflect on the existential questions of aging, caring, and dying in terms of their political contingencies, and to discuss questions of systemic change within care structures. How must care structures be designed to promote new ways of living and foster relational autonomy? How do ethical conversations and decisions in acute medical ethical situations differ from questions about a good life in old age, including vulnerability or illness? How can older people’s wisdom about life and care contribute to the ways societies organize and conceptualize aging and care? To what extent are particular forms of anthropological and ethical reductionisms and intersectional patterns of injustice inscribed in the organiza-

tion of care? In our research and publications on community ethics, care ethics, migration and aging, social images of aging, and living and housing in old age, we seek to deconstruct medical-ethical practices, social-ethical patterns, and political relations in order to create a new understanding of an everyday ethics of care and its necessary political frameworks.

The following projects exemplify this research thread:

- CareACT in Communities. Theater Interventions for Justice-Oriented and Democratic Political Learning Processes in Caring Communities (Verein Sorgenetz & Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft)
- Inclusive Caring Communities (queraum. kultur- und sozialforschung & Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft)

Ecologies of Care

The social organization of care is shaped by people’s social entanglements and their embeddedness in their respective cultural, organizational, political, as well as spatial and natural environments. How and where we live is crucial for our health and for caring for each other in critical situations of our lives, in old age, and dying. What do local networks of relationships and care look like? What shapes our perceptions of life in old age and dying? What do people know (in connection with personal backgrounds, their education, and health literacy) about the availability of help and care? What environmental stressors influence health and care conditions? What conceptions of aging and care are represented in urban design and architecture?

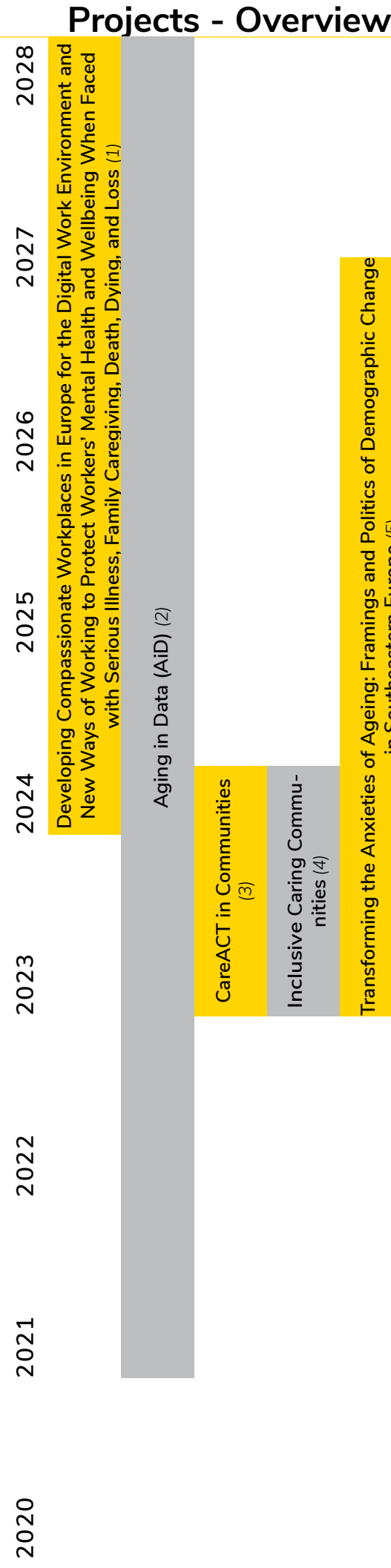
Our research on Caring Communities, Caring Spaces, Public Health, and Palliative Care analyzes these diverse interactions within an ecology of care, aiming to draw conclusions for the future of sustainable living and caring environments.

The following projects exemplify this research thread:

- Transforming Anxieties of Ageing in Southeastern Europe: Political, Social, and Cultural Narratives of Demographic Change (Volkswagen Stiftung, Germany)
- Caring-Living-Labs Graz: Gut leben im Alter (Fonds Gesundes Österreich, Gesundheitsressort des Landes Steiermark)

4 Projects – Overview

CIRAC Projects – Timeline



Funding by:

- 1 HORIZON, EU
- 2 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- 3 Sorgenetz & Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft
- 4 queraum. kultur- und sozialforschung & Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft
- 5 Volkswagen Stiftung
- 6 Elisabeth List Fellowship
- 7 FWF – Austrian Science Fond
- 8 Fonds Gesundes Österreich und Agenda Gesundheitsförderung
- 9 Province of Styria (A8) "Future Fund: Skills Development"
- 10 The Province of Styria (A8) "(Un)Divided: Polarities in the Knowledge Society" (PDMS 7576)

Approximate combined value of ongoing grants: **2 MIO €**

PROJECT	LEAD AT CIRAC	DURATION	FUNDING
Philosophical Practice in Palliative Care and Hospice Work	Patrick Schuchter	2023–2025	FWF – Austrian Science Fund
Aging in Data	Ulla Kribernegg	2021–2028	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
Transforming Anxieties of Ageing in Southeastern Europe: Political, Social, and Cultural Narratives of Demographic Change	Ulla Kribernegg	2023–2027	Volkswagen Stiftung
CareACT in Communities. Theaterinterventionen für gerechtigkeitsorientierte und demokratiepolitische Lernprozesse in Caring Communities	Klaus Wegleitner	2023–2024	Verein Sorgenetz & Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft
Inclusive Caring Communities	Klaus Wegleitner	2023–2024	queraum. kultur- und sozialforschung & Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft
In/Visible Endometriosis: Menstruation, Menopause, and Narrative Medicine	Ulla Kribernegg	2023–2024	Elisabeth List Fellowship
WIR:Füreinander – Community Organizing zur Förderung von Solidarität & Sorgeskultur in Breitenau am Hochlantsch & Weinitzen	Klaus Wegleitner	2022–2024	Styria vitalis via Fonds Gesundes Österreich, Gesundheitsressort des Landes Steiermark

Caring-Living-Labs Graz Urbane Sorgerräume gemeinsam, gerecht, in Diversität gestalten	Klaus Wegleitner	2022–2024	Fonds Gesundes Österreich and Agenda Gesundheitsförderung
EMERALD: Exploring Mobile Environments for the Role of Age using Longitudinal Data	Unmil Karadkar	2023–2024	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
Gender Matters. Aging, Care, and Migration	Ulla Kribernegg	2022–2023	Elisabeth List Fellowship
App-Solute News: Intergenerational Learning about the Effects of Digitization on the Everyday Activity of “Reading a Newspaper”	Ulla Kribernegg	2020–2022	Province of Styria (A8) in the context of the call for proposals “Future Fund: Impact of Digitalization on Professional Skills Development”
Ageing + Communication + Technologies (ACT)	Ulla Kribernegg	2014–2021	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
COVID-19: Technology, Social Connections, Loneliness & Leisure Activities. An International Study	Ulla Kribernegg	2020	
Who Cares? Rethinking Aging and Care: Interdisciplinary Aging Research in Styria	Ulla Kribernegg	2018–2020	The Province of Styria (A8) as part of the call for proposals “(Un)Divided: Polarities in the Knowledge Society” (PDMS 7576)

5 Projects – Detailed Information

■ Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG)

Age and Care
Research Group Graz
ACRGG

DURATION

2019–ongoing

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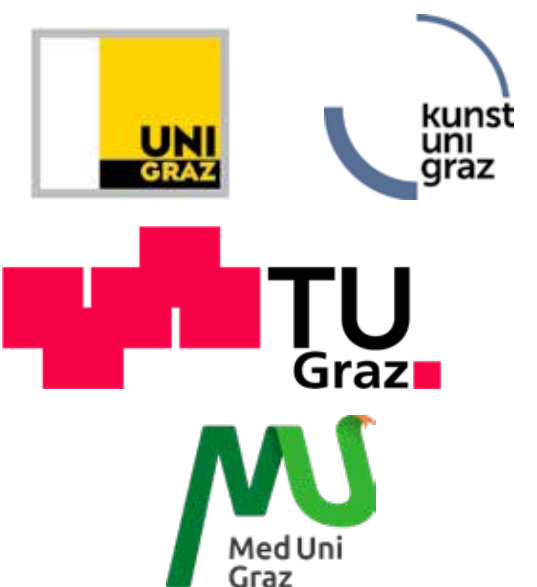
The Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG) was established in 2019 with the aim to link researchers of the four universities in Graz – Graz University of Technology, Medical University of Graz, the University of Graz, and the University of Music and Performing Arts. This connection of researchers who work on age, aging, care, and the understanding of a good life allows for a better and more structured form of collaboration in research, teaching, and public outreach.

The Research Group is dedicated to sustainable and future-oriented research in Aging and Care Studies, and deals with questions around demographic change, health opportunities in old age and the “good life” until the end of life, on the basis of inter- and transdisciplinary, interfaculty, and interuniversity collaboration.

The Age and Care Research Group Graz is building its research on the longstanding expertise at the universities in Graz in the field of Aging and Care Studies and brings together researchers from various disciplines such as the Humanities, Cultural and Social Sciences as well as from the Legal, Economic and Natural Sciences, Medical Ethics, Nursing Science,

Technology and Architecture. The research group acknowledges that sustainable interdisciplinary cooperation is of particular importance and, therefore, focuses on the interdisciplinary promotion of early-career researchers.

The Research Group bases its research on a concept of care that is not narrowly used in a medical context, but understands “care” according to Joan Tronto’s concept of “Caring Democracy” as a form of living together interdependently, and caring for each other and oneself which brings a democratic-political aspect to the fore. This opens up versatile dimensions of the care aspect which goes far beyond the field of “care” in terms of nursing and eldercare. The Age and Care Research Group Graz puts its interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research work at the service of the universities’ social engagements, as academic knowledge is produced and organized in interaction with and through generational processes with relevant social actors. The ACRGG assumes responsibility for the University of Graz’s function as a role model to speak up against ageism in research and practice, and to recognize the individuality and diversity of aging experiences.



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In total, the research group has 56 members (39 researchers, 14 affiliated researchers, and 3 network partners from practice).

Dissertations in the Field of Age(-ing) and Care Research by ACRGG Members

2019–2023

BECHSTEIN, LUANA (University of Linz)
Peculiarities of Aging. Affective Materialities in Art as the Basis of New Concepts of Aging

BRAUNERSREUTHER, CHRISTINE (University of Göttingen)
(Re)presentation of Transnational Care Work in Exhibitions

ENGE, INGRID (Uni Graz)
Living with Dementia. A Philosophical Inquiry in the Context of the Dementia Discourse

GAIGG, MARTINA (Uni Graz)
Integration and Participation through Further Education? Experiences of Women with Migration History Using the Example of Educational Measures in the Care Sector

HABE, NINA ALISA (TU Graz)
Autonomous Living in Old Age in Smart City Quarters

KAINRADL, ANNA-CHRISTINA (Uni Graz)
Intersectional Discrimination of Older Migrants in the Austrian Healthcare System – An Ethical Analysis of Dimensions of Justice

RIEGER, STEFANIE VERONIKA (Uni Graz)
On Trust in Dying – The Significance of Trust for Philosophical Practice in Existential Crises

ROKVITY, ALEKSZANDRA (Uni Graz)
The Invisible Illness: Endometriosis as a Case Study of the Social Discourse Surrounding Menstruation

SCHWEIGLER, STEFAN (Uni Graz)
From Homemaking to Worldbuilding. Media Practices of Care in LGBTQIA+ Communities of the 2010s

SEITINGER, WILMA (Uni Graz)
Aging in Graphic Novels

STEINMAYR, MAGDALENA (KUG)
Analysis of Performative Processes through an Integration of Artistic Research in Music Teacher Education

VORRABER, VICTORIA ELISABETH (KUG)
Musicking with the Older Adults

Completed Dissertations in the Field of Age(-ing) and Care Research by the ACRGG Members

PERWEIN, CHRISTIAN (Uni Graz)
The Pitfalls of Human Apotheosis – Transhumanism and Class in 21st Century Literature and Film

RATZENBÖCK, BARBARA (Uni Graz)
Media Relations. How and Why Older Women Care for Information and Communication Technologies

SCHÜTTENGRUBER, GERHILDE (Med Uni Graz)
Care Dependency in Palliative/End-of-Life Situations

TRINKAUS, EVA-MARIA (Uni Graz)
Experiencing Life Through Fiction: Lore Segal's Literary Foodscapes from Childhood to Old Age

ZWANZGER, KATHARINA (Uni Graz)
The Discursive Construction of Aging Identities: A Thematic and Textual Analysis of Personal Narratives in and Outside the Nursing Home

Philosophical Practice in Palliative Care and Hospice Work

THE ROLE OF PHILOSOPHICAL REFLECTION FOR DEVELOPING CARING CULTURES AND DEATH LITERACY

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FWF – Austrian Science Fund

DURATION

2023–2025

Palliative care and hospice work aims at enhancing the well-being of people nearing the end of life and their loved ones. When confronted with death or profound losses, urgent philosophical questions often arise. Karl Jaspers suggests that philosophy originates in those confrontational settings, and it becomes evident that engaging in philosophical thought is not an exclusive practice. This is what Philosophical Practice draws attention to. It evolved from the idea that theoretical philosophy is relevant for everyday life and philosophy itself can benefit from personal life experiences. Death and how to deal with it are

main themes of philosophy. Surprisingly, little Philosophical Practice has been integrated into hospice work and palliative care. In our research, we address the following questions: How can philosophical practice contribute to the development of hospice care in our society? What is the significance of philosophical practice for end-of-life care?

In addition to these questions, we explore the activities and experiences of philosophical practitioners in relation to dying, death, and grief, and develop inclusive experimental models of participatory everyday philosophizing. Among other things, we expect to gain theoretical and practical insights into the development of a caring society.

■ Aging in Data (AiD)



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Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

DURATION

17 November 2021–31 March 2028

WEBSITE

<https://agingindata.ca/>

The Aging in Data (AiD) project brings together a collaborative, socially engaged, and interdisciplinary network of scholars and community-based activists and organizations to research the intersections of age studies, communications/media studies, and critical data studies. Our primary goal is to understand what it means to age and, more specifically, to be old in an era of unprecedented digital data-gathering. The rapid expansion of mobile services, online communications, social media platforms and the digitization of information over the last decade is changing the nature of our engagements with communication and media: media generate valuable digital data that is shared across networks. The primary goal of this new project is to examine what it means to age in a world of digital data: what we might term the “datafication of ageing.”

Concordia University’s engAGE, the Trent Centre on Aging and Society (TCAS), Canada, and the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care (CIRAC) are the three primary academic centers that provide direction to the project, other partners include the Université de Montréal, Queen’s and Ryerson in Canada, CoAgeCare in Finland, Brunel University’s BORG (Brunel Older Research Group) in the UK, Ben Gurion University, Israel, the Open University of Catalonia’s IN3, and other community partners.

■ Transforming Anxieties of Ageing in Southeastern Europe: Political, Social, and Cultural Narratives of Demographic Change



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Volkswagen Stiftung

DURATION

March 2023–February 2027

WEBSITE

volkswagenstiftung.de

The project brings together five partners in four countries (Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, and Hungary). It has two major objectives: (1) to produce comparative, multidisciplinary research on narratives of aging and on demographic change in Southeastern Europe as a region which is representative of the challenges, but also potentials of these processes for Europe as a whole; (2) to contribute—through participatory approaches—to moving from prevailing catastrophic representations of aging towards more diverse and empowering ones. A newly added dimension is the analysis of the effects of the refugee movement from Ukraine on care arrangements and population development in Southeastern Europe.

The project will contribute both to Aging Studies and Southeast European Studies. Southeastern Europe is of particular importance for Europe as a volatile region. Through large-scale migration—not least of care-workers—it is intimately connected with the rest of Europe. Our project includes countries which are already part of the EU and such that aspire to become members, and countries with different demographic histories. The region’s population trends (“greying,” emigration) have the potential to cause social and political instability because they are framed in terms of “decline,” which gives rise to demographic nationalism.

■ CareACT in Communities. Theaterinterventionen für gerechtigkeitsorientierte und demokratiepolitische Lernprozesse in Caring Communities

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DURATION

1 April 2023–31 December 2024

WEBSITE

<https://www.sorgenetz.at/aktuell/careact/>

With the help of participatory theater interventions and formats from InterACT project, **CareACT**, another project headed by Klaus Wegleitner, opens up new social and political care spaces (caring spaces) in the Community Center Jakomini, Graz-Liebenau, and in the project ACHTSAMER 8. in Vienna's Josefstadt. CareAct encourages networking between civil society, care actors, and decision-makers, exchanging ideas on the conditions of good coexistence, active participation, and caring for one another.

The two communities in Graz and Vienna, the local project teams, artists, and researchers together form a learning community. In the international D-A-CH (Germany–Austria–Switzerland) Caring Communities network, experiences and insights are shared and people and organizations are encouraged to adopt creative, democratizing Caring Communities approaches.

Scientific project partners of CIRAC are the Department of Educational Sciences at the University of Graz as well as the Department for Nursing Science at the University of Vienna.

■ Inclusive Caring Communities

HOW CAN THE INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE COMMUNITY BE IMPROVED?

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DURATION

1 April 2023–31 December 2024

WEBSITE

queraum.org

The participative and inclusive research project **Inclusive Caring Communities** revolves around two questions: What is needed for the successful inclusion of people with disabilities in the community? How can organizations work with/for people with disabilities and people with disabilities themselves become a driving force in the development of inclusive communities? The project tries to answer these questions in providing new, inclusive impulses for the two communities involved, and in doing so contributes to a more diverse and inclusive understanding of the Caring Communities approach. In the project, researchers with and without disabilities work closely together in a participatory research process. The project ex-

plores two social spaces in Graz (Reininghaus and Messequartier) that show great potential for development. The existing social services provided by LebensGroß are the starting point of the inclusive research process. Inclusive Caring Communities is a cooperation of three research partners: queraum, Forschungsbüro Menschenrechte at LebensGroß (Human Rights Research Center at LebensGroß), and CIRAC.

■ In/Visible Endometriosis: Menstruation, Menopause, and Narrative Medicine

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DURATION

June 2023–September 2024

WEBSITE

cirac.uni-graz.at



The project explores endometriosis as a case study of social injustice faced by women in a gendered health care system. Bringing together experts from the fields of arts and humanities, medicine, and aging studies with activists and artists, the project offers a unique, interdisciplinary take on living and aging with chronic illness.

Narrative Medicine

Endometriosis is an estrogen-dependent chronic inflammatory condition that is estimated to affect 1 in 10 biological women. Because its symptoms are most visible during menstruation, it is often falsely considered a “period problem.” This connection to menstruation has turned the illness into a cultural taboo.

Endometriosis is referred to as a “silent” and “invisible” disease. These adjectives have a double meaning: on the one hand, they reflect the difficulties of diagnosing and treating the illness, and on the other they emphasize the social pressure on women to keep any problems they have with their menstrual cycles and reproductive health hidden. However, a new trend is emerging—endometriosis pa-

tients are refusing to be silent. They are making the invisible illness visible through activism and art. The aim of this project is to establish how these efforts are re-shaping the medical community as well as the overall patient experience.

The project is carried out within the Narrative Medicine framework—a field that aims to bridge the divide between patients and doctors by bringing the patient experience to the center of medical discussions. The primary objects of investigation are patient narratives and public representations of endometriosis.

Aging Studies

What makes this project unique is looking at endometriosis throughout all life stages. Although it is known that people are born with endometriosis and exhibit symptoms in adolescence as well as in (post)menopause, the majority of endometriosis-related research across disciplines focuses on reproductive age. The (re)occurrence of endometriosis symptoms in (post)menopause is largely under-researched both in (bio)medicine and the humanities. This project attempts to rectify that.

Project Objectives

To improve gender-specific health services and the organization of care for people with endometriosis by de-tabooing menstruation, menopause, and reproductive health,

To promote Narrative Medicine as a pedagogical intervention to raise awareness and improve care for endometriosis patients of all ages,

To help strengthen health literacy of people of all ages,

And to create a collaborative space for scholars from the fields of Public Health, Medicine, Social Sciences and the Humanities and Arts.

■ WIR:Füreinander – Community Organizing zur Förderung von Solidarität & Sorgeskultur in Breitenau am Hochlantsch & Weinitzen

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Styria vitalis via Fonds Gesundes Österreich, Gesundheitsressort des Landes Steiermark

DURATION

15 June 2022–30 April 2024

In the project **WIR:Füreinander**, the insights from the approaches of caring communities processes are to be intertwined with the method of community organizing. This initiates a participatory process that opens up a space for citizens, informal and formal caregivers and other local actors and population groups in which the most comprehensive possible picture of the need for care is created and the existing and proven is appreciated. In addition, current needs of social interaction in the context of the pandemic are also taken into account with regard to social cohesion and questions of loneliness and its conse-

quences. On this basis, joint measures are planned and implemented in order to design the local care network according to the lifestyle of the residents in such a way that the (social) quality of life and satisfaction is guaranteed and health opportunities and solidarity potential are increased. The **WIR:Füreinander** project starts with neighborly, social and civic networks in the community setting. The involvement of the community organizing process to promote local caring communities is implemented by Styria vitalis for the “two healthy Styrian communities” of Breitenau am Hochlantsch and Weinitzen.

■ Caring-Living-Labs Graz Urbane Sorgeräume gemeinsam, gerecht, in Diversität gestalten

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Fonds Gesundes Österreich and Agenda Gesundheitsförderung

DURATION

1 March 2022–29 February 2024



The research project **Caring Living Labs Graz** aims to promote socially just, caring communities that are sensitive to the diversity of older people in their third and fourth age. It explores how to support the social inclusion of older adults with and without migration experiences by addressing their needs and developing their existing resources. Participatory activities involve the older local population as well as different stakeholders. The participatory Caring Living Labs method, which combines the Caring Communities and the Active Urban Citizenship approach with that of the Living Labs enables the networked and demand-driven development of local spaces for thinking, experimenting, and acting. It contributes to the development and implementation of social innovations together with the target group and brings their knowledge and experiences to a systemic and structural level.

Workshops with the target groups on a local and on a city level and future forums with local actors are used to identify needs and develop new ideas for the fair organization of coexistence in society using a variety of methods.

The overall goals are to empower older people with and without migrant biographies, to build networks, to develop creative local projects, to improve communal structures, and to strengthen existing caring communities in the city of Graz.

■ EMERALD: Exploring Mobile Environments for the Role of Age using Longitudinal Data

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Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

DURATION

April 2023–March 2024



The **Exploring Mobile Environments for the Role of Age using Longitudinal Data (EMERALD)** project collects longitudinal data using Android phones in order to explore the changing nature and the extent of agism in older adults' typical mobile environments. EMERALD adds to the recent scholarship that has explored inequities fostered and enhanced by digital environments along gender, race, and

age. The guiding research question in EMERALD is: "What role does age play in the nature of information provided to older smartphone users?" The project addresses this question by using long-term, longitudinal device-based data collection as the principal methodology. The devices requested in this stage are used for the duration of the AiD project in order to develop an evolving understanding of the information provided to older adults.

■ Gender Matters: Aging, Care, and Migration



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DURATION

1 July 2022–30 September 2023

In the project **Gender Matters: Aging, Care, and Migration**, the feminist-critical (care) ethicists and aging studies scholars address current findings in gender and intersectionality research and apply them to the understanding of narratives of age(ing) of women (60+) with migration background and experiences. The aim is to look at age(s), care, and migration through the critical lens of gender and intersectionality research, to relate them to each other and thereby to give new impetus to a multi-perspective theoretical conceptualization in the field of feminist aging and care research. This is based on the empirical research results of the doctoral students.

The project includes a series of workshops with three expert lectures by renowned scholars (Sally Chivers, Maureen Daly Goggin, and Vera Caine) as well as a final symposium (keynote by Joan Tronto). The resulting findings are presented to a broader scientific audience in a special issue of a scientific journal. In order to strengthen the dialogue between gender research and the public, as well as to put science and culture in a creative tension, the exhibition "Hilfslinien" ("Helping Lines") was hosted by CIRAC and was thematized in a separate contribution by Radio Helsinki. Building on the theoretical examination of age, care, and migration as well as methods (Narrative Inquiry/NI) to capture biographical narratives of older migrant women from a gender- and intersectionality-sensitive perspective, a third-party research proposal will be developed to empirically explore these narratives.

■ **App-Solute News: Inter-generational Learning about the Effects of Digitization on the Everyday Activity of “Reading a Newspaper”**



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Skills Development”

DURATION

1 March 2020–31 July 2022

WEBSITE

<https://app-solute-news.uni-graz.at/>

The **App-Solute News** project is dedicated to the investigation of the everyday act of reading newspapers in both digital and analog contexts, through intergenerational teams of two – consisting of younger and older participants (students and people 60+). These teams discuss and describe the process of analog reading and compare it with the reading experiences of apps. This results in so-called “digital stories,” which the teams develop together.

The “digital stories” also shed light on which reading behaviors predominate and what knowledge or ideas, questions or problems were exchanged in the intergenerational teams. The aim of the project is to highlight stereotypes regarding age and media usage.

The **App-Solute News** project serves to make prejudices and fears in dealing with digital everyday technologies visible and to discuss the digitalization competencies of users and developers of all age groups.

In addition, the project is intended to make a small contribution to bringing to the table existing prejudices in the specific context of digital and analog newspaper reading and to initiate further research on this topic.

■ **Ageing + Communication + Technologies (ACT)**



ageing + communication + technologies



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Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

DURATION

2014–2021

WEBSITE

<https://actproject.ca/>

Ageing + Communication + Technologies (ACT) is a research project based at Concordia University and is funded by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). The project addresses the transformation of the experiences of aging with the proliferation of new forms of mediated communications in networked societies. The project considers how “digital ageism”—the individual and systemic biases that create forms of inclusion and exclusion that are age-related—operate in subtle ways. Through the work, intergenerational connections have been created, new media from the perspective of old age have been rethought and digital ageism has been confronted.

■ **COVID-19: Technology, Social Connections, Loneliness & Leisure Activities. An International Study**

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DURATION

2020 with follow-up research

This study was created to capture social changes (e.g., in social interaction, work, family support) brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to understand citizen behavior. The survey responded to the need of understanding the effects of the pandemic on social interactions/relations and to provide findings on the extent to which digital technology is being utilized by citizens across different communities and countries around the world. It also aimed to analyze the association of use of digital technologies with psychological well-being and levels of loneliness. The survey was open for 3 months in 11 countries (Austria, France, Germany, India, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Turkey, and the UK). Participants included were aged 18+ and snowball sampling was employed via social media. We expected that the findings would provide useful and much needed information on the prevalence of use and intensities of digital technologies among different age groups, gender, and socioeconomic groups in a comparative perspective.

■ Who Cares? Rethinking Aging and Care: Interdisciplinary Aging Research in Styria



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DURATION

1 June 2018–31 December 2020

According to Eurostat, the number of people over the age of 80 will have doubled by 2080. Sensational newspaper articles and headlines often refer to this phenomenon as "The Grey Flood." The project **Who Cares? Rethinking Age(ing) and Care Together** analyzed prevailing discourses of age(ing) and care that are often portrayed in pejorative metaphorical expressions such as "Silver Tsunami" and "Crisis in Care." The discourse of crisis views age(ing) as a nuclear disaster and disease and evokes a social division in "young" and "old" people, where "young" is seen as the norm and the attribution "old" equals sickness and care-dependency. Consequently, old people are often seen as economic and social burden. However,

not only the financial feasibility of the health system, but also the concepts of frailty, loss of autonomy, and care dependency are commonly associated with being "old." Margaret Morganroth Gullette, already highlighted in 2017 that ageism, i.e., the discrimination based on age, is a serious problem. In addition, the nursing home is mainly associated with feelings of fear and apprehension. The "deficit model" of age(ing) and care demands new images of age(ing) and alternative and successful models of institutional care. The project aimed at developing new ideas and innovative concepts and put focus on the analysis of socially and culturally constructed images of age(ing) and care.

Objectives

The project's main objective is rethinking age(ing) and care in Styria. The project fosters interdisciplinary networks of experts within different fields such as the humanities, social sciences, cultural studies, arts, medical science, and architecture, which view age(ing) and care from diverse points of view. In addition to the support of young scientists in the area of cultural gerontology and health humanities, the development of a network of academic research institutes in Styria and institutions such as nursing homes and NGOs lie at the heart of the project.

1. Ongoing development of interdisciplinary Aging Studies in Styria through support of young scientists and networking
2. Development of interdisciplinary networks focusing on age(ing) and care in Styria
3. Knowledge transfer and development of new projects

6 Organization of Events

Organization of Events

CIRAC organized 29 events from November 2020 to December 2023, of which 18 were international, 5 national, and 6 early-career events.

■ Conferences and Symposia

PhD Symposia Series

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Symposia on Aging and Care is a series of events, initiated by CIRAC researchers **Ulla Kribernegg** and **Eva-Maria Trinkaus**, in collaboration with Age and Care Research Group Graz member Luana Bechstein. The following pages outline the two symposia that have been organized in the spring and fall of 2021 that were conceptualized, planned, and organized by doctoral students at CIRAC in their entirety.

The symposia series encourages academic involvement of emerging scholars and supports the interdisciplinary exchange on a global scale. By connecting doctoral students with emerging and established scholars in CIRAC's networks, they get to organize a full international conference, learning about the organization of academic events, the structures of how to run a conference—including reviewing abstracts and selecting participants—and inviting keynote speakers for their event.

Once successfully organized, the symposia offer organizers and participants a space which allows for an interdisciplinary discussion and support the foundation of a global pre-doctoral network at an early career stage. CIRAC is proud of having hosted the first and second Doctoral Symposium on Aging and Care with international speakers, and we look forward to

future events organized by CIRAC PhD candidates in the symposia series.

1st PhD Symposium

INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTORAL SYMPOSIUM ON AGING AND CARE, 25–26 February 2021, online

Based on the concept of “aging” as a cultural construct according to Margaret Morganroth Gullette, and the understanding of “care” as form of living together interdependently in the sense of Joan Tronto, this doctoral symposium brought together 13 PhD students from 6 different countries all emerging scholars in the field of Aging and Care, and provided a platform to discuss aspects of their dissertations and ongoing bodies of work.

The symposium was organized by CIRAC in cooperation with the Age and Care Research Group Graz. Organizers: **Ulla Kribernegg**, **Eva-Maria Trinkaus**, and Luana Bechstein.





2nd PhD Symposium

AGING AND CARE – SPECIAL ISSUE: MIGRATION

19–20 October 2021, online

In the last decades, aging, care, and migration have become central concerns on an individual as well as on a societal level. Highlighting the significance of exchange between disciplines on these topics, the Symposium on Aging, Care, and Migration aimed at facilitating the international exchange of PhD students and establishing an early career network of emerging scholars. The keynote on day 1 was given by [Prof. Sandra Torres](#) (Uppsala University, Sweden), a leading expert in the field of Social Gerontology and Migration Studies, titled “Caring Democracy: The Role That Theoretically-Astute Understandings of Ethnicity and Race Must Play.” Additionally, Prof. Torres held a skills workshop on day 1.

Day 2 was dedicated to PhD student presentations and discussion. Students from 7 different countries (and 8 universities) presented their research. The symposium provided a space for fruitful discussions, and constructive with and feedback to PhD students.

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CIRAC members **Anna-Christina Kainradl**, **Ulla Kribernegg**, and **Katharina Zwanzger**, in cooperation with the Research Network Heterogeneity and Cohesion with its clusters “Aging, Demography & Care” and “Migration”



Interdisciplinary Symposium: Organizing Ethics in the Hospital

FROM MODELS OF ETHICS CONSULTATION TO EVERYDAY ETHICS IN NURSING HOMES AND IN THE COMMUNITY

15 September 2021

Healthcare institutions have been striving for decades to establish forms of ethical decision-making and appropriate venues for clinical understanding. Clinical ethics committees, ethical case discussions, and roundtable meetings are now an integral part of the clinical care culture in many institutions. In many places, however, there is still a struggle to link ethical reflection settings organizationally. Particularly in the COVID-19 pandemic, the question of the possibilities and limits of ethics consultation services in health care is becoming increasingly important.

Against this background, a number of challenges arise for ethics consultation: On what basis can ethically good or at least “less bad” decisions be made? Who should be involved in ethical discussions? What decision-making arrangements need to be established? How can one deal with one’s own “moral distress?” Where can space be created in routine operations for “small” everyday ethics?

The interdisciplinary symposium looked at and discusses the organization of ethics in clinics and non-clinical facilities from different perspectives. To this end, various models and structures of clinical ethics consultation were analyzed and forms of participation by those affected and their caregivers were considered. In addition, against the backdrop of the current pandemic situation, new approaches to integrating ethics into the everyday life of healthcare facilities were also discussed with the participants.

PhD Conference: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Aging and Care: What Does It Mean to Grow Old?

5th Conference Graz-Ljubljana-Rijeka, 9–10 June 2021, online



This Doctoral Academy conference of the University of Graz, University of Ljubljana, and University of Rijeka, aimed at discussing age and aging from interdisciplinary perspectives. Contributions included topics such as images and concepts of age and care, stereotypes of old age, medical/nursing/speculative ethics, dementia, disability, death and dying, intersectionality, marginalization, gender, LGBTQIA2S+, “anti-aging,” trans- and posthumanism, life-extension, euthanasia/geronticide, socio-political dimensions of age(ing) and care, narrative medicine, age(ing) and care activism, artistic, cultural and literary representations of age(ing) and care, and questions of the end of life.

By bringing together emerging scholars who address the question of what it means to grow old, the conference focused at shedding light on current research in the field, highlighting the significance of interdisciplinarity in age(ing) and care research. Accordingly, we invited contributions that challenge traditional methods and/or propose new ones that aim at incorporating interdisciplinary aspects at an early research stage. Participants were invited to critically reflect on the meanings of age(ing) and care, and discuss topics from a cross-cultural and interdisciplinary point of view, including challenges

and developments in academia, social practice, art, and activism.

Day 1 included a workshop titled “Futures of Aging.” This creative and collaborative online workshop was an opportunity to immerse in future perspectives on aging and provide a platform to discuss the ways we as PhD students do research.

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ENAS & NANAS Joint Conference – Narratives and Counter Narratives of Aging and Old Age: Reflexivity in Aging Studies

28–30 September 2022, Bucharest, Romania, online

Ulla Kribernegg and Eva-Maria Trinkaus were members of the ENAS executive board hosting the 3rd joint ENAS & NANAS conference at the National University of Political Study and Public Administration (SNSPA), in Bucharest, Romania. The conference titled *Narratives and Counter Narratives of Aging and Old Age: Reflexivity in Aging Studies*, invited international researchers, writers, and scholars in the field of aging to share their research in the online event. The conference was the third collaborative conference of the European and the North American Network in Aging Studies (ENAS & NANAS) after the conferences *AgeingGraz2017* (Austria) and *TrentAging2019* (Canada).

All CIRAC researchers are members of the European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) and 7 CIRAC members presented their research and participated in the three-day online event.

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CENTER FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH ON AGING AND CARE (CIRAC) Inaugural Conference

Age and Care Graz 2023: Aging in a Caring Society? Theories in Conversation

September 20–22, 2023
RESOWI (Building C), University of Graz, Austria

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CIRAC's Inaugural Conference Age and Care Graz 2023: Aging in a Caring Society? Theories in Conversation

20–22 September 2023, Graz

- 3 Conference days
- 4 International Keynote Speakers
- 100+ National & International Experts
- 20 Parallel panels
- 1 Poster session
- 2 Exhibitions on Aging and Care
- 1 film screening

Between 20–23 September 2023, CIRAC hosted its inaugural conference **Age and Care Graz 2023: Aging in a Caring Society? Theories in Conversation**. The aim of this interdisciplinary conference was to create a space where theories, ideas, and perspectives related to aging and care can come together in meaningful dialogue. Over the course of three days, this conference served as a meeting space for academics, researchers, and professionals working on topics related to aging and care. The program was designed to encompass a wide range of themes, spanning theoretical perspectives, empirical research, and innovative practices. In addition to the academic program, we were honored to have partners from local organizations and institutions participate who play a pivotal role in the field. The presence of people from a variety of backgrounds reflects our commitment to forging strong connections between research, policy, and practice. The conference hosted more than 160 national and international experts in the fields of aging and care research.

In four keynote lectures presented by Prof. Dr. Joan Tronto (University of Minnesota, USA), Prof. Dr. Stephen Katz (Trent University, Canada), Prof. Dr. Kelli Stajduhar (University of Victoria, Canada), and Prof. Dr. Amelia de Falco (University of Leeds, UK), the conference's overall themes were laid out in order to be then further focused on in individual panel presentations. In 20 parallel panels and an academic poster session, researchers shared their expertise. For the duration of the conference, CIRAC also collaborated with the Federal Ministry

of the Republic of Austria for Social Affairs, Health, Care, and Consumer Protection in hosting the exhibition "HALT! Keine Gewalt!" to raise awareness of age-related acts of violence. Together with Pavelhaus and the UniMuseum, CIRAC hosted Christine Braunersreuther's exhibition "Hilfslinien/ Lines of Help" in front of the main library, where it was available for conference participants as well as the general public beyond the duration of AgeCareGraz2023.



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■ Other Events

International Exchange Workshop – Healthy Neighborhood/Caring Communities

Workshop, 17 February 2021, online

This workshop invited a research community and professionals to discuss various development of social interactions in the German speaking area (Austria, Germany, Switzerland). The workshop was organized by CIRAC members **Klaus Wegleitner** and **Patrick Schuchter** who are part of the Achtsamer 8. project and Association Sorgenetz, along with the Department of Public Care (University of Graz), the Institute of Nursing Science (University of Vienna), and the FGÖ “Healthy Neighborhoods” initiative.

DocCafé: Bring Your Own Coffee, Bring Your Own... Call

21 April 2021, online

Together with the Age and Care Research Group Graz’s PhD network, CIRAC organized an informal get-together for PhD students and other early-career researchers. For this event, the topic was “Bring Your Own Call” – either for abstracts, papers, conferences, posters, or any other kind of scholarly work that students would like to share and discuss with like-minded researchers, together with CIRAC members **Teresa Hartinger**, **Urša Marinšek**, and **Eva-Maria Trinkaus**.



Hospice Culture in Society: Shaping the Future with Young People

Workshop, 11 June 2021, online

This workshop invited young people to exchange ideas and discuss dying, grief, loss, care issues, new spaces and roles of engagement in hospice work. The workshop included a lecture by **Klaus Wegleitner** and **Patrick Schuchter**.



The Philosophical Conversation as a Bridge to the Other Person. What Can We Learn from Epicurus about Caring

4 October 2021, online, Graz

At the end of life and when caring for others, existential questions emerge not only abstractly, but palpably and urgently. In an ancient understanding, philosophy was not merely “academic theorizing,” but rather a daily practice, engaging in collective thoughts and conversations to approach the mysteries of existence and coexistence. In this seminar led by **Patrick Schuchter**, 12 participants went on an excursion into philosophy close to everyday life – something that can nurture the “art of caring” for oneself and others, as well as for the team.

CIRAC Goes School

Workshop, 8 October 2021, Ortweinschule, Graz

Social transformations towards a heterogeneous and just society already start at school. Wilma Seitinger, a middle school teacher at Ortweinschule and CIRAC doctoral student, who was working on an aging related project with Geriatric Health Centers of the City of Graz together with CIRAC members jointly organized workshop on the topic “Rethinking Age/ing and Care.” In addition to a presentation and a discussion about age, care, and stereotypes and images of age(ing), around 30 students worked interactively using an artistic approach to address age from various perspectives led by CIRAC’s **Teresa Hartinger** and **Anna-Christina Kainradl**. The goal was to enable reflection processes about one’s own physical changes and remaining continuities, and to initiate critical inquiries about generational justice and care in the broadest sense.



Dealing with Diversity at the End of Life. Who Cares about the Soul? And How Do We Do So?

Podium discussion, 29 October 2021, online, Innsbruck, Austria

Patrick Schuchter facilitated a panel with experts from the fields of medicine, Catholic hospital pastoral care, Islamic theology and pastoral care, and around 60 participants at the online symposium, organized by Haus der Begegnung der Diözese Innsbruck, Tiroler Hospiz-Gemeinschaft, and Kardinal König Haus. The event started with a lecture by Prof. Dr. Ulrike Kluge, Professor of Psychological and Medical Integration and Migration Research at Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin titled “When Knowledge and Action Reach Their Limits – Migration-Related Practices at the End of Life” and raised questions about the role of different spiritual backgrounds and culturally-religious influences when dealing with dying, death, grief, and suffering.



Workshop of the German-Austrian-Swiss Network Caring Communities: “Caring Communities as Repair Workshops? A Thinking and Exchange Space for Critical Introspection”

27 October – 3 November 2021, Online, Austria, Germany, and Switzerland

A series of events was organized by the German-Austrian-Swiss (D-A-CH) Caring Communities Network, which is a transdisciplinary network of 120–150 people from different areas of care, politics, administration, science, political activism, health promotion, and others which includes practitioners as well as scholars from different disciplinary background in the field of Caring Communities.

The workshops were co-coordinated by **Patrick Schuchter** and **Klaus Wegleitner**

D-A-CH Network Caring Communities: Gert Dressel (Association Sorgenetz & Institute for Nursing Science, University of Vienna), Silvia Hall (Caritas Association of the Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart e.V.), Katharina Heimerl (Caritas Association of the Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart e.V. and Institute for Nursing Science, University of Vienna), Anna Krapfing (Fonds Gesundes Österreich), Petra Rösler (Kardinal König Haus, Vienna), **Patrick Schuchter** (Kardinal König Haus, Vienna & CIRAC), Robert Sempach (Migros Kulturprozent), **Klaus Wegleitner** (Association Sorgenetz & CIRAC), Peter Zängl (Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz).

Cooperation partners: Caring Communities Network Switzerland and Migros Kulturprozent, Institute of Nursing Science (University of Vienna), Caritas Association of the Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, Fonds Gesundes Österreich (FGÖ), and Kardinal König Haus, Vienna

Each event was attended by an average of 60 people. This has resulted in numerous international and national collaborations that have led to the organization of events.

The following events were organized:

17 February 2021, online, workshop: Healthy neighborhoods and caring communities in times of pandemic: What remains of what we have initiated or will initiate?

27 October–3 November 2021, online, workshop: Caring Communities as repair workshops? A thinking and exchange space for critical introspection

12 May 2022, online, workshop: In which society do we want to live?

21 November 2022, online, workshop: Sorge-Räume – Caring spaces

25 April 2023, online, workshop: Economy is care: Caring Communities need a new kind of economy

27–28 April 2023, online, workshop: Caring Communities. Shaping care in shared responsibility

12 December 2023, online, workshop: If caring communities are the answer – what are the socio-political questions?



Assisted Suicide

Workshop, 18 February–18 March 2022, University Hospital Lilienfeld, St. Pölten

At the workshop “Assisted Suicide,” organized by Lilienfeld University Hospital, the Lower Austria Hospice Association, and the Kardinal König House Vienna, **Patrick Schuchter**, together with Christian Metz, a psychotherapist, facilitated a workshop for around 20 employees of the palliative care unit. Participants were informed about the new legislation regarding assisted suicide at that time and were able to personally and as a team to take a stance on the new regulation and take initial steps towards finding a common culture and approach to end-of-life wishes and assisted suicide. The workshop contained a lecture that addressed existential and socio-political questions on the topic.

Young People in End-of-Life and Bereavement Care. Project Forum VI – 2022

Workshop, 18–19 March 2022, Ehreshoven, Germany

In 2019, twelve hospice services from across Germany successfully embarked on a journey to engage with young people in their regions in experimental conversations about dying, death, and grief, aiming to spark their interest in hospice work and encourage active participation. The project *Young People in End-of-Life and Bereavement Support* was initiated by Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., with the goal of developing perspectives for the future of hospice work and its role in society. The German Hospice and Palliative Care Association (DHPV) was a cooperation partner, and the project received scientific support from CIRAC and the Association Sorgenetz from Vienna. The workshop “Young People in End-of-Life and Bereavement Support. Project Forum VI –

2022” served as a platform for the evaluation and analysis of the aforementioned project, as well as for preparing the final event. Around 30 individuals attended the event, among them representatives from the 12 hospice services participating in the project.

Klaus Wegleitner and **Patrick Schuchter** conducted the accompanying research for the project, moderated the event, and contributed with content-related talks.

GSA Career Conversations: Making the Most Out of Your Post-Doc

Workshop, 16 May 2022, online, Washington DC, USA

In this session of the GSA’s online workshop series, CIRAC researchers **Ulla Kribernegg** and **Eva-Maria Trinkaus**, together with international experts, discussed the potentials of post-doctoral scholarships in cultural aging studies with members of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) in order to highlight the potential of humanities approaches to cultural gerontology. The event is part of a broader series of events, organized by the Gerontological Society of America’s Mentoring Consultancies that Eva-Maria Trinkaus is an executive member and co-host of.



GSA Career Conversations: Surviving and Thriving – Succeeding in Your First Academic Position

22 September 2022, online, Washington DC, USA

In this session of the Gerontological Society of America's online workshop series, **Eva-Maria Trinkaus** discussed career opportunities for early career researchers in aging studies and cultural gerontology with established GSA scholars. The event addressed potentials and challenges of academic scholarship, and allowed for sharing a sharing of experiences among peers and experts within the GSA.

Narrative Medicine in Graz

Lecture and Workshop, 18–19 October 2022, University of Graz



Let's Fight? Metaphors in Illness Narratives

Lecture by Prof. **Anita Wohlmann**, University of Southern Denmark (SDU), Odense, Denmark

The struggling metaphor, as noted by Susan Sontag in her widely read study, "Illness as Metaphor," is one of the most widely used, and perhaps most criticized, metaphors for experiencing illness. Nevertheless, sufferers and medical staff continue to use them. Renowned authors such as Siri Hustvedt, Audre Lorde and David Foster Wallace, who deal with illnesses, "fight" against migraines, cancer, and depression in their autobiographical texts. But fight is not the same as fight.

Metaphors enable a variety of strategies of alternative use, new use, recycling and creative misuse – practices that can be traced in autobiographical texts and transferred to everyday (medical) life. The event included a brief presentation of Prof. Wohlmann's book *Metaphor in Illness Writing: Fight and Battle Reused* (2022).

Narrative Medicine: Literary Texts and Reflective Writing in the Context of Illness, Healing, and Nursing

Workshop led by Prof. **Anita Wohlmann**

Narrative medicine brings literary studies and medicine together in an unusual way: not only literary texts, but also methods from literary studies are intertwined with central topics such as communication, pain, grief, (self)care, and professional identity within the framework of medical training and further education. In the interdisciplinary workshop, the theories and goals of the program were presented in the form of short impulses and critical aspects were discussed. In addition, experiences from German-speaking countries were reported. However, the focus of the one-day event was on practice; the participants were invited to try out the basic model of narrative medicine—attention, representation, affiliation—for themselves and to reflect on them together.

Pflegestützpunkt 3.0

1 May 2022–30 April 2023, Graz



In cooperation with CIRAC, the Free Radio Helsinki project *Pflegestützpunkt 3.0* started in May 2022, at the Festival Lendwirbel. The intention was to make care and support work more visible. The project includes various events, from a dance flash mob in the city center of Graz to bring awareness to the precarious conditions of care workers, to panel discussions at the Kunsthaus Graz in which CIRAC director **Ulla Kriebner** and co-director **Klaus Wegleitner** participated in a conversation on a caring and sustainable society with feminist activist Elisabeth Klatzer and Karin Schuster from *Pflegestützpunkt*. CIRAC researchers have also participated in Radio Helsinki's broadcast series "Nachschicht" (transl. night shift) in order to raise awareness to precarity, inequality, and the overall structures of aging and care in Austria and beyond.



Ulla Kriebner, Anna-Christina Kainradl, and Karin Schuster (Radio Helsinki)

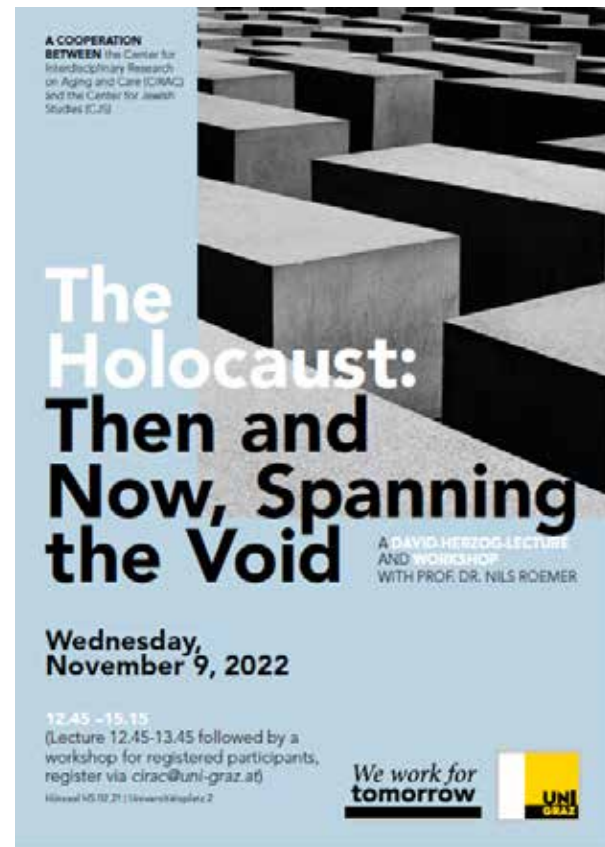
Mentoring Consultancies at the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Meeting

4 November 2022, Indianapolis, IN, USA

Eva-Maria Trinkaus is a longstanding member of the Gerontological Society's Career Conversations, a working group of GSA whose "Mentoring Consultancies" event that takes place at GSA's annual meeting brings together researchers from all career stages to exchange their perspectives on career goals and trajectories. Eva-Maria Trinkaus is part of the organizing team that annually brings together about 50 international researchers and allows for discussions across career stages and academic disciplines with international members of the Gerontological Society of America. In her capacity as an organizer of the Career Conversations, Eva-MariaTrinkaus is also a mentor for European doctoral students who want to conduct research in the US.

The Holocaust: Then and Now Spanning the Void

Workshop and lecture, 9 November 2022, Graz



The lecture and workshop organized by **Eva-Maria Trinkaus** and hosted by CIRAC in collaboration with the Centre for Jewish Studies of the University of Graz was led by Prof. Dr. Nils Roemer (Director, Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, University of Texas at Dallas, USA). The event aimed at bringing Holocaust studies and aging studies into conversation, allowing students and scholars at the University of Graz to discuss the voids the Holocaust has left globally in peoples' lives. The event was generously funded by the David Herzog Funds of the Styrian Universities.

Approaches to the Concept of Care. Potentials and Challenges for Gender and Aging Studies

Workshop and keynote, 6–7 December 2022, Graz

A team of interdisciplinary researchers gathered to reflect on the tensions arising from a synopsis of the concept of care with current debates in aging and gender studies. This event, organized by the Department of Cultural and Gender History at the Institute of History and CIRAC opened up new perspectives on the concept of care and on interdisciplinary work.

Both gender and aging studies have long been concerned with the broad field of care practices in history and the present. Recently, approaches from care ethics in particular have created new insights by newly accentuating the significance of topics such as corporeality, responsibility, and empathy in care relationships in private and public contexts and underlining their socio-cultural and democratic-political relevance.

With a lecture by **Helen Kohlen** (University of Vallendar, Germany) in the context of the “HuK-Forum” on 6 December, a first insight into the eventful history of the concept of care as well as its relation to research directions in care ethics was shown. The following commentary by **Merle Weißel** (University of Oldenburg, Germany) opened the discussion to current areas of tension and at the same time indicated the interdisciplinary-discursive orientation of the event.

On 7 December, the workshop led by **Ulla Kriebner** and Heidrun Zettelbauer brought the different research practices from aging and gender studies on the concept of care into dialogue with each other, also in an interdisciplinary-discursive way. The current debates

on care ethics were also examined for implications relevant to aging and gender theory as well as for historical depth dimensions. The speakers were: Louise Earnshaw, Andreas Heller, **Anna Kainradl**, **Patrick Schuchter**, **Stefan Schweigler**, **Klaus Wegleitner**, and Victoria Wind. From the multitude and variety of contributions, new and often unexpected perspectives from different disciplines and fields of experience opened up.

Future Forums. On the Way to an Age-Appropriate and Caring City of Graz

2 February and 23 October 2023, Graz

Future forums, which are part of the project Caring-Living-Labs Graz (funded by Fonds Gesundes Österreich) are a series of events meant to open up discussion spaces and support city-wide networks on the topic of aging in Graz. Diverse public stakeholders in the field of care, aging, and migration were invited: public office holders and representatives of organizations, associations, and different communities that work to strengthen the social participation and health of older people, including those with migration biographies and living in precarious circumstances. Up until the end of 2023, two future forums with 80 participants were organized. In 2024, this series of events will be continued with the hope to carry on the dialogue on how to age well in Graz. Future forums are organized in cooperation with the Uni Graz' Department of Educational Sciences and are supported by the City of Graz.



International Course “Caring Communities”

16–18 February 2023, Lochau am Bodensee

A caring society should enable a good life for all – with this goal in mind, 17 people from Switzerland, Germany, and Austria with different professional and disciplinary backgrounds participated in the first international course “Caring Communities.” The international course Caring Communities opened a space for already existing initiatives and their further development. The participants received input from different contexts, experts and (counter-) movements and networked internationally. Topics such as the foundations of Caring Communities and health promotion, convivialism, social-ethical and anthropological paradigms were covered, as well as methods for community development and participation. In 6 workshops and 2 public symposia, the participants discussed the potential of Caring Communities for a caring society that enables a good life. All participants developed and presented their own projects, which were encouraged and supported in peer feedback sessions throughout the course.

Team: Andreas Heller, Sonja Prieth, **Patrick Schuchter**, Robert Sempach, **Klaus Wegleitner**, and Ilona Wenger

Organizers: Association Sorgenetz, Association for the Promotion of Social Care Culture, and Migros Kulturprozent

In cooperation with: Kardinal König Haus Vienna, Catholic Academy Freiburg, Schloss Hofen – Science & Further Education, Network Caring Communities Switzerland, Caritas Association of the Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart e.V. (DICV), University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, Department of Social Work (FHNW)



Participants of the Caring Communities course in 2023

Spatial Formations in the Context of Age and Care

Workshop, 23 March 2023, Graz

In order to answer urgent questions of living together throughout the life course, experts from diverse disciplinary fields presented and discussed their perspectives on questions of space and living together. Central questions of the workshop were raised about the meaning of “good life” in old age and the foundations needed in order to—effectively and visibly—spatially depict contemporary images of age. In order to deconstruct existing narratives and rethink them, necessary developments, legal and structural frameworks were discussed with political representatives and stakeholders in the field of housing.

The participants in the discussion were:

Prof. **Ulla Kriebner** (CIRAC), Prof. Andreas Lichtblau (TU Graz), Prof. Christa Lohrmann (Med Uni Graz), Architect Gerhard Mitterberger, Prof. Regina Roller-Wirnsberger (Med Uni Graz), Rivka Saltiel (Uni Graz), and Prof. Werner Strenger (KUG). The evening, was also attended by guests of honor, Mayor of Graz Elke Kahr and Rector Harald Kainz (TU Graz) who shared their perspectives on age(ing) and care, and was moderated by Prof. **Klaus Wegleitner** (CIRAC).

The event was organized by the Age and Care Research Group Graz in cooperation with the Institute for Housing (TU Graz).

Concept: **Ulla Kriebner**, Andreas Lichtblau, Thomas Kalcher, **Teresa Hartinger**



L–R: Prof. Dr. Ulla Kriebner, Prof. Dr. Andreas Lichtblau, Mayor of Graz Elke Kahr, Rector (TU Graz) Harald Kainz



“The children are all grown Up, I am retiring... and then”

Workshop, 22 April 2023, Graz

Within the framework of the project Caring-Living-Labs Graz, together with the representatives of the Migrants' Advisory Council and Afrikanisches Dachverband Steiermark, a workshop on images of aging, needs, and requirements was held by **Anna-Christina Kainradl** and her colleague Brigitte Kukovetz from the Department of Educational Sciences at the University of Graz. Together with participants with migration biographies, discussions about individual and social images of age(ing), existing care networks, and gaps in the care system were stimulated and deepened with the diverse expertise of these people. The ideas for further events and measures suggested in this event will help in the further work towards a caring city of Graz.

Symposium on Aging Studies and Postcolonial Theory

11 May 2023, Zurich, Switzerland



Back row, L–R: Sabine Eggman, Petra Schweiger, Eva-Maria Trinkaus, and Vera Gallistl-Kassing

Front row, L–R: Irene Götz, Valerie Keller, Olivia Killias, and Ester Gajek

This two-day symposium, hosted by Valerie Keller (University of Zurich, Switzerland) and **Eva-Maria Trinkaus**, examined how an exchange between age studies and postcolonial studies can enrich the individual disciplines and brought together 12 researchers from different academic disciplines in the German-speaking academic context. The symposium is followed by a special issue in the Swiss Archive for Anthropology on aging and postcolonial theory.

Intersectionality, Aging, and Care

Workshop, 11–12 May 2023, Graz

Keynote Speaker Prof. Sally Chivers (Trent University, Canada)



L–R: Anna-Christina Kainradl, Svitlana Kadubovska, Stefan Schweigler, Helen Kohlen, Sally Chivers, Ulla Kribernegg, Unmil Karadkar, Sarah Bindar, Stefanie Rieger, Lena Lampersberger, and Gerhilde Schüttengruber

The interdisciplinary and interactive workshop on intersectionality introduced the concept of identity as fluid, fueled by and through multiple, often discordant, configurations of gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, class, age, and ability. Following a keynote lecture by Sally Chivers on the movie *Cloudburst* (2010), participants discussed and constructed their own understanding of intersectionality in a creative setting.

The event was organized by the team of the Elisabeth List Fellowship Programme project *Gender Matters: Aging, Care, and Migration*: **Anna Kainradl, Helen Kohlen, Ulla Kribernegg, and Stefan Schweigler.**

Care-Tour 2023: Über Sorge(n) sprechen / Talking about Care

10 June 2023, Vienna



As part of the “Care-Tour 2023” of the “OIS-Impact Lab Caring Communities for Future and the European Public Sphere” and part of the Day of Mindfulness, “Talking about Care” event took place on the 3rd annual Day of Mindfulness in Vienna in June. With the goal to network with neighbors, finding opportunities for support, and participating and contributing to the community to make the Viennese district of Josefstadt even more mindful, several activities were carried out in the framework of the project *ACHTSAMER 8*. (transl. “Mindful 8th” since Josefstadt is the 8th district of Vienna).

The Day of Mindfulness is a cooperation of the Sustainable Mindful 8th District with numerous institutions and citizens and is supported by the district government, Fonds Gesundes Österreich (FGÖ), and the Federal Ministry of Austria for Social Affairs, Health, Care, and Consumer Protection (BMSGPK). The event was hosted by **Klaus Wegleitner**, Gerhard Schuster, Laura Soyer, and Gert Dressel.

Fischer Fritz

Panel discussion, 12 June 2023, Graz

In a collaboration with Schauspielhaus Graz, Simona Durisova and the Age and Care Research Group Graz, CIRAC director **Ulla Kribernegg** and CIRAC researchers participated in the discussion following Raphaela Bardutzky’s play *Fischer Fritz*. The stage performance, dealing with age, intergenerationality, and 24h migrant caregivers, was critically reflected on and shed light onto aspects of aging, and the precarious situation of 24h caregivers in Austria. CIRAC researcher **Svitlana Kadubovska**, who also participated in the discussion, incorporates aspects of the play in her dissertation on Austrian and German drama in the context of age and aging.

Re-thinking Narrative Methods of Intersectional Research: Gender, Migration, and Age(ing) in the Context of Care Practices

Workshop and Symposium, 14–15 June 2023, Graz

2-day workshop

2 keynotes by Prof. Dr. Vera Caine (University of Alberta, Canada) & Prof. Dr. Mark Schweda (University of Oldenburg, Germany)

6 papers from early-career researchers

25 participants

In feminist research, it is standard practice to investigate experience-related knowledge in order to represent the lived realities of women. However, it is revealed that such knowledge can only be gathered using an intersectional perspective which allows for making visible diverse attributions of differences and social inequality.

Against this backdrop, this workshop on methodologies of aging and care research aimed at opening up a space for junior researchers (pre-doc and post-doc) getting to know each other to have in-depth discussions on their research.

Day 1 of the workshop focused on the research projects of the speakers **Stefanie Rieger**, Florence Borggreffe (Zurich University of the Arts), Anna Nebowsky (University of Oldenburg), Mara Kaiser (University of Valsendar), **Dženana Pupić** and Brigitte Kukovetz (University of Graz), and Merle Weßel (University of Oldenburg). Their research is situated in the fields of age(ing), care, and migration

studies and was presented from a methodological viewpoint.

In the evening of day 1, the keynotes by Prof. Dr. Mark Schweda (University of Oldenburg, Germany) and Prof. Dr. Vera Caine (University of Alberta, Canada) were open to the public.

Day 2 was dedicated to Narrative Inquiry as a practical research method, which was presented by Vera Caine, Mara Kaiser, and Ramona Hummel. The methodological diversity and participatory modality of Narrative Inquiry provided opportunities for creative exchange and transfer of knowledge(s).

The event was organized by members of the project *Gender Matters: Aging, Care, and Migration* **Stefan Schweigler**, **Ulla Kriebner**, **Anna-Christina Kainradl**, **Helen Kohlen**, with **Patrick Schuchter**.



Keynote speaker Prof. Dr. Mark Schweda



Prof. Dr. Helen Kohlen (Incoming Elisabeth List Fellow)

CareAgeCinema. Putting Age and Care on Screen

Film series, October 2022-June 2023, Filmzentrum im Rechbauerkinno, Graz

This movie series presented multidisciplinary and intersectional approaches to age/ing and care/ing. Each movie screening was followed by an expert discussion that brought together critical voices from academia, care practice, activism, policy making, and the general public. The series aimed at creating an engaging environment that allows for thematizing, researching, and acting upon contemporary issues about age/ing and care/ing that are highly relevant to a society characterized by diversity.

Movies in the series and screening dates:

15 June 2023: *Daybreak* (2017)

11 May 2023: *Cloudburst* (2011)

16 March 2023: *Plan 75* (2022)

19 January 2023: *Ruthless Times: Songs of Care* (2022)

24 November 2022: *Robot and Frank* (2012)

20 October 2022: *Pandora's Box* (2008)



L–R: Dr. Derya Özkaya Öztürk, Prof. Dr. Ulla Kriebner, and Prof. Dr. Florian Bieber

Organized by Nejra Nuna Cengic, **Anna-Christina Kainradl**, **Ulla Kriebner**, **Derya Özkaya Öztürk**, **Stefan Schweigler**, and **Eva-Maria Trinkaus**

The series was organized by members of CIRAC and members of the Center for Southeast European Studies (CSEES) – in collaboration with the Age and Care Research Group Graz, the Elisabeth List Fellowship project *Gender Matters: Aging, Care, and Migration*, and Radio Helsinki 92.6 – Freies Radio Graz.



L–R: Dr. Anna-Christina Kainradl, Prof. Dr. Ulla Kriebner, Prof. Dr. Bilgin Ayata, and Dr. Derya Özkaya Öztürk

The event was co-funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No 101029279 CareWork.

Care Movements: For the Democratization of Care

Symposium, 23 June 2023, Vienna

Patrick Schuchter and **Klaus Wegleitner** led and planned the symposium, which was organized by Association Sorgenetz and is linked to the 1st international Caring Communities course and the international “D-A-CH Caring Communities” network. The symposium attracted about 110 participants. The most important result of the symposium was the international and transdisciplinary networking. The symposium was aimed at people involved in Caring Communities initiatives; people responsible in social and health organizations as well as in politics and administration; people working in the care professions; people who (want to) get involved in civil society or in care work; people connected to the hospice and palliative care movement; all people interested in developing sustainable forms of living together.



Equity Dimensions in (End-of-Life) Care. Structurally Vulnerable Populations and Appropriate Research Approaches

Forum, 18 September 2023, Vienna

This event took place as a joint initiative of CIRAC, the Institute of Nursing Science, University of Vienna, and the Dachverband Hospiz Österreich. A small interdisciplinary group of researchers and practitioners from the fields of palliative and community care, nursing science, hospice work, and other care contexts exchanged ideas on dimensions of equity in end-of-life care, participatory approaches and other topics.

Prof. Dr. Kelli Stajduhar shared her experiences and gave a talk at the event.

The event was chaired by **Klaus Wegleitner** and **Katharina Heimerl**.

Participants: Elisabeth Draxl (Tyrolean Hospice Association), Thomas Falkenstein (University of Vienna, Department of Nursing Science), Katharina Heimerl (University of Vienna, Department of Nursing Science), Evelyn Hutter (University of Vienna, Department of Nursing Science), **Anna Kainradl** (CIRAC), Christiane Kreyer (UMIT Tyrol, Institute for Nursing Science), Katharina Lex (University of Vienna, Department of Nursing Science), Werner Mühlböck (Tyrolean Hospice Association), Claudia Nemeth (Hospice Austria), Sabine Pleschberger (University of Vienna, Department of Nursing Science), Elisabeth Reitingner (University of Vienna, Department of Nursing Science), and **Klaus Wegleitner** (CIRAC).

Caring Living Labs with OMEGA

Workshop, 29 September 2023, Graz

Together with the local cooperation partner, OMEGA, **Anna-Christina Kainradl** organized 3 workshops with 15 to 30 people with migration biographies to explore and listen to what older people with migration biographies think, feel, and need in order to encourage their social participation. A group of 7 people from the Turkish- and Farsi-speaking community formed lasting connections to discuss neighborhood co-existence and aging in Graz.



Workshop with Dr. Anna-Christina Kainradl and Virginia Argarate (OMEGA)

Transforming Anxieties of Ageing in Southeastern Europe: Political, Social, and Cultural Narratives of Demographic Change

Project meeting and methodology workshop, 19–20 October 2023, Graz



The research project, funded by Volkswagen Stiftung and bringing together 5 partners in 4 countries (Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, and Hungary), explores the semantics of aging in different public and private discourses, and analyzes social, political, economic, and cultural anxieties, and hopes connected with it.

The project team meeting included 11 researchers who presented their country-specific research and preliminary results. The presentations were followed by a methodology workshop on conducting interviews titled “Doing Age? The Relationship between Interviewee and Interviewer in Ethnologic Research on Ageing” led by Lubica Vofanská from the Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology in Bratislava, Slovakia. During the second day, the participants discussed insights and lessons learned presented by colleagues, working on a similar research project at CIRAC called Caring-Living-Labs Graz. The meeting was closed by a discussion of steps and procedures to be followed when constructing interview guidelines in different settings.

Endometriosis: Medicine, Activism and Art in Conversation

8 November 2023, Graz

The kick-off event marked the start of the Elisabeth List Fellowship project *In/Visible Endometriosis: Menstruation, Menopause, and Narrative Medicine*.

Prof. Dr. **Anita Wohlmann** (University of Southern Denmark) held an interactive workshop which offered participants a comprehensive introduction to narrative medicine. The workshop was followed by a panel discussion moderated by a PhD researcher **Aleksandra Rokvity** titled “Endometriosis: Medicine, Activism and Art in Conversation.” The guests were Prof. Dr. **Ulla Kriebner**, Mag. Eva Anderhuber-Tutsch, Prof. Dr. **Anita Wohlmann**, and PD Dr. Monika Wölfler, MD. As part of the project, the event marked the first in a line of an array of events organized in the academic year to follow.



L–R: Prof. Dr. Anita Wohlmann, Prof. Dr. Monika Wölfler, MD, Prof. Dr. Ulla Kriebner, Laura Sigmund, MA, Mag. Eva Anderhuber-Tutsch, Mag. Marlene Pretis-Schader, and Aleksandra Rokvity, MA



Mentoring Consultancies: Career Conversations at the Gerontological Society of America’s Annual Meeting 2023

10 November 2023, Tampa, FL, USA

The GSA’s mentoring consultancies are an international and trans-disciplinary networking platform for researchers in age studies and (cultural) gerontology to discuss professional trajectories across different paths and stages of their careers. As a GSA mentor, **Eva-Maria Trinkaus** is part of the organizing committee of the Mentoring Consultancies at the GSA’s annual meetings that take place during the meeting to provide participants with career advice at all stages of their careers. The meetings are interdisciplinary and international, with individual mentoring foci. Her responsibility is with international pre- and post-doctoral researchers in aging.



Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Gerontology Film Screening of *The Bubble*

11 November 2023, Tampa, FL, USA

GSA’s Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Gerontology Advisory Panel hosted a film screening of Valerie Blankenbyl’s 2021 documentary *The Bubble*, organized by **Eva-Maria Trinkaus**. The documentary opened a space to discuss humanities- and arts-approaches to aging during the annual meeting of the GSA. The screening was followed by an interview conducted by Eva-Maria Trinkaus with *The Bubble* director Valerie Blankenbyl, discussing the ways in which the film addresses the political, social, cultural, environmental, and aesthetic

dimensions of aging in an age-segregated housing facility called “The Villages” in Florida, USA.



Dr. Eva-Maria Trinkaus at the GSA 2023

Sick Lit: Endometriosis Edition

Literary series, 20 November and 11 December 2023, online

“Sick Lit,” a name for illness narratives, is a rising trend in literature. Deeply personal and yet oddly universal, stories about health struggles and the journey towards healing and acceptance are resonating with audiences worldwide.

November through March, we were speaking to “sick lit” authors with a particular focus: endometriosis. Abby Norman (USA), Emma Bolden (USA), Kylie Maslen (Australia), Tracey Lindemann (Canada), and Silvia Young (USA) have all authored brave and beautiful texts about their struggles with an illness that is often referred to as “invisible” and “elusive.” They have chronicled their journeys through the healthcare system in autobiographical books, memoirs, and activist literature.

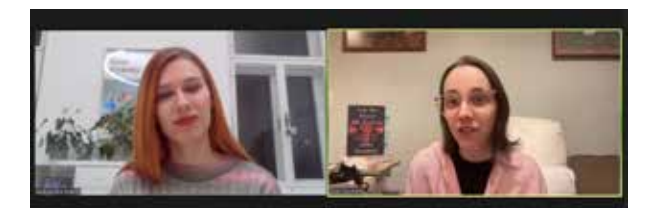
The events were online, free, and participatory – after a short reading and a moderated discussion, participants were able to ask the authors questions or share their thoughts and stories, if they so chose.

Episodes in 2023:

20 November 23: *Ask me About My Uterus* (Abby Norman, 2018)

11 December 23: *The Tiger and the Cage* (Emma Bolden, 2022)

This series is part of the *In/Visible Endometriosis: Menstruation, Menopause, and Narrative Medicine* project sponsored by the Elisabeth List Fellowship Programme.



L–R: Aleksandra Rokvity and Abby Norman

7 Participation in Events

Participation in Events

■ Conferences and Webinars

A selection of CIRAC contributions through research presentations on the topics of aging and care.

The ARQUS platform allowed participation for both, established scholars as well as pre-doctoral researchers working on their dissertations.

Philosophicum, Impositions of the Corona Crisis. Reflection & Food for Thought

16 April 2021, online

A reflection on the pandemic year including food for thought for the future with Marie-Christin Hinteregger, Wolfgang Kröll and **Klaus Wegleitner**, chaired by Hans-Walter Ruckenbauer.



Prof. Dr. Ulla Kribernegg presenting her paper at the Late Life Festival



Teresa Hartinger presenting her paper

Last Chapter: A Late Life Festival

Conference, 18–19 June 2021, University of Bergen, Norway, online

In a collaborative effort to bring age studies scholars from the University of Graz and the University of Bergen together through the ARQUS Network, CIRAC researchers **Ulla Kribernegg, Anna-Christina Kainradl, Eva-Maria Trinkaus, Katharina Zwanzger, Teresa Hartinger and Urša Marinšek** participated in the “Late Life Festival” – a conference that connects research, practice, and, arts by reaching out into the city center of Bergen, Norway, through a festival on aging. CIRAC contributed through research presentations.



Anna-Christina Kainradl presenting her paper

Framing Aging: A Clinical, Cultural, and Social Dialogue

Webinar series, June 2020 – December 2021, University College Dublin (UCD), Humanities Institute, Ireland, online

Ulla Kribernegg is a partner in the *Framing Ageing Network* and participated in many panels, as a discussant and respondent, and webinars throughout the series.



Towards a Caring and Sustainable Society!

Panel discussion, 1 October 2021, Geriatric Health Centres of the City of Graz

The panel discussion of the “Care Support Center” project dealt with the following question: What kind of discourse do we have as a society about aging and care? Among the speakers were **Klaus Wegleitner** and **Ulla Kribernegg**, with Elisabeth Klatzer (Attac), moderated by Karin Schuster (Radio Helsinki). The discussion was broadcast live on the radio.

The Posthumanist Turn in Ageing Studies

Webinar series, October 2021 – November 2021, Trent University, Canada, online

Ulla Kribernegg moderated a panel on “Ageing in Post-human Contexts” which included a series of crucial topics on posthuman aging contexts in the era of the Anthropocene, with presentations on alternative thinking about death and dying, aging in rural geographies, and literary reimaginings of human/non-human solidarities, with speakers illustrating the strengths of interdisciplinary approaches to new and often neglected voices and stories of truth about growing older today.

The panelists were Valerie Blankenbyl (Austrian filmmaker), Andrew Maclaren (University of Aberdeen, UK), and Kathleen Woodward (University of Washington, USA).



Macht_Uni_Diskriminierung? Research and Practice in Dialogue

29 November 2021, University of Graz, online

Research and theory-based inputs and discussion with Urmila Goel, Denise Bergold-Caldwell, Francis Seeck, and **Ulla Kribernegg**.

The event was organized by the Coordination Office for Gender Studies and Equality and the discussion brought up questions about power, hierarchies, and discriminatory practices and structures within the university system.

Looking Back, Thinking Forward

Annual conference, 21–23 April 2022, Paracelsus Private University, Salzburg

Prof. Dr. **Ulla Kribernegg** and Prof. Dr. Regina Roller-Wirnsberger (Medical University of Graz) presented on the topic of age/ing in the panel titled “Connection Lost/Gained Social Inclusion in Old Age” at the annual conference of the Austrian Geriatric and Gerontological Society (ÖGGG).



L–R: Prof. Dr. Regina Roller-Wirnsberger (Med Uni), and Prof. Dr. Ulla Kribernegg

Die Lange Nacht der Pflege – the Long Night of Care

9 May 2022, Graz



Dr. Anna-Christina Kainradl

Anna-Christina Kainradl gave a talk with the title “Rethinking Age and Care Together” as part of the “Long Night of Care” event organized by the ÖGKV – Landesverband Steiermark. About 50 people and professionals from the field of care and health participated in the event. The date was not chosen by chance; it is the International Nurses Day. On this day, the International Council of Nurses (ICN), calls for an appreciation of nurses and wants to inform the population about the need for care. The day is also intended to discuss developmental trends in the health and social sectors.

Care and Justice – Separate Poles or Two Piers of a Bridge?

Symposium, 9 September 2022, Kardinal König Haus, Vienna

More than 100 participants at the symposium discussed the entanglements between care and justice. Contributions were made by experts in the field of aging and care: **Ulla Kribernegg**, Brigitte Aulenbacher, Cornelia Coenen-Marx, Eva Fleischer, Erich Lehner, and Monika Wild, organized by **Klaus Wegleitner**, **Patrick Schuchter**, and Sonja Prieth.

The symposium’s topic was aimed at people who are involved in Caring Communities initiatives, people who are responsible in social and health organizations as well as in politics and administration, people who work in care professions, people who are (or want to be) involved in care work in civil society, people who are close to the hospice and palliative care movement, and all people who are interested in developing sustainable forms of living together. The event was organized by Association Sorgenetz and Migros Kulturprozent in cooperation with the “1st International Course Caring Communities 22/23” and the D-A-CH Network Caring Communities.

“An Old Man is Always a King Lear:” Cultural Gerontological Perspectives on Vulnerability and Resistance

Keynote lecture, 12–15 September 2022, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Ulla Kribernegg gave a keynote lecture at the joint annual congress of the German Society for Geriatrics (DGG) and the German Society for Gerontology and Geriatrics (DGGG) on the changes in theatre, productions, and stage performances of Shakespeare’s *King Lear* over time, their representations of aging and care, media receptions, and the inherent ageism and pathologization of dementia.

Still Aged by Culture? Current Trends in Cultural Gerontology

Workshop, 14–17 September 2022, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

Ulla Kribernegg, **Anna-Christina Kainradl**, and **Eva-Maria Trinkaus** took part at the workshop “Still Aged by Culture” organized by the University of Southern Denmark in Odense, Denmark. The workshop aimed at bringing together research in the field of critical age studies pertaining to cultural aspects of aging and care. The CIRAC team was one of 5 international research teams specializing in cultural age studies.



Ulla Kribernegg and Anna-Christina Kainradl at the Workshop in Denmark

Long Night of Research 2022: Science Talk – Future Human: How Old Will We Be? How Do We Grow Old?

20 May 2022, University of Graz

Ulla Kribernegg gave an expert lecture at the Long Night of Research 2022 with the title “Science Talk – Future Human: How Old Will We Get? How Do We Grow Old?” discussing research in aging and care studies with a broader non-academic audience.

GSA Annual Meeting 2022: Embracing Our Diversity. Enriching Our Discovery. Reimagining Aging

2–6 November 2022, Indianapolis, IN, USA

Ulla Kribernegg and **Eva-Maria Trinkaus**, participated in the advisory panel meeting taking place during the GSA’s annual meeting in which CIRAC plays a crucial role as international partner and collaborator, representing the humanities perspective within the GSA. Panel members are reviewers for conference contributions in the humanities and arts, and shape the way arts and humanities contributions are incorporated into the GSA’s annual conference program. In her capacity as associate editor of “The Gerontologist,” Ulla Kribernegg has been a longstanding member of the HACG Advisory Panel.



Ulla Kribernegg and Eva-Maria Trinkaus at the GSA 2023

Lectures, Talks, Seminars, and Workshops

Latest Lecture: Healthy Aging

11 March 2021, University of Graz

the “Latest Lecture” on healthy aging was a live broadcast of the premiere of the event series by Alumni Uni Graz. “Science Buster” Helmut Jungwirth discussed healthy aging with CIRAC director **Ulla Kribernegg** and Didac Carmona-Gutierrez (molecular biologist, Uni Graz).



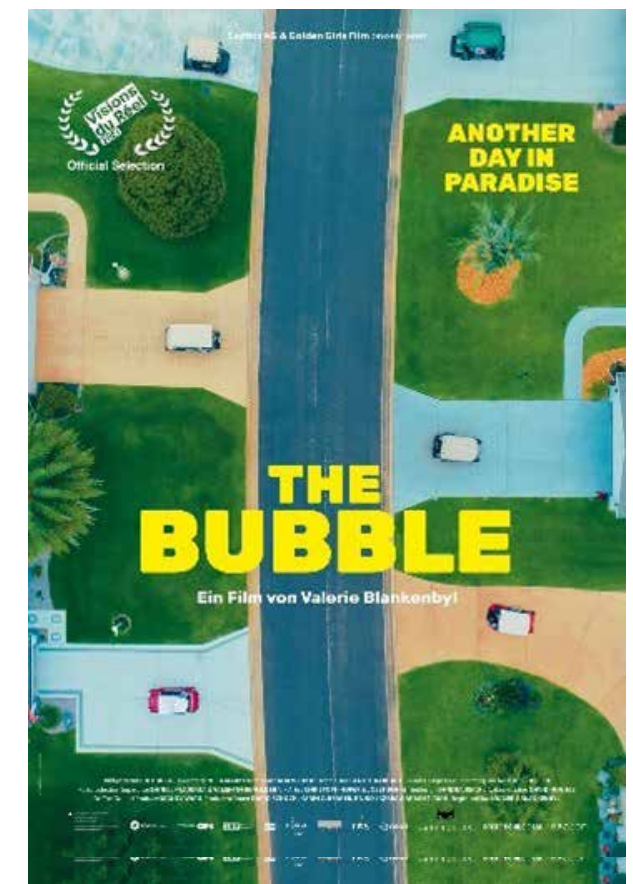
Premiere of Valerie Blankenbyl’s *The Bubble*

7 October 2021, Filmzentrum im Rechbauerkinno, Graz

Ulla Kribernegg was invited to a movie screening and a talk with the film’s director Valerie Blankenbyl, Judith Schwentner (Councillor for Environment and Women, City of Graz), which was moderated by Maria Motter. The plenary discussion brought up questions of age-segregated housing in marginalized communities and discussion what good living conditions can mean to a variety of people up until old age.



Discussion after the premiere, L–R: Maria Motter, Valerie Blankenbyl, Judith Schwentner, and Ulla Kribernegg



Day of the Humanities, Uni Graz

11 November 2021, University of Graz

Katharina Zwanzger presented her PhD research at Day of the Humanities 2021 at the University of Graz. Her poster was titled “Fear of the care home? How images of old age influence our perceptions of institutional life: A linguistic analysis of the narratives of residents in an Irish nursing home.”



Religion on Thursday: Caring Society

Lecture series, Winter semester 2021–2022



Lecture series “Auf dem Weg in eine sorgende Gesellschaft? Perspektiven interdisziplinärer Alterns- und Care Forschung” included talks by Ulla Kribernegg, titled “‘Ain’t life sweet when we are not afraid to care’. Das Alters-

heim als Caring Institution in Film und Literatur,” Klaus Wegleitner’s, “Care-Transformationsbewegungen: Aufbrüche zu gerechten und solidarischen Lebensweisen,” and Patrick Schuchter’s, “Sorgekultur mit Philosophischer Praxis entwickeln?”

Uni Graz Pop-Up Store: Generational Climate. The Climate Protests as a Generational Conflict

25 May 2022; Graz

Sarah Bindar, a student assistant at CIRAC and a teacher at the Ursulinen middle school, brought her 12-year-old high school students to the Uni Graz Pop Up Store in the Graz inner city to discuss aging with CIRAC researchers.



Uni Graz Pop-Up Store: Alter, Who Cares?

Science slam, 25 May 2022

3 CIRAC researchers took part in the science slam with the following presentations:

Christian Perwein: “Ewige Jugend als Konflikttherd. Welche Chancen und Herausforderungen ergeben sich durch Zukunftstechnologien, wenn es um das (Nicht-)Altern geht?”

Eva-Maria Trinkaus: “Alter vor Schönheit! Versteckte Altersdiskriminierung und ihre Auswirkungen”

Dženana Pupić: “Gewalt im Alter: Formen impliziter Gewalt in Pflegeinstitutionen und mögliche Auswege”

The discussion was moderated by Ulla Kribernegg and Klaus Wegleitner.



Geriatric Psychiatric Care / Alterspsychiatrie Versorgung

11 November 2022, Graz

Invited by the City of Graz, Ulla Kribernegg gave a talk on the topic of older people in public spaces, following a discussion with experts and professionals in the field of care and geriatrics.

Trends in Geriatrics and Gerontology

Annual conference, 20 April 2023, Salzburg

The annual conference of the ÖGGG 2023 (Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Geriatrie und Gerontologie – Austrian Society for Geriatrics and Gerontology) carried the title “Trends in Geriatrics and Gerontology.” During the conference, it was discussed how much our expertise, our technologies and the requirements for medical, nursing, therapeutic and social services are changing.

Ulla Kribernegg gave a lecture titled “Literary Gerontological Perspectives on Vulnerability and Resistance: ‘Successful Frailty’ in the Nursing Home Novel.”



L–R: Prof. Dr. Ulla Kribernegg, Prof. Dr. Franz Kolland, Dr. Vera Gallistl-Kassing, and Prof. Dr. Giovanni Rubeis



L–R: Lena Lampersberger, MSc, Dr. Gerhilde Schüttengruber, Prof. Dr. Ulla Kribernegg, and Prof. Dr. Regina Roller-Wirnsberger

Care in Context

Workshop, 15 May 2023, Vienna

Stefan Schweigler presented concepts of the ongoing research of the CIRAC research project *Gender Matters: Aging, Care, and Migration* at an International workshop in Vienna. In his talk, he discussed care-ethical strategies within media practices of LGBTIQ+ communities. The talk at the University of Vienna was part of the workshop “Care in Context,” hosted by the AG Media Studies and Political Theory of the German speaking Society for Media Studies (GfM).



Dr. Stefan Schweigler presenting his paper in Vienna

Genderforschung@Uni Graz

Symposium, 26 June 2023, Forum Stadtpark, Graz

Dženana Pupić, Anna Kainradl, and Stefan Schweigler presented their research in form of posters at the symposium “Genderforschung@Uni Graz” at Forum Stadtpark.

Eva-Maria Trinkaus gave an expert talk titled “Gender, Aging, and Care in US-American Literature” in the panel “Representations of Gender – Dimensions of Care.”

The annual networking event brought together researchers from Graz who approach the interdisciplinary field of gender studies from various academic disciplines.



L-R: Eva-Maria Trinkaus and Rita Perintfalvi

CIRAC Research Project *Philosophical Practice in Palliative Care and Hospice Work* at the International Society of Philosophical Practice

Conference, 22–24 September 2023, Salzburg

The International Society of Philosophical Practice (ISPP) met for their annual conference in Salzburg to discuss the contribution of Philosophical Practice to the democratization of processes, people, and the society. Presenting their research project, **Stefanie Rieger** and Sandra Radinger outlined the potential of linking the work of Philosophical Practice with Palliative Care and Hospice matters. Their presentation was titled “Thinking Society from the Experience of Finiteness.”



L-R: Sandra Radinger and Stefanie Rieger

Rich & Poor: In the Focus of Care Work – Series of Events to Raise Awareness, Educate, and Find Solutions

Series of events, 9 November 2023, Graz

The series of events addressed the following: Who is particularly affected by poverty in Graz? What are the poverty traps? Why does it particularly affect women? Where can people turn when affected by poverty? What resources are available in Graz? What is missing in terms of infrastructure or legal regulations? And how would the social system need to be changed to address more care aspects?

CIRAC is one of many cooperation partners supporting the series, and involving researchers to talk and discuss various issues and topics over the course of the events.

Anna-Christina Kainradl discussed migration and caring communities in Graz together with Annette Sprung (Department of Educational Sciences, Uni Graz).



Narrative Medicine in Practice

Virtual series of events, 5 June 2023, online

The German Network for Narrative Medicine organized a virtual event series, with the aim to experience and reflect on practical narrative medicine units. **Ulla Kriebner**, a regular participant of the series, was the session’s expert on “‘What the Doctor Said’ and the SPIKES Protocol.”



L-R: Anna-Christina Kainradl and Stefan Schweigler

Transformative Change in the Contested Fields of Care and Housing in Europe

Conference, 4–6 December 2023, Linz

The Institute for Sociology at the Johannes Kepler University Linz, together with the Institute for Multilevel Governance and Development at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, organized a conference on the topic: “Transformative Change in the Contested Fields of Care and Housing in Europe.”

CIRAC is one of the cooperation partners alongside the Competence Center for Everyday Economy, the International Karl Polanyi Society and the Care Association Sorgenetz.

Ulla Kriebner and **Klaus Wegleitner** with **Patrick Schuchter** represented CIRAC and discussed their research at this 3-day conference.

High Level Meeting on Active and Autonomous Aging

12–15 February 2023, Stockholm, Sweden

The “High-Level Meeting (HLM) on Active and Autonomous Ageing” took place in Stockholm, Sweden, during the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union in February 2023. The HLM focused on issues related to older people and aging, and how the EU member states can learn from one another to respond to the challenges and opportunities of demographic change. **Eva-Maria Trinkaus** and researchers Maria Edström and Ingmar Skoog from AgeCap (University of Gothenburg) engaged in a conversation about their research on aging and ageism in front of EU ministers, delegates, and fellow academics as well as the Swedish minister for older people and social security Anja Tenje.



L–R: Ingmar Skoog, Maria Edström, and Eva-Maria Trinkaus



L–R: Ingmar Skoog, Maria Edström, Eva-Maria Trinkaus, and Olivia Wigzell

PUBLICATIONS OVERVIEW

CIRAC members published their research in 72 works:

2 handbooks,

1 special issue,

6 edited collections,

46 contributions to edited collections,

10 contributions to a journal,

1 review,

And 6 other types of publications.

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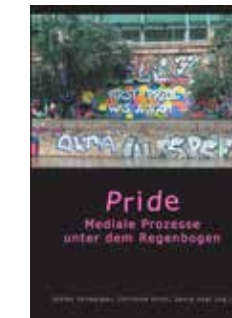
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“Care-Narrative älterer Migrant:innen im Gesundheitssystem: eine ethische Analyse von Mustern und Umgängen mit Intersektionalität.” Gender und Intersektionalität in pflegerischer und gesundheitlicher Versorgungspraxis. 5 Oct. 2023, Gender- und Frauenforschungszentrum der Hessischen Hochschulen, Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

“Gesundheitskompetenz und ältere Menschen im ländlichen Raum.” Denkwerkstatt Deutschlandsberg. 10 Oct. 2023, Akzente Voitsberg, Austria.

“Gesundheitskompetenz und ältere Menschen im Gesundheitssystem, für: 1. Denkwerkstatt des Bezirks Voitsberg.” 1. Denkwerkstatt des Bezirks Voitsberg, 17 Oct. 2023, Akzente Voitsberg, Voitsberg, Austria.

“The Concept of Intersectionality as an Analytical Tool for the Self-Representation of Older Migrants.” Dimensions of In/Equalities. Workshop of the Cluster “In/Equalities in Societal Transformation Processes.” 17 Nov. 2023, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Gut leben und älter werden?” Alter. 21 Nov. 2023, TelefonSeelSorge Graz, Graz, Austria.

KAINRADL, ANNA-CHRISTINA AND ULLA KRIEBENEGG

“‘Burn, Baby, Burn! It’s Our Turn!’: Intergenerational Justice and the Ethics of Climate Change in Margaret Atwood’s ‘Torching the Dusties.’” Ecologies – Environments – Ethics/ Écologies – Environments – Éthiques, 43rd Annual Conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in German-speaking Countries (GKS). 18 Feb. 2022, Association for Canadian Studies in German-speaking Countries (GKS), Grainau, Germany, online.

KAINRADL, ANNA-CHRISTINA, ULLA KRIEBERNEGG, BRIGITTE KUKOVETZ, DŽENANA PUPIĆ, ANNETTE SPRUNG, AND KLAUS WEGLEITNER

“Methodological Reflections of Qualitative (Participatory) Research.” Methodology Workshop within the project Transforming Anxieties of Ageing in Southeastern Europe: Political, Social, and Cultural Narratives of Demographic Change. 19-20 Oct. 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

KARADKAR, UNMIL

“Personal Collection Management: How Digital Tools are Shaping Art History and Humanities Research.” 27 Oct. 2021, Institute of Art History, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic.

“Mapping the domain of Gerontechnology via Published Literature.” 2021 Aging and Health Informatics Conference. 7 Dec. 2021, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, USA.

“Demystifying Data Scholarship Jargon.” What Would Data Do? Workshop Series. 22 March 2023, Aging in Data Project, Montréal, Canada, online.

“Data Scholarship.” What Would Data Do? Workshop Series. 22 June 2023, Aging in Data Project, Montréal, Canada, online.

“Research Data Use, Training, Publishing: A Survey of RRFs Members.” 8th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology – Europe 2022. 26 June 2022, European Academy of Neurology, Vienna, Austria.

“How Do Aging Studies Scholars Care for Their Data?” Age and Care Graz 2023: Aging in a Caring Society? Theories in Conversation. 20 Sept. 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Austria.

“EMERALD: Exploring Mobile Environments for the Role of Age using Longitudinal Data.” Socio-Gerontechnology Annual Meeting 2023. 29 Sept. 2023, Socio-Gerontechnology Network, Utrecht, the Netherlands.

“Understanding Artificial Intelligence – AI: A ‘Round Table’ on What is AI and Why We Should Care.” 21 Nov. 2023, Seniors Action Quebec, Montréal, Canada, online.

KARADKAR, UNMIL AND WALTER STRUHAL

“A Framework for Assessing Neurological Data Repositories for Use in Europe.” 7th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology. 20 June 2021, European Academy of Neurology, Vienna, Austria, online.

HAMMERER, CHRISTOPHER, WALTER STRUHAL, AND UNMIL KARADKAR

“Assessing Data Repositories for Answering Clinical Questions Related to Alzheimer’s disease.” ÖAG Jahrestagung 2021. 23 Oct. 2021, Österreichische Alzheimer Gesellschaft, Tulln, Austria.

KARADKAR, UNMIL, KING DAVIS, PAT GALLOWAY, LORRIE DONG, AND VICTOR OBASEKI

“Degrees of Openness: Integrating Stakeholder Input, Open Transcription, and Machine Learning to Create Historical Medical Datasets.” Open Data: Reuse, Redistribution, and Risk Symposium. 3 June 2022, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

KARADKAR, UNMIL, EVA-MARIA TRINKAUS, URŠA MARINŠEK, AND CHRISTIAN PERWEIN

“Literary Digiscapes: Exploring Digital Technology in Narratives of Aging.” Bucharest 2022, Narratives and Counter-Narratives of Aging and Old Age: Reflexivity in Aging Studies. 30 Sept. 2022, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania, online.

KRIEBERNEGG, ULLA

“Literary Gerontology: Understanding Ageing Bodies and Identities through Cultural Representations.” Framing Ageing: A Clinical, Cultural, and Social Dialogue. 22 Jan. 2021, Dublin, Ireland, online.

“Response Paper for Katie Featherstone, ‘Wandering the Wards: Everyday hospital care and its consequences for people living with dementia.’” Framing Ageing: A Clinical, Cultural, and Social Dialogue. 5 March 2021, Dublin, Ireland, online.

“Forum Palliative Geriatrie: Altersdiskriminierung aus kulturwissenschaftlicher Sicht.” Forum Palliative Geriatrie. 17 March 2021, Hospizverein Stmk, Graz, Austria, online.

“Rewriting the Last Pages of the Last Chapter: Celebrating Life in Long-Term Residential Care.” Last Chapter: A Late Life Festival. 18 June 2021, University of Bergen, Norway, online.

“‘Quite Witty:’ Cultural Representations of Caring Architecture and the Spatiality of Old Age.” Space, Place and Design in the Medical and Health Humanities. 25 June 2021, Odense, Denmark, online.

“‘Twilight Zones of Human Existence:’ The Care Home as a Site of Gothic Horror in North American Film and Fiction.” Fear of Ageing: Old Age in Horror Fiction and Film. 17 July 2021, University of Porto, Portugal online.

“Von Silbernen Surfern und Grauen Tsunamis: Kulturgerontologische Perspektiven auf das Alter(n).” 17 Sept. 2021, Graz, Austria.

“‘Ain’t life sweet when we’re not afraid to care’: Das Altersheim als Caring Institution in Film und Literatur. Ringvorlesung.” Religion am Donnerstag. 18 Nov. 2021, University of Graz, Austria, online.

“Contested Language and the Study of Later Life.” (Roundtable). NANAS On-Line Symposium: Contested Language and the Study of Later Life. 19. Nov. 2021, North American Network in Aging Studies, USA, online.

“Ageismus und Altersdiskriminierung.” Macht_Uni_Diskriminierung? Forschung und Praxis im Dialog. 29 Nov. 2021, Uni Graz – Koordinationsstelle für Geschlechterstudien und Gleichstellung, Graz, Austria, online.

“Von ‘silberenen Tsunamis’ und ‘grauen Fluten:’ Altersdiskriminierung aus kulturgerontologischer Perspektive.” Vita Activa. 18 Jan. 2022, Zentrum für Weiterbildung, University of Graz, Austria, online.

“König Lear im Pflegeheim: Literaturgerontologische Perspektiven auf Einsamkeit im Alter.” Rückwärts schauen – Vorwärts denken. 21 Apr. 2022, Österreichische Gesellschaft für Geriatrie und Gerontologie, Paracelsus Medizinische Privatuniversität Salzburg, Austria.

“GSA – Career Conversation: How to Make the Most Out of Your Postdoc.” GSA Career Conversations. 16 May 2022, Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C., USA, online.

“Erfolgreiches, aktives, und produktives Altern als Dystopie? Literaturgerontologische Perspektiven auf die Abschaffung des Alterns in der Leistungsgesellschaft.” Performance der Leistung. Workshop am Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte. 19 May 2022, Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Mainz, Germany.

“Stories ‘R’ Us: Literaturgerontologische Perspektiven auf das Älterwerden.” Internationale Fachtagung zum Thema “Kulturgerontologie.” 24 June 2022, Karl-Landsteiner Privatuniversität Krems, Vienna, Austria.

“Gendered Ageism: Altersdiskriminierung an Hochschulen.” Gender@Workshop#14: “Alter(n) in der Musikpraxis – Information und Diskussion.” 4 July 2022, Kunstuniversität Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Sorge als kollektive Angelegenheit: zwischen Inklusionspotenzial und Gefahr der Retraditionalisierung.” Care und Gerechtigkeit – Getrennte Pole oder zwei Pfeiler einer Brücke? 9 Sept. 2022, Verein Sorgenetz, Vienna, Austria.

“An aged man is always a King Lear: Cultural Gerontological Perspectives on Vulnerability, Resilience, and Resistance.” Altern im Spannungsfeld von Vulnerabilität und Resilienz. 12 Sept. 2022, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geriatrie und Gerontologie, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

“Narrative Medicine as Interdisciplinary Practice.” Annual Meeting: Embracing Our Diversity. Enriching Our Discovery. Reimagining Aging. 4 Nov. 2022, Gerontological Society of America, Indianapolis, IN, USA.

“Alte Stücke, neue Bilder: King Lear und das Alter(n)sbild im Wandel der Zeit.” Alter(n) sbilder: Was heißt (schon) alt? Denkansätze zum sensiblen Umgang mit dem Bild des älteren Menschen in den Medien. 10 Nov. 2022, Fonds Gesundes Österreich, Vienna, Austria.

“Altersbilder im öffentlichen Raum.” Alterspsychiatrische Versorgung – Herausforderungen und Möglichkeiten. 11 Nov. 2022, Rathaus Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Narrative Medizin und Palliative Care: Ein Experiment.” Wahlfach Medizin – “Lebensende.” 10 Jan. 2023, Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria.

“Erzählen Sie einmal, was führt Sie zu mir? Eine Einführung in die Narrative Medizin.” Vita Activa. 17 Jan. 2023, Vita Activa, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Round-Table Beitrag ‘Putting Age in its Place.’” Workshop “Raumbildungen” im Kontext von Altern und Care. 23 March 2023, Age and Care Research Group Graz, Graz, Austria.

“‘I fear I am not in my perfect mind.’ Perceptions of Aging and Vulnerability in 21st Century Productions of Shakespeare’s King Lear.” Perceptions of Age and Ageing: Thresholds and Life-Cycles. 29 March 2023, Biblioteca Hertziana and The Norwegian Institute in Rome, Rome, Italy.

“Literaturgerontologische Perspektiven auf Vulnerabilität und Widerständigkeit: Successful Frailty im Pflegeheimroman.” Jahrestagung der ÖGGG: Trends in Geriatrie und Gerontologie. 20 April 2023, Österreichische Gesellschaft für Geriatrie und Gerontologie (ÖGGG), Paracelsus Medizinische Privatuniversität Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria.

“Altersbilder gemeinsam neu denken: Möglichkeiten und Grenzen der Bürger:innenbeteiligung an der Alterns- und Care-Forschung.” Montagsakademie. 8 May 2023, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Altersdiskriminierung in Organisationen – die Universität als Beispiel.” Fachforum Universität – Gewerkschaft 2023. 24 May 2023, ÖGB Steiermark Bildungsreferat, Graz, Austria.

“‘What the Doctor Said’ und das SPIKES Protokoll.” Narrative Medizin. 5 June 2023, Deutsches Netzwerk für Narrative Medizin, Odense, Denmark.

“‘Ein alter Mann ist stets ein König Lear’: Demenz und Vulnerabilität aus der Perspektive der Health Humanities.” “Im Doppelpack:” Antrittsvorlesung. 20 June 2023, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“‘Gesellschaft des langen Lebens?’ – Chancen, Möglichkeiten, Herausforderungen.” Alumni Tag. 21 Oct. 2023, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Old Age and the Politics of Vulnerability: Cultural Gerontological Perspectives on Insecurity, Precarity, and Care.” CAG 2023: Community Engaged Teaching, Research & Practice 28 Oct. 2023, Canadian Association of Gerontology (CAG), Toronto, Canada.

“Turning the ‘Insults of Illness into Privileges of Being’: Re-Evaluating Vulnerability and Frailty in Nursing Home Narratives.” Clinical, Sociological and Cultural Dimensions of Frailty: A Dialogue. 16 Nov. 2023, Hermance, Switzerland.

KRIEBERNEGG, ULLA AND REGINA ROLLER-WIRNSBERGER

“Healthy and Successful Aging: Kulturwissenschaft und Medizin im Dialog über das Älterwerden.” Healthy and Successful Aging: Kulturwissenschaft und Medizin im Dialog über das Älterwerden. 9 Dec. 2020, Medizinische Universität Graz and Age and Care Research Group Graz, Graz, Austria, online.

KRIEBERNEGG, ULLA AND KATE DE MEDEIROS

“Fact and Fictions: Rethinking Vulnerability and Resistance in Late Life Narratives.” The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting. 5 Nov. 2020, Philadelphia, USA, online.

KRIEBERNEGG, ULLA AND KLAUS WEGLEITNER

“Auf in eine sorgende und nachhaltige Gesellschaft.” Panel discussion. 20 Sept. 2021, Grazer Geriatriische Zentren, Graz, Austria.

KRIEBERNEGG, ULLA AND ANNA-CHRISTINA KAINRADL

“Growing Old Amid Climate Change: Dystopian Narratives of Vulnerability and Resistance.” Framing Ageing: A Clinical, Cultural, and Social Dialogue. 3 Dec. 2021, Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin, Ireland.

KRIEBERNEGG, ULLA AND ANNA-CHRISTINA KAINRADL

“Ageing Amid Climate Change: A Literary Gerontological Approach to Fostering Intergenerational Solidarity.” “Continuity and Change:” Nordic Gerontology Congress NKG26. Dansk Gerontologisk Selskab. 8 June 2022, Odense, Denmark.

GOGGIN, PETER AND ULLA KRIEBERNEGG

“Ebbing and Flowing, Aging and Youth-ing: Portrayals of Progression and Regression in Aging Studies and Science Fiction.” Once and Future Fantasies. 16 July 2022, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland, UK.

KRIEBERNEGG, ULLA, TERESA HARTINGER, AND URŠA MARINŠEK

“App-Solute News: Comparison of Analog and Digital Mode in Newspaper Reading Between Intergenerational Teams.” Digital Humanities 2022, Responding to Asian Diversity. 28 July 2022, Tokyo, Japan, online.

KRIEBERNEGG, ULLA AND HEIDRUN ZETTELBAUER

“HUK-Forum mit Helen Kohlen (Vallendar) und Merle Weßel (Oldenburg) zum Thema ‘Entwicklungslinien in der Care-Debatte – Care als Arbeit und die Dimensionen der Care-Ethik.’” Annäherungen an den Care Begriff. Potentiale und Herausforderungen für die Gender und Aging Studies. 6 Dec. 2023, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

MARINŠEK, URŠA

“A Look at Representations of Ageing in Eugene O’Hare’s Sydney and the Old Girl.” Last Chapter: A Late Life Festival. 18 June 2021, University of Bergen, Norway, online.

“Not too Old to Board a Raft and Go on an Adventure – Narratives of Aging in Silver Lining.” Bucharest 2022, Narratives and Counter-Narratives of Aging and Old Age: Reflexivity in Aging Studies. 30 Sept. 2022, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania, online.

“Looking through a Window – Literary Representations of Old Age, Aging, and Care in a Slovenian Novel Dom Dom (Home Home).” Age and Care Graz 2023. Aging in a Caring Society? Theories in Conversation. 21 Sept. 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Stories of ‘Decline’ and ‘Defying Old Age’ – Representations of Care Home Residents in Slovenian Literature.” Old Age and Ageing: Historiographic and Socio-Cultural Perspectives. 16 Nov. 2023, Science and Research Centre Koper, Slovenia.

PERWEIN, CHRISTIAN

“The Elderly Transhuman.” Eighteenth International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities. 1 July 2020, Ca’ Foscari University, Venice, Italy.

PUPIĆ, DŽENANA

AND BRIGITTE KUKOVETZ

“Personal and community stories in a customized living-lab framework: What do residents of some marginalized neighborhoods in Graz need to tell stories?” Workshop “Rethinking Methods of Narrative Inquiry.” 14 June 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

PUPIĆ, DŽENANA AND KLAUS WEGLEITNER

“Aging and Social Participation in Caring Communities: Dimensions of Exclusion and Inclusion.” Age and Care Graz 2023: Aging in a Caring Society? Theories in Conversation. 20 Sept. 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

RIEGER, STEFANIE

“Why Philosophy? How we get from an elitist affair to a grassroots conversation.” Workshop “Rethinking Methods of Narrative Inquiry.” 14 June 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Contributions of Philosophical Practice in Palliative Care and Hospice Work for Age(-ing) and Care.” Age and Care Graz 2023: Aging in a Caring Society? Theories in Conversation. 21 Sept. 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Gesellschaft von der Endlichkeitserfahrung her denken? – Vorstellung des Forschungsprojekts ‘Philosophische Praxis in Palliative Care und Hospizarbeit.’” XXXVII. Kolloquium der Internationalen Gesellschaft für Philosophische Praxis. 23 Sept. 2023, Internationale Gesellschaft für Philosophische Praxis, Salzburg, Austria.

SCHUCHTER, PATRICK

“Kant_inne denkt nach: Sorgeskultur – Gemeinschaft in der Zukunft?” Cornelia Mooslechner- Brüll im Gespräch mit Patrick Schuchter. Kant_inne denkt nach 6 Sept. 2021, Kant_inne Vier Zehn, Sargfabrik, Vienna, Austria.

“Von der Ethikberatung zum philosophischen Gespräch? Was die Ethik in der Klinik von der Ethik in der Community lernen könnte.” Ethik im Krankenhaus organisieren. Von Modellen der Ethikberatung bis zur Alltagsethik in Pflegeheimen und in der Gemeinde. Interdisziplinäres Symposium, University of Graz. 15 Sept. 2021, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Spirituelle Dimensionen der Sorge – Wertecafé Herz-Jesu Krankenhaus Wien.” Wertecafé. 11 Oct. 2021, Pflegedirektion/Wertemanagement Herz-Jesu Krankenhaus Wien, Vienna, Austria.

“Junge Menschen und Hospizkultur – ein Projekteinblick.” Masterlehrgang Palliative Care, Modul. 28 April 2022, 6 Paracelsus Medizinische Universität Salzburg, St. Virgil, Salzburg, online.

“Einsamkeit – Einzelschicksal oder bewältigbare Gemeinschaftsaufgabe?” 24. Bezirksgesundheitskonferenz Einsamkeit: Einzelschicksal oder bewältigbare Gemeinschaftsaufgabe? Erkenntnisse, Erfahrungen und Handlungsansätze. 8 Nov. 2022, Wiener Gesundheitsförderung, Vienna, Austria.

“Sterbenseinsam Der Tod vor dem Tod und Weisen der Verbundenheit.” Palliative Care Forum. 22 Nov. 2022, Katholische Akademie Freiburg, Germany, online.

“Philosophisch sorgen? Können wir von Epikur etwas für die Care-Ethik in der Gegenwart lernen?” Annäherungen an den Care-Begriff Potentiale und Herausforderungen für die Gender und Aging Studies. 7 Dec. 2022, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

SCHUCHTER, PATRICK AND KLAUS WEGLEITNER

“Junge Menschen in der Sterbe- und Trauerbegleitung. Stuserhebung II – 2022 (mit Case Study Berlin).” Projektforum VI – Junge Menschen in der Sterbe- und Trauerbegleitung. 18 Mar. 2022, Fachstelle Hospiz, Malteser Hilfsdienste e. V., Ehreshoven, Germany.

SCHWEIGLER, STEFAN

“Häusliche Gewalt und die Epistemologie des Closets.” Buchpräsentation “Gewohnte Gewalt. Häusliche Brutalität und heimliche Bedrohung im Spannungskino.” 15 Nov. 2022, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria.

“Notes on Interfaces of Care.”

CareAgeCinema. 24 Nov. 2022, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Sorgebegriffe in der Queer Theory.”

Annäherungen an den Care-Begriff. Potenziale und Herausforderungen für die Gender und Aging Studies. 7 Dec. 2022, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Sorgebegriffe und ihre Potenziale in Medienökologien.”

Schlüsselkonzepte der Medienkulturwissenschaft. 15 Dec. 2022. Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany.

“Sorgebegriffe medienwissenschaftlicher Queer & Aging Studies.”

Workshop “Care in Context.” 13 May 2023, AG Politische Theorie der Gesellschaft für Medienwissenschaft, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria.

“Drag Queens in Care: Queer Perspectives on Concepts of Aging and Population.”

Age and Care Graz 2023: Aging in a Caring Society? Theories in Conversation. 21 Sept. 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Queerness, Gerontologie und Medien.”

18. Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für Medienwissenschaft: Abhängigkeiten. 28 Sept. 2023, University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany.

“Ästhetik der Sorge. Züricher Hochschule der Künste.”

Herbstakademie “Impasse. Spielformen des kleinen Handelns.” 15 Nov. 2023, Züricher Hochschule der Künste, Zürich, Switzerland.

“On Queering the Infrastructures of Aging and Care.”

12 Dec. 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Austria.

SCHWEIGLER, STEFAN AND JAKUB MRÓZ

“Laudatio: International Feature Film Award for Byun Sung-bin’s Film Peafowl (Korea) and Special Mention for Julia Murat’s Film Rule 34 (Brazil).” Award Ceremony. 8 Nov. 2023, Mezipatra Queer Film Festival Prague, Czech Republic.

TRINKAUS, EVA-MARIA

“The ‘Literary Foodscape’ in Ladies Lunch: Lore Segal’s Perspective on Aging.”

Last Chapter: A Late Life Festival. 18 June 2021, University of Bergen, Norway, online.

“‘Who will let me eat my bread and butter?’ Lore Segal’s Literary Foodscape as a Locus of Care.”

Space, Place and Design in the Medical and Health Humanities. 24 June 2021, University of Southern Denmark SDU Odense, CHCI Medical Health and Humanities Summer Institute, Odense, Denmark, online.

“Literary Foodscapes: Lore Segal’s Perspektiven auf das Alter(n).”

Sektionstagung Kulturgerontologie – “Perspektiven auf das Alter(n).” 25 June 2021, Kompetenzzentrum Gerontologie und Gesundheitsforschung der Karl Landsteiner Privatuniversität für Gesundheitswissenschaften, Sektion Alter(n) und Gesellschaft der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS) and Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Geriatrie und Gerontologie (ÖGGG), Krems, Austria.

“Lore Segal’s Literary Foodscapes of Migration: Representations of Friendship as ‘Extended Family’ in the Life Course Narrative.”

2nd Interdisciplinary Doctoral Symposium on Aging and Care. 20 Oct. 2021, University of Graz, Graz, Austria, online.

“Aging after the Holocaust: Lore Segal’s Emplotted Life Experience.”

52nd Annual Scholars’ Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches. 7 Mar. 2022, Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Texas, USA.

“Counter-Acting the Economic Reality of US Domestic Labor? A Rendering Invisible of Advanced Age in the Representation of Maids, Aides, and Carers in US Literary Fiction and on Screen.”

Still Aged by Culture? Current Trends in Cultural Gerontology. 15 Sept. 2022, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark.

“What is Ageism? Literary and Cultural Perspectives on Aging #sweden2023.”

High Level Meeting on Active and Autonomous Ageing. 13 Feb. 2023, Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Stockholm, Sweden.

“Ein literatur- und kulturwissenschaftlicher Blick auf Altersbilder – was unsere Vorstellungen vom Alt-Sein und -Werden prägt.”

Fachforum Universität – Gewerkschaft 2023. 24 May 2023, ÖGB Steiermark Bildungsreferat, Graz, Austria.

“Gender, Aging, and Care in US-American Literature.”

Koordinationsstelle für Geschlechterstudien und Gleichstellung. 26 June 2023, Gender Co-Stelle, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Could We Care Less? Fictional Representations of Time-Restricted In-Home-Caregiving in ‘Die Pflegerin.’”

GSA 2023 Annual Meeting: Building Bridges > Catalyzing Research > Empowering all Ages. 8 Nov. 2023, Gerontological Society of America, Tampa, FL, USA.

“International Post-Docs in Aging.”

Mentoring Consultancies: Career Conversations at the Gerontological Society of America’s Annual Meeting 2023. 10 Nov. 2023, Gerontological Society of America, Tampa, FL, USA.

“Interview and Discussion with ‘The Bubble’ Director Valerie Blankenbyl.”

Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Gerontology Film Screening of “The Bubble.” 11 Nov. 2023, Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Gerontology Advisory Panel of the Gerontological Society of America, Tampa, FL, USA.

TRINKAUS, EVA-MARIA AND ANNA-CHRISTINA KAINRADL

“Narrating Intergenerational Legacy: David Attenborough’s ‘A Life on Our Planet.’”

Bucharest 2022, Narratives and Counter-Narratives of Aging and Old Age: Reflexivity in Aging Studies. 28 Sept. 2022, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania, online.

TRINKAUS, EVA-MARIA AND VALERIE KELLER

“Unsichtbarkeit, Vulnerabilität und Affirmativer Widerstand.”

Arbeitstagung Aging Studies und Postkoloniale Theorie. 11 May 2023, University of Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland.

WEGLEITNER, KLAUS

“Caring Communities.”

Jahrestreffen der Österreichischen Pastoraltheologinnen und Pastoraltheologen 2020. 5 March 2021, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Caring Institutions – Sorgende Organisationen Sorgeskultur in und zwischen Organisationen gestalten.” Interprofessioneller Basislehrgang Palliative Care. 20 Oct. 2020, Caritas, Graz, Austria.

“Regionale Sorgeskulturen durch Hospiz und Palliativnetze stärken.” 21. Fachtagung “Leben und Sterben.” 21 Oct. 2020, HAGE – Hessische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Gesundheitsförderung e. V., Hessen, online.

“Welche Erschütterungen und Verrückungen unserer Gesellschaft wurden und werden durch Corona vor unser aller Augen freigelegt?” Kirche ohne Gottesdienst? Corona und die Liturgie. 11 Dec. 2020, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Sorgende Gemeinschaften im Kanton Bern. Modellprojekte in Oberaargau Ost, Langnau & Jegenstorf.” Partizipative Entwicklung von Caring Communities in der Schweiz: Interdisziplinäre Perspektiven. 21 Feb. 2021, Medical Anthropology Society Schweiz, Bern, Switzerland.

“Caring Communities Bewegungen. Gedankenspuren und Einsichten.” Charta Call- Sorgende Gesellschaft. 30 April 2021, Caritasverband der Diözese Rottenburg-Stuttgart e.V., online.

“Care-Kulturen in Communities. Wider die ‘Produktion von Anderen.’” Bildungsgang – Wege aus der Einsamkeit. 14 June 2021, Kardinal König Haus, Vienna, Austria.

“Füreinander Sorge tragen – Nachbarschaftlich, in der Gemeinde.” Aktionstag Demenz. 25 Sep. 2021, Felbach, Austria.

“Füreinander Sorge tragen – Nachbarschaftlich, in der Gemeinde.” 19. Hospizenquete: Pallium – ein löchriger Mantel? 7 Oct. 2021, Landesverband Hospiz Niederösterreich, Mödling, Austria.

“Care-Transformationsbewegungen: Aufbrüche zu gerechten und solidari-schen Lebensweisen.” Auf dem Weg in eine sorgende Gesellschaft? Perspektiven der Interdisziplinären Alterns- und Care-Forschung, im Rahmen von Religion am Donnerstag. 14 Oct. 2021, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Caring Communities – Sorgenetze in der Gemeinde stärken.” Netzwerktreffen Palliative und Community Care – Sorgeskultur(en) in diversen Gesellschaften. 23 Oct. 2021, Institut für Pflegewissenschaft, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria.

“Ein Sonderzug schafft kein gerechtes Sorgesystem. Anfragen an Aktionismus und Zynismus der Politik.” 24h – wir bleiben wach. 19 Nov. 2021, Verein Soliarts & Wortklangwelt, Innsbruck, Austria.

“Learning from Neighbours: Learning from related Movements.” 7th Public Health Palliative Care International Conference. Democratizing Caring, Dying and Grieving: Participation, Action, Understanding and Evaluation. 21 Sept. 2022, Public Health Palliative Care International, End-of-Life Care Research Group University of Gent, Bruges, Belgium.

“Demokratisierung der Sorge am Lebensende! Gedanken zum Transformationsbedarf von Sorgestrukturen und –kulturen.” 11. Wiener Hospiz- und Palliativtag. 28 April 2022, Wiener Hospiz- und Palliativverband, Vienna, Austria.

“Caring Communities: Against the political instrumentalization, privatization and commodification of care? Vienna University of Business and Economics.” International Research Workshop: The Contested Provisioning of Care and Housing: Insights from Karl Polanyi. 5 May 2022, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz and Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria.

“Wir gegen Einsamkeit! Sorgenetze in der Gemeinde stärken – sich gemeinsam auf den Weg zu Caring Communities machen.” Altern mit Zukunft. 29 June 2022, Institut für Gesundheitsprävention und Akzente Voitsberg, Voitsberg, Austria.

“Die Bedeutung des ehrenamtlichen Engagements für eine sorgende Gesellschaft!” Palliativversorgung – Segeln hart am Wind, 30 Sept. 2022, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Palliativmedizin, Bremen, Germany.

“Caring Communities – Sorgende Gemeinschaften im Leben und Sterben.” Alte Menschen und Sorgeskultur. 11 Oct. 2022, Kompetenzzentrum Palliative Geriatrie, Berlin, Germany.

“Wir gegen Einsamkeit! ... sich gemeinsam auf den Weg zu Caring Communities machen.” Bildungsgang Einsamkeit. 17 Nov. 2022, Kardinal König Haus, Vienna, Austria.

“Caring community und Einsamkeit.” Workshop – Einsamkeit und Sozialraum. 2 Dec. 2022, Caritas Austria, online.

“Care und Alter(n) in Zeiten des Kapitalismus: zwischen Kommodifizierung und widerständiger Unverfügbarkeit.” Annäherungen an den Care-Begriff Potentiale und Herausforderungen für die Gender und Aging Studies. 7 Dec. 2022, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Wir unterstützen einander. Wie Netzwerke verbinden und helfen.” Potential und Perspektiven für Pflegenden Angehörige. 1 Feb. 2023, Two Next inclusion – Verein zur Förderung von sozialer, digitaler und finanzieller Inklusion, online.

“Caring Communities für eine sorgende Gesellschaft!? Das Ringen um mehr Care-Gerechtigkeit und ein gutes Leben für alle.” Equal Care Day. 1 March 2023, Internationale Initiative Equal Care, Land Steiermark, Graz, Austria.

“Caring Communities und Gesundheitsförderung für eine sorgende Gesellschaft!?” Caring Communities und Gesundheitsförderung. 2 June 2023, Gesundheitsfonds Steiermark, Graz, Austria.

“Hospizbewegung in einer krisengeschüttelten Gesellschaft.” Praktikerkolloquium. 29 June 2023, Malteser Hilfsdienste e.V., Bergisch Gladbach, Germany.

“Potenzial der Gemeinschaft. Sorgende Gemeinschaft – Caring Communities.” Fachtag “Potenzial LEBEN! Bis zum Ende.” 15 Sept. 2023, Dachverband Hospiz Österreich, Vienna, Austria.

“What can we learn from the caring communities movement in terms of resilient communities and (health) systems?” European Health Forum Gastein – Creating a better future for health in Europe. 28 Sept. 2023, European Health Forum Gastein, Bad Hof Gastein, Austria.

“Caring Communities als Beiträge zum guten Leben?” Sorge dich nicht – und lebel! 12 Oct. 2023, online.

“In Krisen da sein – im Alltag Sorge tragen. Über die Bedeutung und Bedingungen des Ehrenamte.” 14. Kit-Stier:Innen-Fortbildungstag, 14 Oct. 2023, Paldau, Austria.

“Hospizliche Sorgeskultur in Gesellschaft: Mit jungen Menschen die Zukunft gestalten.” 30 Jahre Franziskus Hospiz-Verein Straubing-Bogen eV. 2 Dec. 2023, Straubing Germany.

SEVENICH, ANKE AND **KLAUS WEGLEITNER**

“Diskussion des Films Klabaubermann – Leben bis zum Tod.” Klabaubermann – Leben bis zum Tod. 10 Nov. 2022, Evangelische Akademie Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany.

WEGLEITNER, KLAUS AND ANNA-CHRISTINA KAINRADL

“The Caring Communities approach as a co-creation space for older people with migration biographies? Between Idealization and Chance for the Future.” Age and Care Graz 2023: Aging in a Caring Society? Theories in Conversation. 20 Sept. 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

WEGLEITNER, KLAUS AND CORINNE KÜNG

“Caring Communities. Sorgende Gemeinden/Gemeinschaften im Leben und Sterben.” CAS Palliative Care. 10 March 2023, University of Luzern, Luzern, Switzerland.

WEGLEITNER, KLAUS AND DŽENANA PUPIĆ

“Am Weg zur sorgenden Gemeinde: Wir alle!” Dialogveranstaltung Wir: Füreinander in Weinitzen. 13 March 2023, Styria vitalis, Weinitzen, Austria.

WEGLEITNER, KLAUS, ANDREAS HELLER, AND PATRICK SCHUCHTER

“Caring Communities.” Kirche und Caring Communities. 14 Jan. 2021, Reformierte Kirche Kanton Zürich, Kappel am Albis, Switzerland.

WEGLEITNER, KLAUS AND PATRICK SCHUCHTER

“Care & Corona. Was wir daraus für eine sorgende Gesellschaft lernen könnten.” Montagsakademie. 18 Oct. 2021, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

WEGLEITNER, KLAUS AND PATRICK SCHUCHTER

“Zu jung fürs Thema Sterben?! Junge Menschen für die Zukunft von Hospizkultur in Gesellschaft #interessieren #stärken #beteiligen.” Zu jung fürs Thema Sterben?! 9 Jan. 2023, Kardinal König Haus, Vienna, Austria.

WEGLEITNER, KLAUS AND PATRICK SCHUCHTER

“Sorgeskultur in Organisationen und Gesellschaft.” Fachforum Universität – Gewerkschaft. 24 May 2023, University of Graz and ÖGB, Graz, Austria.

WEGLEITNER, KLAUS AND PATRICK SCHUCHTER

“Caring Communities: Experimental Spaces for Caring Societies? Discussion of a Book Concept: Longing for the Caring Community.” Transformative Change in the Contested Fields of Care and Housing in Europe 6 Dec. 2023, University of Linz, Austria.

WEGLEITNER, KLAUS ANNETTE SPRUNG, ANNA-CHRISTINA KAINRADL, BRIGITTE KUKOVETZ, DŽENANA PUPIĆ, AND ULLA KRIEBERNEGG

“Social participation and care relationships of older adults in an urban housing estate. Interim Results of the Participatory Research Process Caring-Living-Labs Graz.” Transformative Change in the Contested Fields of Care and Housing in Europe. 5 Dec. 2023, University of Linz, Austria.

AULENBACHER, BRIGITTE AND **KLAUS WEGLEITNER**

“The market and community shift in the societal organization of senior care between path dependency and innovation.” The Annual Conference of ESPAnet Europe Social policy change between path dependency and innovation. 16 Sept. 2022, ESPAnet Europe, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria.

ZWANZGER, KATHARINA

“‘Last chapters in the book of life.’ A linguistic analysis of life stories of residents of a nursing home.” Last Chapter: A Late Life Festival. 18 June 2021, University of Bergen, Norway, online.

“The discursive construction of place, time, and identity. Linguistic considerations on the life stories of residents of an Irish nursing home.” Space, Place and Design in the Medical and Health Humanities. 25 June 2021, CHCI Medical and Health Humanities Network, Odense, Denmark, online.

■ Poster Presentations

KAINRADL, ANNA-CHRISTINA

“Autonomie, Gerechtigkeit und ältere Migrant:innen. Perspektiven der Altersforschung für eine intersektionale Ethik-Analyse.” Symposium Genderforschung@Uni Graz. 2023, Koordinationsstelle für Geschlechterstudien und Gleichstellung, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

KARADKAR, UNMIL

AND WALTER STRUHAL, AND MAGDALENA SKORIC KRBOT

“Research Data Use, Training, Publishing: A Survey of RRFS Members.” 8th Congress of the European Academy of Neurology – Europe 2022. 27 June 2022, European Academy of Neurology, Vienna, Austria.

PUPIĆ, DŽENANA

“Elder Abuse and Gender-Based Violence: Insights from a Novel Way to Measure Violence.” Symposium Genderforschung@Uni Graz. 2023, Koordinationsstelle für Geschlechterstudien und Gleichstellung, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

“Measuring Elder Abuse and Gender-Based Violence: What Does Violence Severity Got to Do with it?” Age and Care Graz 2023: Aging in a Caring Society? Theories in Conversation. 20–22 Sept. 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

ROKVITY, ALEKSZANDRA

“Endometriosis and Menopause: The Missing Stories.” Age and Care Graz 2023: Aging in a Caring Society? Theories in Conversation. 20–22 Sept. 2023, CIRAC, University of Graz, Austria.

SCHUCHTER, PATRICK, KLAUS WEGLEITNER

WITH BERNARDETTE GRÖBE, AND DIRK BLÜMKE

“‘Dass ich mit kleinem Aufwand viel bei anderen Menschen bewirken kann’ – Motivationen und Bedingungen für neue Wege des Engagements junger Menschen in der Hospizarbeit.” 13. DGP Kongress – Kontroversen am Lebensende. 2020, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Palliativmedizin, online.

SCHWEIGLER, STEFAN

“Sorge als queere Medienpraxis.” Symposium Genderforschung@Uni Graz. 2023, Koordinationsstelle für Geschlechterstudien und Gleichstellung, University of Graz, Graz, Austria.

TRINKAUS, EVA-MARIA

“Narrative Imagination: Dismantling Old Age through the Literary Foodscape in Lore Segal’s ‘The Arbus Factor.’” Disruption to Transformation: Aging in the “New Normal.” 2021, Gerontological Society of America, USA.

“Literary Foodscapes: Looking at Diverse Representations of Old Age in Lore Segal’s Fiction through the Lens of Food.” ARIT Austrian Research and Innovation Talk. 2022, OSTA Office of Science and Technology Austria Washington DC, Chicago, IL, USA.

ZWANZGER, KATHARINA

“Angst vor dem Altersheim? Wie Altersbilder unsere Vorstellungen vom institutionellen Leben beeinflussen: Eine sprachwissenschaftliche Analyse der Erzählungen von BewohnerInnen eines irischen Altersheims.” Tag der GEWI 2021. 11 Nov. 2021, University of Graz, Graz, Austria

■ Guest Professors

Prof. em. Dr. Stephen Katz

TRENT CENTRE FOR AGING AND SOCIETY (TCAS), UNIVERSITY OF TRENT,
CANADA

Summer Semester 2021, doctoral seminar: “Foundations in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies”

Summer Semester 2023, doctoral seminar: “Foundations in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies”

Prof. Dr. Thomas Klie

UNIVERSITY OF ROSTOCK, GERMANY

Winter Semester 2021/22, colloquium for PhD students: “Who Cares About Aging?” (On the Way to a Caring Society – Interdisciplinary Perspectives)



Prof. Dr. Stephen Katz

■ CIRAC Teaching Related to Age(-ing) and Care

Ulla Kriebner

WINTER SEMESTER 2020/21

- Multi-Disciplinary Gender Studies (DQ for Members of the PhD Program)
- Interdisciplinary Age and Care Research (Aktuelle Themen und Konzepte der Alterns- und Sorge- (Care-) Forschung (DQ))

SUMMER SEMESTER 2020/21

- Cultural Studies Seminar (Narratives of Aging and Care in Contemporary Canadian Literature and Culture) (SE)
- Multi-Disciplinary Gender Studies (DQ for Members of the PhD Program)
- Foundations in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies (SE)

WINTER SEMESTER 2021/22

- Multi-Disciplinary Gender Studies (DQ for Members of the PhD Program)
- Organisational Culture of Caring – Requirements of “Caring Institutions” (LP)
- Specialized Topics in Anglophone Literary Studies (“Not Much Time Left? Aging in a Time of Climate Crisis in North American Dystopias”) (SE)
- Master Research Seminar (Aging Studies and Current Theories of American Studies) (SE)
- “Who Cares About Aging?” (On the Way to a Caring Society – Interdisciplinary Perspectives) (DQ)

SUMMER SEMESTER 2021/22

- Topics in Anglophone Literary Studies (“Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant? Growing Old in Graphic Novels”) (PS)
- Multi-Disciplinary Gender Studies (DQ for Members of the PhD Program)
- Specialized Topics in Cultural Studies (Get Well Soon! Illness Narratives in American Literature and Culture) (SE)

Abbreviations:

DQ - Doctoral Colloquium
SE - Seminar
LP - Lecture/Practical
PS - Proseminar

VO - Lecture
PV - Tutorial for postgraduates
KS - Course

WINTER SEMESTER 2022/23

- Cultural Studies Seminar (Age, Gender and Care in American Culture) (SE)
- Multi-Disciplinary Gender Studies (DQ for Members of the PhD Program)
- Master Research Seminar (Aging Studies and Current Theories of American Studies) (SE)

SUMMER SEMESTER 2022/23

- Literary Studies Seminar (What the Doctor Said: Literature and Medicine) (SE)
- Multi-Disciplinary Gender Studies (DQ for Members of the PhD-Program)
- Cultural Studies Lecture (Aging in America) (VO)
- Specialized Topics in Cultural Studies (Dementia in US American and Canadian Culture) (SE)
- The Hospice Idea – Challenges and Opportunities for Contemporary Society (VO)
- Foundations in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies (SE)

WINTER SEMESTER 2023/2024

- Cultural Studies Seminar (Illness Pathographies: Medical and Health Humanities in American Studies) (SE)
- Specialized Topics in Anglophone Literary Studies (Care Home Stories: Aging, Disability, and Long-Term Care in North American Literature) (SE)
- Cultural Studies Vorlesung (Foundations in Cultural Aging and Care Studies) (VO)

Klaus Wegleitner

WINTER SEMESTER 2020/21

- Culture of Dying – Ethical Challenges at the End of Life (SE)
- Interdisciplinary Age and Care Research (Aktuelle Themen und Konzepte der Alterns- und Sorge- (Care-) Forschung) (DQ)

SUMMER SEMESTER 2020/21

- Tutorial for Postgraduates (Applied Ethics) (PV)
- Organisational Culture of Caring – Requirements of “Caring Institutions” (LP)

WINTER SEMESTER 2021/22

- Organisational Culture of Caring – Requirements of “Caring Institutions” (LP)
- Culture of Dying – Ethical Challenges at the End of Life (SE)
- “Who Cares About Aging?” (On the Way to a Caring Society – Interdisciplinary Perspectives) (DQ)

SUMMER SEMESTER 2021/22

- Ethics of Care and Care Policy (SE)

WINTER SEMESTER 2022/23

- Culture of Dying – Ethical Challenges at the End of Life (SE)

SUMMER SEMSTER 2022/23

- Ethics of Care and Care Policy (SE)
- Organisational Culture of Caring – Requirements of “Caring Institutions” (VU)
- The Hospice Idea – Challenges and Opportunities for Contemporary Society (VO)

WINTER SEMESTER 2023/2024

- Culture of Dying – Ethical Challenges at the End of Life (SE)

Anna-Christina Kainradl

SUMMER SEMSTER 2022/23

- Ethics of Care and Care Policy (SE)

Unmil Karadkar

SUMMER SEMESTER 2022/23

- Aging in Data (KS)

Patrick Schuchter

SUMMER SEMESTER 2021/22

- Ethics of Care and Care Policy (SE)
- Organizational Ethics and Public Health (LP)

■ CIRAC Teaching in Other Universities and Organizations

Ulla Kribernegg

- Aging – Interdisciplinary Aspects (VO, Medical University of Graz) (since 2020)
- Embracing Multiprofessional Clinical Collaborative Practice – Geriatric Medicine for Everyday Clinical Practice (Seminar with Practice, Medical University of Graz) (since 2020)

Klaus Wegleitner

- International Course Caring Communities (2022–2023)
- Interprofessional Palliative Care Basic Course (2023/24, Paracelsus Medical University, Salzburg)
- CAS Palliative Care, University of Luzern, Switzerland)

Anna-Christina Kainradl

- Ethics (SE, Medical University of Graz)

11 PhD Projects and Dissertations

PhD Dissertations

Teresa Hartinger

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRIAN LITERATURE ON AGE/ING

This dissertation project focuses on contemporary works of the Austrian literary landscape with regard to their representation of age/ing. In the course of this, a critical examination of age stereotypes will be carried out in order to provide a new perspective on old age.

Keywords: literature, Austria, age/ing, stereotypes

Supervisors: **Ulla Kriebner** and Anne-Kathrin Reulecke (Department of German Studies, Uni Graz)

Anna-Christina Kainradl

INTERSECTIONAL DISCRIMINATION OF OLDER MIGRANTS IN THE AUSTRIAN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM – AN ETHICAL ANALYSIS OF DIMENSIONS OF JUSTICE

In her dissertation project Anna-Christina Kainradl analyzes Austrian migrants in Graz and how they experience health and develop health literacy in the context of the Austrian healthcare system. She analyzes ethical theories against the backdrop of discrimination of old migrants within the Austrian healthcare system.

Keywords: Ethics, care, aging and migration, medical ethics, health literacy, dementia

Supervisors: **Klaus Wegleitner** and Walter Schaupp (Department of Moral Theology, Uni Graz)

Christian Perwein

TRANSHUMANISM AND CLASS IN 21ST CENTURY LITERATURE AND FILM

The dissertation concerns itself with depictions of transhumanist developments in contemporary works of literature and film. A closer look at how technological progress that radically alters the human condition is shown to impact fictional societies and individuals is then contrasted with the philosophies of actual “transhumanists.” Special consideration is given to issues of class that arise in such circumstances by using Marxist and Post-Marxist readings of the texts. Ultimately, questions of media and perception, aging, and economics shall be asked under these circumstances to add to discussions about possible human futures.

Keywords: Transhumanism, Marxism, Aging Studies, Science Fiction

Supervisors: **Ulla Kriebner** and Maria Löschnigg (Department of English Studies, Uni Graz)

Stefanie Rieger

ON TRUST IN DYING – THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TRUST FOR PHILOSOPHICAL PRACTICE IN EXISTENTIAL CRISES

In the context of existential crises, philosophy finds a meaningful application in the form of philosophical practice. However, this is only the case if a relationship of trust is established between the practitioner and the person affected. The philosophical examination of this thesis in my dissertation is intended to provide information on the conditions, limits and possibilities of philosophical practice.

Keywords: philosophy, philosophical practice, trust, dying, death, grief, existence

Supervisors: Sonja Rinofner (Department of Philosophy, Uni Graz) and **Patrick Schuchter**

Alekszandra Rokvity

THE INVISIBLE ILLNESS: ENDOMETRIOSIS AS A CASE STUDY OF THE SOCIAL DISCOURSE SURROUNDING MENSTRUATION

Approaching endometriosis from a health humanities perspective, this dissertation illustrates the influence of gender bias and cultural myths on the healthcare people suffering from endometriosis receive. Looking at patient narratives and comparing them to mainstream medical discourse, the work explores the connections between gender, age, and the stigma surrounding menstruation in terms of how endometriosis is being treated within the healthcare system.

Keywords: health humanities, endometriosis, gender, culture, menstruation

Supervisor: **Ulla Krieberegg**

Eva-Maria Trinkaus

EXPERIENCING LIFE THROUGH FICTION: LORE SEGAL'S LITERARY FOODSCAPES FROM CHILDHOOD TO OLD AGE

The way food is shaping and creating spaces that express personal aspects of the authors' and characters' lives, at a certain point in time and throughout the life course, allows insight into an individual's experience. This dissertation focuses on a selection of Lore Segal's fiction through the lens of Aging Studies, with a specific focus on the Holocaust.

Keywords: Foodscape, intergenerationality, literature, America, age

Supervisors: **Ulla Krieberegg** and Nils Roemer (Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, University of Texas at Dallas, USA)

Katharina Zwanzger

THE DISCURSIVE CONSTRUCTION OF AGING IDENTITIES: A THEMATIC AND TEXTUAL ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL NARRATIVES IN AND OUTSIDE THE NURSING HOME

In her dissertation project, Katharina Zwanzger provides a critical discourse analysis of a nursing home setting and analyses qualitative interviews conducted in an Irish nursing home. The focus of her work lies on the discursive construction of age(ing) and the life course.

Keywords: Applied Linguistics, Critical Discourse Analysis, Qualitative Research, Interdisciplinary Ageing Studies

Supervisors: **Ulla Krieberegg** and Margit Reitbauer (Department of English Studies, Uni Graz)

Dr. Katharina Zwanzger

17 September 2021

Dissertation: The Discursive Construction of Aging Identities: A Thematic and Textual Analysis of Personal Narratives in and outside the Nursing Home

Prof. Dr. Margit Reitbauer (Department of English Studies, University of Graz)
Supervisor

Prof. Dr. Ulla Kriebnegg (Center for Interdisciplinary research on Aging and Care, University of Graz)
2nd Reader

ABSTRACT

Aging constitutes a highly complex process that affects everyone on the most personal and existential level. At the same time, it is highly relevant on a social, political, economic, and global level. Existing discourses on aging that either frame it within the “active,” “successful,” and “productive aging” paradigm or in “alarm-

ist” terms such as catastrophic demographic changes are simplistic, limiting, and often discriminating. This dissertation proposes more nuanced approaches to research on aging that endorse ambivalence, an acknowledgment of vulnerability throughout life, and continuing opportunities for personal growth. By inquiring into the ways in which residents of a nursing home talk about different life stages as well as the move to and their lives in the nursing home, and by exploring their thoughts on what it means to grow older, this paper provides profound insights into the ‘inside of aging’ (cf. Katz 2020: 2). It investigates the discursive construction of aging identities by means of thematic and textual analyses of personal narratives of residents of a nursing home in the East of Ireland and challenges existing discourses on the nursing home, which often fuel stigma, provide a prolific basis for the social exclusion of residents, and create apprehension and fear of life in an institutional care home. By listening to and analysing the personal narratives told by individuals who actually experience life in a nursing home, this paper demonstrates that aspects of vulnerability are manifested in various stages of life and do not only pertain to the end-of-life or life in the nursing home. Moreover, the residents’ accounts clearly show that the nursing home is much more than an institution – it is a home to many and a place where relationships can develop and flourish. Overall, taking into consideration individual experiences of aging contributes to a more comprehensive, holistic, and humane understanding of the life-long process of growing older.



Dr. Eva-Maria Trinkaus

15 February 2022

Doctoral Dissertation: Experiencing Life Through Fiction: Lore Segal's Literary Foodscapes from Childhood to Old Age

Prof. Dr. Ulla Kriebner (Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care, University of Graz)
Supervisor

Prof. Dr. Nils Roemer (Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, UT Dallas, USA)
2nd Reader

ABSTRACT

The interdisciplinary field of food studies has gained importance in recent years. However, the spatial aspects created through food, and their link to aging and the Holocaust are an under-researched area within literary studies. The way food is shaping and creating spaces that express personal aspects of the authors' and characters' lives, at a certain point in time and throughout the life course, allows insight into an individual's experience. This dissertation will focus on a selection of Lore Segal's fiction through the lens of Aging Studies, with a specific focus on the Holocaust. As this thesis shows, food is more than a simple sustenance, and a foodscape in literature is more than the spatial backdrop of a story. I am outlining Lore Segal's life and writing, focusing on her personal history. Segal's life is "emplotted" and "storied" in the narratives of her own experience. Food and the localities surround-

ing it are the characters' means of adjusting in a new community and play a significant role in the formation of new bonds and relationships for the female immigrants, as well as the characters who have finally found a "home" in old age. The literary foodscape in her life course narrative, thus, creates three different "stages" that this thesis focuses on. The first is her childhood in the context of the Kindertransport, as a Jewish refugee from the Holocaust. The second is her searching for a comfortable place in the United States as an immigrant, which is expressed through friendships and relationships. The third stage of Segal's narratives is represented in her finally finding her place, through lasting friendships and relationships, and comfortable places to dwell in.



Dr. Christian Perwein

24 October 2022

Doctoral Dissertation: Human Ascension and Its Perils – Transhumanism and Class in 21st Century Literature and Film

Prof. Dr. Ulla Kriebner (Center for Interdisciplinary research on Aging and Care, University of Graz)
Supervisor

Prof. Dr. Maria Loesch (Department of English Studies, University of Graz)
2nd Reader

ABSTRACT

The aspiration to ascend to ever higher planes of existence, whether as individuals or as a species, has been present in art and culture since the tales of Gilgamesh. What has changed are the methods and the margins to achieve such mythical feats. Whereas history is full of alchemist and magi that sought to create artificial life, achieve immortality, or

shape their bodies and environment according to their wishes, modernity has brought forward a field of like-minded people that seek to achieve such age-old dreams through science: transhumanists. This dissertation will take the contemporary transhuman movement, and other research that fits into its paradigms of upgrading the human via technology, and contextualize it with literary and filmic representations of it. Doing so illuminates both commonalities and discrepancies in the respective visions of human futures. Due to the broad scope of this endeavor, three distinct lenses were chosen to view transhumanism through. First, a Marxist reading of texts and capitalist critiques are applied, serving as a guiding principle to connect the different areas and ask what role technologies can have regarding class structures. Second, issues of age and aging are critically analyzed, informed by aging studies approaches, to illuminate the often problematic views transhumanism holds about the aging process and the subversion of those in literature and film. Lastly, theories on media and communication, based on the writings of Marshall McLuhan, are applied to examine the possible effects transhuman developments in these areas might have and how texts imagine such scenarios. Using these methods shows that human ascension is quite clearly depicted as a tool to further the divide between already existing socio-political classes and strata that are then even more difficult to overcome than existing ones based on the primary texts observed.



Dr. Stefan Schweigler

13 November 2023

Doctoral Dissertation: From Homemaking to Worldbuilding. Me- dia Practices of Care in LGBTIQA+ Communities of the 2010s

Prof. Dr. Andrea Seier (University of Vienna,
Free University of Berlin)

Supervisor

Prof. Dr. Julia Bee (University of Siegen)

2nd reader

Prof. Dr. Nanna Heidenreich (University of
Applied Arts Vienna)

3rd Reader

ABSTRACT

This dissertation investigates select (audio) visual media practices (such as film, television, photography and art) situated in the context of LGBTIQA+ communities from a perspective of Media Cultural Studies. All of the selected practices focus on motives of the home and the private, and they address negative affects (shame, etc.). Using theories from the field of care-ethics, I suggest that these media phenomena can be identified and analyzed as practices of care. The selection of examples is not narrowed down geographically, but instead specifically inquiring into possible interrelations of phenomena of the Global North and South. The period investigated roughly comprises the 2010s. This temporal and spatial framework is based on the assumption that broadened and overlapping digitalized cultures have become sig-

nificantly interconnected approximately since the second decade of the 21st century. This yields transculturally comparable practices of production, reception and participation within diverse groups of queer and trans media actants, aesthetics and infrastructures. Over the same period of time, many scholars have critically observed late-capitalist forms of social inequality and neoliberal de-solidarization. By addressing homonormativity, increasing precariousness, as well as the lack of support structures for multiply discriminated queer and trans subjects, the media practices investigated in this study become part of this critique. My research questions include the following: Which changing understanding of transgression and the critique of domination emerges with these media phenomena? What happens if resistance and protest are not in direct contact with the 'public' sphere and/or with so-called strong affects (such as pride and outrage)? Which function do concepts of care take on in these media practices? In this thesis, I argue that the observed turn towards the domestic and towards negative affects in the context of LGBTIQA+ media practices takes place in a feminist tradition of the politicization of the private, and marks a stark opposition against neoliberal developments. Therefore, transgression is made politically productive within dispositions and modalities of vulnerability (Judith Butler) and discomfort (Sara Ahmed), and is implemented through care-ethical (Joan Tronto) tactics and strategies of queer worldbuilding (Lauren Berlant).



Promotion to Full Professor

Ulla Kriebner

01 December 2022

CIRAC Director Ulla Kriebner was promoted to Full Professor in Cultural Aging and Care Studies at the University of Graz in December 2022. Her inaugural lecture, titled “An Old Man is Always a King Lear: Dementia and Vulnerability from the Perspectives of Health Humanities,” laid out her research topics and interests for the upcoming years. The lecture was hosted by the Faculty of Humanities in the event series “Im Doppelpack” on 26 June 2023 at the Meerscheinschlössl of the University of Graz.



13 Promotion, Awards, and Nominations

■ Awards

Ulla Kriebner

AGECAP, CENTRE FOR AGEING AND HEALTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN, 2022

Honorary Fellow

Ulla Kriebner

UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ, 2021

Seraphine Puchleitner Recognition Award for Excellent Teaching and Supervising Doctoral Students

Ulla Kriebner

TRENT UNIVERSITY, CANADA, 2020

Fellow, Trent Centre for Aging and Society Fellow

Eva-Maria Trinkaus

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS, USA, 2021

Marietta Blau Scholar, Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies

Klaus Wegleitner and Patrick Schuchter

GRAZ, 2020

Teaching Award 2020 – Recognition Award for Teaching in Summer Semester 2020

Klaus Wegleitner and Patrick Schuchter

with Bernardette Gröbe and Dirk Blümke

GERMAN SOCIETY FOR PALLIATIVE MEDICINE, 2020

1st Poster prize of the Jury at the 13th Congress of the German Society for Palliative Medicine



Ulla Kriebner being made an Honorary Fellow at AgeCap

■ Nominations

Ulla Kriebner

ARQUS EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE

Nomination for the ARQUS research-based teaching award 2022

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UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ, 2021

Nomination for the Ars Docendi State Prize 2021 for category 4 “Distance learning methods and their sustainable use”

14 Relevant Positions within the Academic Community and Editorial Activity

Relevant Positions

Ulla Kriebner

MEMBER OF ACADEMIC BODIES

Since 2023	Academic Advisory Board European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) Member
Since 2023	Member of the Senior Advisory Board of the City of Graz Advisory Council
Since 2023	Advisory Board of "MemorAI Styria" (Zukunftsfonds) Advisory Council
Since 2023	AAL Zentrum Esther – Grazer Geriatriische Zentren Advisory Council
Since 2021	Albert Schweitzer Institute for Geriatrics and Gerontology (GGZ) Advisory Council
Since 2020	Caring Communities – Austrian Red Cross Advisory Council
Since 2019	Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG) Founding Chair
Since 2019	International Advisory Board Member, AgeCap - Centre for Aging and Health, University of Gothenburg, Sweden Executive Committee
Since 2016	Associate Researcher with Aging + Communication + Technology (ACT) Member
Since 2016	Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Humanities, Arts & Cultural Gerontology Committee Member
Since 2011	National Women's Studies Association: Aging and Ageism Caucus (NWSA) (USA) Member
Since 2010	Center for Canadian Studies (Austria) Executive Committee
2017–2023	Evidence & Imagination PhD Platform Advisory Council
2019–2022	European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) Vice President
2015–2022	North American Network in Aging Studies (NANAS) Executive Committee Member

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY (SERIES, JOURNAL)

Since 2023	Zeitschrift für Gerontologie und Geriatrie (ZGG) (Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics) Scientific Advisory Board
Since 2021	Bloomsbury Studies in the Humanities, Ageing and Later Life. Bloomsbury Advisory Board Member
Since 2021	The Gerontologist Associate Editor
Since 2014	Journal of Aging Studies Member Editorial Board
Since 2014	Age, Culture, Humanities Member Editorial Board
Since 2013	Postgraduate Journal Women, Ageing and Media Member Editorial Board
Since 2013	The Gerontologist Reviewer/Referee
Since 2012	Aging Studies. transcript Co-Editor
Since 2011	PostModernism(e): Revista de cultura, arta si stiinta Member Editorial Board
2019–2021	The Gerontologist Member Editorial Board

OTHER POSITIONS

Since 2023	Medical Humanities Research Center, University of Innsbruck Associate Member
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Klaus Wegleitner

MEMBER OF ACADEMIC BODIES

Since 2023	Care Untergruppe Care im Wissenschaftsnetz Diskurs Member
Since 2022	Advisory Board of Malteser Hilfe e.V. – Hospice Work, Palliative Care, and Grief Support (Germany) Chair
Since 2022	Scientific Advisory Board of the Competence Center for Everyday Eco- nomics – Public Infrastructures, Public Services, and Local Supplies Advisory Council
Since 2020	Scientific Management Team – University Course Palliative Care, PMU Salzburg Executive committee
Since 2019	Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG) Executive committee
Since 2016	Sorgenetz – Association for the Promotion of Social Care Culture Chair
2021	Scientific Board for the 7 th International Public Health Palliative Care Con- ference in Bruges (Belgium) Member

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY (JOURNAL)

Since 2019	Palliative Care and Social Practice Member editorial board
Since 2019	International Journal of Health Policy and Management Reviewer/Referee
Since 2019	Disputatio philosophica - International Journal on Philosophy and Religion Reviewer/Referee
Since 2019	Ethics in Medicine Journal Reviewer/Referee

OTHER POSITIONS

Since 2019	Austrian Society for Public Health (ÖGHP) Member
Since 2019	European Public Health Association (EUPH) Member
Since 2019	Austrian Society for Sociology (ÖGS) Member
Since 2017	Public Health Palliative Care International Member

Teresa Hartinger

MEMBER OF ACADEMIC BODIES

Since 2022	European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) Member
Since 2021	Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG) Member

Anna-Christina Kainradl

MEMBER OF ACADEMIC BODIES

Since 2023	Working Group "Feminist Perspectives in Medicine and Bioethics" in the Academy for Ethics in Medicine (AEM) Member
Since 2023	Working Group "Aging and Ethics" in the Academy for Ethics and Medicine (AEM) Member
Since 2022	European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) Advisory Board Student Representative
Since 2019	European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) Member
Since 2019	Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG) Member

Unmil Karadkar

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY (JOURNAL)

Since 2022	ACM Journal on Responsible Computing Member – editorial board
Since 2014	International Journal on Digital Libraries Member - editorial board

OTHER POSITION

Since 2021	Data Governance Lead, Aging in Data Project, Canada
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Urša Marinšek

MEMBER OF ACADEMIC BODIES

Since 2022	European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) Member
Since 2020	Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG) Member
Since 2018	The Association of Canadian Studies in the German-speaking Countries (GKS) Member

Patrick Schuchter

MEMBER OF ACADEMIC BODIES

Since 2020	Age and Care Research Group Graz (ACRGG) Member
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Alekszandra Rokvity

MEMBER OF ACADEMIC BODIES

Since 2023	European Network in Aging Studies Member
Since 2023	European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology Member
Since 2022	Social SciEnces Endometriosis Network Member
Since 2022	Age and Care Research Group Graz Member
Since 2022	German Network for Narrative Medicine Member

Eva-Maria Trinkaus

MEMBER OF ACADEMIC BODIES

Since 2019	European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) Executive Board Member Advisory Council
Since 2017	Austrian Association for American Studies (AAAS) Member
Since 2015	European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS) Member
2022–2026	Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Career Conversations Work Group Member

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY (JOURNAL)

Since 2023	The Gerontologist Reviewer/Referee
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OTHER POSITIONS

Since 2018	Gerontological Society of America Member
Since 2016	FAmE Network, University of Graz, Austria Member

Trent Centre for Aging and Society (TCAS)



In August 2021, a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed between the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care (CIRAC) and the Trent Centre for Aging and Society (TCAS). The main aim of the Memorandum is to strengthen the collaboration between the two centers in terms of research, international exchange, inter-university cooperation, and other opportunities. This MoU honors the long-standing academic exchange and collaboration between researchers of both universities (**Prof. Dr. Krieberegg** was named a TCAS Fellow in 2020).



L-R: Prof. Dr. Mark Skinner and Prof. Dr. Ulla Krieberegg at TCAS in 2023



L-R: Prof. Dr. Ulla Krieberegg, Prof. Dr. Mark Skinner, Prof. Dr. Sally Chivers, and Prof. Dr. Suzanne Bailey

Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY, CANADA

The partnership between CIRAC and Gilbrea Centre will enable future exchange and collaboration of researchers between the centers. The Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging "is an interdisciplinary research hub that is dedicated to address issues of aging through collaborative and policy relevant research."



European Network in Aging Studies (ENAS)



Part of the ENAS Executive Board 2022–2024
L–R: Dr. Eva-Maria Trinkaus, Prof. Dr. Julia Henderson (NANASChair), Prof. Dr. Maricel Oró Piqueras, and Dr. Linda Hess

CIRAC MEMBERS ON THE ENAS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ulla Kribernegg
Deputy Chair

Eva-Maria Trinkaus
Treasurer

(mandate: 2019–2022)

North American Network in Aging Studies (NANAS)

CIRAC members cooperate with NANAS, co-organize events, conferences, and symposia.



AgeCap Centre for Aging and Health

UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

Berufsverband für Philosophische Praxis BV-PP



ACHTSAMER 8.



Deutsches Netzwerk für Narrative Medizin

GERMAN NETWORK FOR NARRATIVE MEDICINE

Friedensbüro Graz



The Gerontological Society of America (GSA)



International Association for Philosophical Practice



Kardinal König Haus Vienna



Krankenhaus der Elisabethinen Graz GmbH



Migrant:innenbeirat der Stadt Graz



ISEK – Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies



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