



Call for contributions for an upcoming special issue:

INTERSECTIONALITY MATTERS – AGE, CARE, POWER RELATIONS

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This issue's contributions aspire to enhance our understanding of the complexities surrounding aging in the context of a caring society. Age(ing) and care(ing) are constantly materialized, culturally shaped and reshaped, unequally distributed, and generally invisible. Offering diverse approaches to how social and political identity categories intersect, these contributions aim to unravel the intricate dynamics of power relations embedded in the aging process within a caring society. The increasing interest in intersectional research has not yet reached the point of fundamentally affecting how societies think of age(ing) and care(ing). Therefore, this special issue's activist agenda is intentional. It has the potential of affecting social and governmental structures by suggesting alternate perspectives on age(ing) and care(ing) by fostering minoritarian and heterodox theories that transcend disciplinary boundaries. The aim of this issue is to create a space where theories, ideas, and perspectives related to aging and care are brought into conversation by incorporating intersectional and interdisciplinary points of view.

Examples of topics might include but are not limited to the following questions:

What do intersectional perspectives mean for a better understanding of the narratives of age(ing) and care(ing)? What are the potentials that thinking age(ing) and care(ing) as both intra-active as well as inter-acting harbors when brought together with powerful notions such as gender, class, migration, queerness, illness, dis/agility, race, ethnicity, fatness, religion, etc.? Which new epistemological viewpoints could be implemented into this critical and formative research?

We encourage intersectional perspectives addressing:

- Narratives and representations of old age, aging, care, and caring
- Age(ing), care(ing) and their cultural (con)texts and discourses
- Theoretical entanglements in the field of age(ing) and care(ing) with feminism, queer ecology, posthumanism, post/decolonialism, anthropocentrism, and others
- Social structures, practices, and lived realities of age(ing) and care(ing)
- Social, political, economic, and ethical perspectives of ag(ing) and care(ing)
- End-of-life care
- Futurities of age(ing) and care(ing)
- Age(ing) and care(ing) in media and the arts
- Scholarly discourses of age and care activism

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