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The D.I.S.C.O.P.M.B. Webinar series aims to:



- provide a space to discuss current issues in research and practice of diversity-sensitive care for older people with migrant background and their families in Europe
- bring together different stakeholders (educators, policy makers, practitioners, researchers, students, members of the public) interested in diversity-sensitive care

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Marco Canevelli, *Sapienza University, Italian National Institute of Health, Karolinska Institutet*

Caring for older migrants with dementia in Belgium

Saloua Berdai Chaouni, *Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Karel de Grote University College*



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Transcultural Nursing in Belgium and Beyond: The Importance of Skilled Professionals

Sandra Tricas-Sauras, *Université Libre Brussels*

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Palle Storm, *Stockholm University*



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COLLABORATION WITH INFORMAL CARERS OF OLDER MIGRANTS

Family caregiving for older immigrants: experiences from care receivers and care providers

Patricia Yocie Hierofani and Micheline van Riemsdijk, *Uppsala University*

Are care networks (re)producing inequalities? An intersectional exploration

Rieke van Dijk, *University of Applied Sciences Amsterdam*



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Speakers



Hakki Demirkapu

Hakki Demirkapu is a researcher at Vrije Universiteit Brussel's Department of Family Medicine and Chronic Care and founder of Medisina medical clinics in Brussels, where he practices as a GP and tutor trainee. He also serves as a coordinating and advising physician at Belgium's first culturally sensitive nursing home. His PhD research focuses on advance care planning for Turkish and Moroccan communities in Belgium. He specializes in person-centered care, lectures on migrant health, and holds positions on various health and education boards.



Hanna Carlsson

Hanna Carlsson is Assistant professor of Public Administration. Her work focuses on how long term care provision can become more inclusive of people with migration backgrounds.



Emina Hadziabdic

Emina Hadziabdic is an Associate Professor at the Department of Health and Caring Sciences at Linnaeus University, Sweden and an Associate Researcher at Uppsala University, Sweden. She has a background in migration and health research, with a particular focus on cultural awareness and the use of interpreters in healthcare. Her work contributes to promoting a more inclusive and effective healthcare environment

**Meri Kulmala**

PhD in Sociology, docent in Social and Public Policy (University of Eastern Finland) and in Russian and Eurasian Studies (University of Helsinki) works as the research director at the Faculty of Social Sciences of University of Helsinki. Among other duties, she leads the Helsinki Inequality Initiative (INEQ), a multidisciplinary research network in inequality studies. She has led several participatory research projects on welfare related questions in the context of various minoritized and marginalized communities.

**Marco Canevelli**

I am currently an Assistant Professor of Neurology at the Department of Human Neuroscience, Sapienza University of Rome, a Researcher at the Italian National Institute of Health, and a Visiting Assistant Professor at the Aging Research Center, Karolinska Institutet. I am the principal investigator of the "Dementia in immigrants and ethnic minorities living in Italy: clinical-epidemiological aspects and public health perspectives" (ImmiDem) project.

My main research interests deal with the epidemiology of cognitive disorders, frailty in dementia and other neurological diseases, and dementia in migrants.

**Saloua Berdai Chaouni**

Saloua Berdai Chaouni is a postdoctoral researcher at the Society and Ageing Research Lab at Vrije Universiteit Brussels and a senior researcher and lecturer at Karel de Grote University College. Recognized as a pioneer in addressing issues related to older migrants in Belgium, she has developed several innovative approaches and led various DEI initiatives to promote inclusive care and a more equitable society for racialized (older) persons. Her current research focuses on older migrants, inclusive aging, dementia care, and the decoloniality of care and research.

**Sandra Tricas-Sauras**

Sandra Tricas-Sauras is a Professor at the Free University of Brussels (Belgium) where she holds a Chair in Health Promotion and Psychosocial aspects of Health. She is a graduate of the University of Navarra (Spain) and the University of Edinburgh (Scotland). She has a strong interest in the fields of Psychosocial health, Alcohol Policy, Tobacco Control, and Addictions. Prof. Tricas-Sauras is dedicated to advancing public health through comprehensive and culturally sensitive methods. Her work also emphasizes the integration of transcultural care principles to address diverse population needs effectively.

**Palle Storm**

Is a senior lecturer at Stockholm University in the Department of Social Work. He has a Degree of Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Degree of Master and PhD in Social Work. His research is focused on gender, ethnicity and racialization in elder care settings.

**Patricia Yocie Hierofani**

is project leader for "Aging in a foreign country" (financed by the Forte, grant nr. 2020-01555). Working conditions of female migrant workers, informal care, and family care among older immigrants are among the topics of her research.

**Micheline van Riemsdijk**

is a Professor in Human Geography at Uppsala University. Her research focuses on highly skilled migration, older immigrants, migration governance, and questions of integration, belonging and inclusion.

**Rieke van Dijk**

is an occupational therapist and PhD candidate in the field of informal care and diversity. She is a lecturer at the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy and the European Master of Science Occupational Therapy at the Faculty of Health, Sports and Movement of the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences. Rieke van Dijk specializes in a wide range of research methodologies for qualitative research and participatory action research.



Presentations

9 OCTOBER 2024 | MIGRANTS FACING BARRIERS IN ACCESSING HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE

Overcoming barriers to health and long-term care for older migrants: Strategies for culturally sensitive care

● *Hakki Demirkapu*

This presentation will explore the key barriers that older migrants face in accessing health and long-term care, including limited health literacy, language barriers, cultural sensitivities, and religious beliefs. Through case examples and practical tips, participants will gain insights into addressing these challenges effectively. Additionally, we will share insights from Belgium's nursing home which implements a culturally sensitive care model.

Building trust in context of superdiversity: best practices from home care organisations in the Netherlands

● *Hanna Carlsson*

This presentation discusses what care workers can do to build trust with people from diverse backgrounds, and how organisations facilitate these practices. Some older people with migration backgrounds have low trust in care professionals. Research shows that one way to build trust is to meet needs that are important to clients' needs, even if those needs do not fit the care package. In this presentation it is discussed how managers and care workers together can find ways to balance the need to build trust with the need to uphold boundaries and prevent overburdening of staff.

13 NOVEMBER 2024 | MIGRANTS FACING LANGUAGE BARRIERS IN ACCESSING SERVICES

The Use of Interpreters in Healthcare: Insights from Research

● *Emina Hadziabdic*

The presentation explores using interpreters in healthcare to enhance communication between healthcare professionals and patients from diverse linguistic backgrounds. The study employs qualitative interviews and surveys with both patients and healthcare staff to gain a deeper understanding of their experiences and challenges. The findings of this research underscore the importance of proper interpreter use in healthcare. They indicate that this practice is crucial for ensuring equitable care and improving health outcomes for patients with language barriers.

Barriers to accessing social and health services in the context of older migrants in Finland

● *Meri Kulmala*

The talk addresses the barriers that older people with migrant backgrounds face in accessing social and health services in Finland based on the data produced in SOSKIELI research project which studied multilingualism and linguistic vulnerabilities in the context of clients whose first language is not any of the dominant languages (Finnish, Swedish) of the service system. The focus of the talk is in particular on the ever-widening digitalization of the social and health services. The talk argues that digital social and health services are not easily accessible for the

foreign language speaking older clients who often need to seek help from the third parties. Hence, in the bigger picture digitalization radically changes the realization of the social rights that people are entitled to.

11 DECEMBER 2024 | CARE FOR OLDER MIGRANTS WITH DEMENTIA

Dementia in migrants living in Italy: background, findings, and future directions of the Immidem project

● *Marco Canevelli*

The ImmiDem Project's goal is to understand dementia in migrants in Italy from both clinical and public health perspectives. So far, ImmiDem has aimed to estimate the number of migrants seeking specialist services for diagnosing and treating cognitive disorders, identify barriers to access to care, and document potential under-diagnosis of dementia in the migrant population. The future initiatives of the project are crucial for implementing new models of diversity sensitive care, benefiting all people with dementia in our country.

Caring for older migrants with dementia in Belgium

● *Saloua Berdai Chaouni*

In Belgium, as in much of Western Europe, the number of older migrants with dementia is on the rise. Although family care is often seen as the preferred option for this group, our studies involving older migrants with dementia and their family and professional caregivers uncover a more nuanced and complex reality. This reality reveals gaps and hidden mechanisms, such as intersectional otherness and racialization, within professional dementia care. These insights have informed the development of a new model for equitable and inclusive dementia care, which will be introduced in this presentation.

8 JANUARY 2025 | TRANSCULTURAL NURSING FOR OLDER MIGRANTS

Transcultural Nursing in Belgium and Beyond: The Importance of Skilled Professionals

● *Sandra Tricas-Sauras*

Transcultural nursing focuses on providing culturally competent care to patients from diverse backgrounds, adapting healthcare to meet the needs of multicultural populations. In Belgium, where cultural diversity is significant, transcultural nursing is crucial for addressing the healthcare needs of immigrants, refugees, and international residents. Skilled professionals in this field improve patient outcomes by navigating language barriers, respecting cultural values, and providing individualized care. They also play a key role in reducing health disparities and ensuring equitable access to healthcare. Globally, as migration increases, transcultural nursing is essential for creating inclusive and effective healthcare systems. Training competent transcultural nurses but overall healthcare professionals is vital for promoting quality care and collaboration across diverse healthcare teams.

The construction of otherness: how managers in residential care facilities discuss and reflect on foreign-born care recipients

● *Palle Storm*

This presentation will be focusing on how managers in Swedish residential care facilities for older adults discuss and reflect on foreign born residents. How is this category of care recipients constructed and discussed in relation ethnicity, ageing, language-barrier, care needs and otherness in comparison, to native Swedish-born residents? The presentation is based on 21 semi-structured interviews with first-line managers in the area of Stockholm.

12 MARCH 2025 | COLLABORATION WITH INFORMAL CARERS OF OLDER MIGRANTS

Family caregiving for older immigrants: experiences from care receivers and care providers

● *Patricia Yocie Hierofani and Micheline van Riemsdijk*

As populations are aging and the global average life expectancy is rising, the provision of care for older people is an increasingly salient issue. This presentation focuses on family-provided care for older immigrants, examining how older immigrants and care providers experience and construct family caregiving. We provide insights into the structural and personal factors that shape care-giving arrangements for older immigrants. In terms of institutional support, we have found that the Swedish state's notion of individual needs does not match the needs of immigrant elderly and their caregivers.

Are care networks (re)producing inequalities? An intersectional exploration

● Rieke van Dijk

Becoming an informal carer for someone with an acquired brain injury (ABI) causes a dramatic disruption of daily life. Our study sought to understand how carer experiences are shaped by aspects of diversity to enable an in-depth understanding of power structures and processes of social injustice in care networks. Collaboration between professionals and carers with a migration background may result in unjust and unfair situations within care networks. In this study, intersectionality was used to both generate complex in-depth insights into the different active layers of carer experiences and focus on within-group differences.



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