

“Building bridges between multiply marginalized older adults and mainstream society”

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CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS for 2024

Old age and marginalization during times of war

The Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Aging (MCIA) at the University of Haifa, Faculty of Welfare and Health Sciences is inviting researchers including Ph.D. students to submit research proposals for 2024.

The general purpose of the MCIA is to serve as a national and international venue for research, training, education, and dissemination of knowledge in the areas of institutional, cultural, socioeconomic, health and policy aspects of intersectionality in aging.

We aim to initiate and distribute systematic interdisciplinary research on the circumstances, risk and protection factors, intervention or prevention methods relevant to aging persons of marginalized groups, using qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods. The following research topics are suggested, which are all related to the current war we are experiencing in Israel:

- The impact of leaving home for older adults
- Vulnerability and resilience among older adult population groups
- The impact of environmental violence and aggression on intergenerational relationships
- Risk for different kinds of abuse including financial exploitation
- The impact of war on physical and mental health status of old persons
- Life stories of strength and resilience of old person during the war
- Expressions of wisdom of life during war
- Bridging inter-cultural gaps by cooperation between Jews and Arabs: reconstructing trust
- Artistic expressions of anxiety, fear and insecurity of old persons during the war
- Voluntarism of old persons as expression of participation and competence during the war
- Social support networks involving old persons manifested during the war
- Access to care and health/social services for old persons during war
- Human rights, ageism, and the bio-ethics of old age in times of war

Additional related topics are welcome.

Preference will be given to proposals involving:

- Immigrants and ethnic minorities in late life
- Older adults with diverse sexual orientations
- Older adults with life-long disabilities
- Old persons engaged in violence, abuse and neglect.

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The MCIA will fund each proposal for **up to 5000 Euro** –We expect these funds to be used as seed money for writing larger proposals in the future.

The following expenses may be funded:

1. Graduate students (doctoral and master level) scholarships
2. Post-doctoral fellowships / visiting researchers (short and longer term)
3. Workshops, colloquia and conferences
4. Development of empirical databases
5. Publications of relevant research products

Guidelines for the submission of proposals: The proposal should be no longer than five pages long (A4; Times New Roman; size 12; Double-space), and should include the following: (1) Aims and rationale, (2) Brief review of existing knowledge, (3) Methodology, including sample description and sampling method, data collection, data analysis, (4) Proposed timeline; and (5) Expected outcomes and their potential scholarly and practical significance (5) Budget description

The research proposals' winners will be required to present their findings as part of one of the seminars held at the Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Aging (MCIA).

They will also be required to mention the fact that they won a grant from the MCIA in each of their future publications

All applications must be accompanied by curriculum vitae of the applicant(s).

Deadline: March 31st, 2024

The research proposals should be sent to: Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein, PhD, Email: MCIA@univ.haifa.ac.il