

The Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Aging (MCIA)

Building Bridges Between Multiple Marginalized Older Adults and Mainstream Society

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Activity Report

In accordance with the contract between the Minerva Stiftung Gesellschaft für die Forschung m.b.H. and the University of Haifa, we submit this report covering the Center's activities for the academic year between July 2019 and June 2020.

1) The establishment of the Center

The Center was established on July 1st 2019, and it is now home to a team of seven PI's (five from Israel and two from Germany):

- Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein – University of Haifa, Chair.
- Prof. Israel (Issi) Doron – University of Haifa.
- Prof. Zvi Eisikovits – University of Haifa.
- Prof. Tzvi Dwolatzky – Rambam Health Care Campus.
- Prof. Yaacov Bachner – Ben Gurion University of the Negev.
- Prof. Sabine Andresen – Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany.
- Prof. Eldad Davidov - The University of Cologne, Germany.

Academic coordinator:

- Dr. Sigal Naim – University of Haifa (Until May 2020).
- Dr. Uri Blasbalg (Since June 2020).

Three Israeli scholars:

- Dr. Offer Edelstein – Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Migration and health behavior).
- Dr. Hila Avieli – University of Haifa (Aging in crime).
- Dr. Eila Perkis – Emek Yezreel College.

Additionally, twelve young scholars receive training at the Center.

Three Israeli post-doc researchers

- Dr. Sigal Naim – University of Haifa (Old-age, migration and digital divide. Supervised by Prof. Israel Doron (By May 2020).
- Dr. Uri Blasbalg – University of Haifa (Life-long abuse). Supervised by Prof. Zvi Eisikovits and Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein.
- Dr. Ilanit Tuito – University of Haifa – Social Construction of Intimate Partner Violence over time in the Ultra-orthodox Jewish Society in

Israel. Supervised by Prof. Zvi Eisikovits and Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein.

One German post-doc researcher:

Dr. Aysel Sultan – Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany – Multiple marginalization in caring for older adults who use drugs. Supervised by Prof. Sabin Andresen.

Three doctoral candidates:

- Yotam Tolub – University of Haifa – Intersectionality of people with disabilities and older persons through a comparative approach. Supervised by Prof. Israel Doron and Dr. Sagit Mor.
- Alon Zamir – University of Haifa – Aging families with son/daughter diagnosed with intellectual disability in the ultra-Orthodox society. Supervised by Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein.
- Rahamaa Mahamid – University of Haifa - Aging in the shadow of long-term intimate violence in Arab Families: Multi-generational female perspective. Supervised by Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein.

Five graduate students:

- Gil Barabi – University of Haifa – Conflictual relationship among elder homosexual couples. Supervised by Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein.
- Hala Khoury Asmer – University of Haifa – Loneliness in elderly homosexual community. Supervised by Prof. Yaacov Bachner and Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein.
- Nora Gnaim Moasi – University of Haifa – The Life stories of aging Arab Israeli women in prostitution. Supervised by Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein.
- Yohanan Kressel – Ben Gurion University of the Negev – Aging released prisoners. Supervised by Prof. Yaacov Bachner and Dr. Hila Avieli.
- Nadim Haj Yahya – Ben Gurion University of the Negev – Burden of care and quality of life among Schizophrenia patients' informal

caregivers in the Israeli Arab society. Supervised by Prof. Yaacov Bachner and Prof. Tova Band Winterstein.

The Center is located at the University of Haifa. During the activity year of 2019-20 The University administration allocated and renovated a site adjusted to the needs of the Center.

2) Center activities

2.1) Regular seminars

The Israeli-based Center team meets on a regular basis every month on Thursday. These monthly researchers' meetings include lectures, workshops and round table discussions, supporting and complementing the research activities of the Center's members. During the meetings, a seminar presentation in the morning given by one of the Center's PI's is followed by a researchers' forum in which the post-doc, docs, and additional young researchers meet to discuss their "work in progress" on the Center's topics of interest. In each meeting, two of the young researchers presents their work, which discussed and elaborated within the group. discussion followed. For example, in the third meeting a lecture was given by Prof. Tzvi Dwolatzky titled "Health and welfare in the community and during hospitalization in Israel: Does the older adult fall through the cracks?". In this lecture the structure of healthcare and welfare services in their relation to older adults in Israel was presented. The severe absence of continuity of care was emphasized, and its impact on marginalized older adults, i.e., immigrants, LGBT, etc. Following a short break, the participants worked in focus groups on the topic of how the relevance of MCIA's intersectional model is relevant to services provided by the Israeli health care and welfare systems to the MCIA's intersectional model. Thereafter, two young researchers presented their progress in research.

2.2) Research projects

The Center's PIs provided support for research projects and related activities conducted by graduate students, post-doctoral and established researchers. Additionally, the following research proposals were submitted within the framework of the Center's activities:

(a) Research proposals submitted

- A pre-proposal titled "Societal Reactions to Multiply Marginalized Older Adults: Developing An Intersectional Model" was submitted by four of the Center's PIs, Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein, Prof. Israel (Issi) Doron, Prof. Sabine Andresen, and Prof. Eldad Davidov, to the German-Israeli Project Cooperation (DIP). The purpose of the proposal was to develop a model of societal reaction to multiply marginalized older adults and examine this phenomenon in two cultures: Germany and Israel. Multiply marginalized older adults are those who age while being part of more than one minority group: lifelong and age-related disabilities; older members of the LGBTQI community; victims and perpetrators of lifelong violence, abuse or neglect; older immigrants; and older adults aging in careers of crime - are all examples of sub-groups within the older population which can be defined as multiply marginalized.
- A proposal to the Minerva foundation equipment/project funds was submitted by Three PIs of the Center, Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein; Prof. Israel Doron, and Prof. Zvi Eisikovits. The submission was made towards the purchase of "Old Age Simulation Suits" (OASS). An Age Suit or Senior Suit is a wearable technology which allows its users to explore the physical and psycho-social experiences of being an older adult. Such experience is illustrated within the context of normal ageing, and the decline or even loss of various physical abilities. Interestingly, there is no up-to-date usage of OASSs in researching intersectionality among old persons, a key focus of the MCIA. This explains why the OASS will methodologically enable the researchers at MCIA to simulate various intersectional situations in experimental settings – which otherwise would be impossible or very difficult to

capture. For example, we may use the OASS to design studies which simulate various scenarios of being old within an intersectional context in controlled comparative environments, (e.g. wearing the OASS as a man or a women, experiencing lifelong disability, addicted to opiates in need of 24/7 care, or being an old woman or man experiencing abuse, poor and institutionalized in a long term care facility). The proposal was awarded funding of € 32,436.

- A proposal to the Minerva foundation towards financing an international workshop titled "Between old age and multiple marginalization: Towards internationalizing the intersectional model an international workshop" was submitted. The proposal was submitted by three researchers of the Center, Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein, Prof. Zvi Eisikovits, and Dr. Sigal Naim. The main aim of this project is to initiate an international working group, which will work out of the MCIA to start a social developmental process by which the participating scholars will learn from each other, elaborate and implement research and practice comparatively and internationally. This process is expected to yield the development of written materials in the form of special issue or edited book jointly with the participation international group in order to disseminate knowledge produced. The proposal was awarded funding of € 21,000.
- MCIA was awarded a 120,000 NIS grant from JDC (Israel Unlimited) and ERI (a research and consultancy firm specializing in the specific needs of the Social Impact Sector). This proposal was submitted by Mr. Yotam Tolub and Prof. Israel (Issi) Doron. JDC-Israel is leading a thinking process with the participation of government and civil society representatives to develop a strategic map on the issue of people with disabilities who are aging. For this reason, JDC has decided to collaborate with ERI Institute and MCIA. ERI are leading the strategic process and MCIA is leading and conducting the accompanying research. The research led by Prof. Israel (Issi) Doron and Yotam

Tolub includes a comprehensive literature review on the subject, demographic analysis of the target audience, empirical research that will bring the voices of elderly people with disabilities in Israel and an indicator and best practices research. MCIA is involved in all the stages of the thinking process and its final outcomes will include a recommended roadmap for Israel's government for the development of services and solutions that will ensure the human rights and wellbeing of aging people with disabilities.

- A pre-proposal titled "Aged-related Intersectional Stigma towards the Elderly among Healthcare Professionals" was submitted by MCIA's researchers, Dr. Uri Blasbalg, Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein, in cooperation with a researcher from the geriatric unit in Rambam Health Care Campus, Haifa, Dr. Irina Sabin to a joint call of the Faculty of Welfare and Health Studies, University of Haifa and the Rambam Health Care Campus, Haifa. Healthcare provision to older adult patients is often impacted by ageistic stigma. While stigma held by healthcare providers towards older adults have been studied, little is known about stigmatic attitudes against older adults who are also immigrants, and/or persons of diverse sexual orientations, and/or people with lifelong disability. The aim of the current study is to explore the age-related intersectional stigma toward older adults among healthcare professionals. Pending – 10,000 NIS.
- A proposal titled "Shared reality of staff in residential care for older adults with physical/mental/intellectual disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic: The experience and its meaning" was prepared by MCIA's researchers, Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein and Dr. Sigal Naim. The proposal was approved by the Ethics committee of the Faculty of Welfare and Health Studies, University of Haifa. The Exposure to the COVID-19 virus, which became a threatening global pandemic, impacts on varied aspects of the everyday life routine, including the provision of care to older adults with disabilities. The aim of the current

study is to explore the shared reality of staff and residents in long care institutions for older adults, at times in which society cope with the challenges set by the pandemic.

- A proposal titled "The experience of older parents coping with adult offspring with life-long disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic: Comparison between domestic and institutional residence" was prepared by MCIA's researchers, Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein and Dr. Sigal Naim. The proposal was approved by the Ethics committee of the Faculty of Welfare and Health Studies, University of Haifa. The Exposure to the COVID-19 virus, which became a threatening global pandemic, impacts on varied aspects of the everyday life routine, including the provision of care to older adults with disabilities. The aim of the current study is to explore the shared reality of older adult parents who live with their offspring who are coping with life-long physical/mental/intellectual disability.
- Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein, Head of the MCIA, and Dr. Sara Alon has authored a policy and recommendations paper titled "The COVID-19 Routine: Towards integrated interventions in detecting, identifying, and treating elder abuse and neglect". The paper was submitted to the Israeli Multi-Disciplinary Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and Neglect.

(b) Research Projects and Researchers Selected for Support

2.1 Students and young researchers

The MCIA has supported four post-doctoral researchers and three doctoral candidates.

I. Post-doctoral researchers

Dr. Sigal Naim – Digital exclusion in old-age: The case of Israeli elder Ethiopians. Sigal Naim is a gerontologist with a Ph.D. in communication. She is a lecturer at the departments of Human services and Health systems management, Yezreel Academic College, Israel and the department of Gerontology, Ben Gurion University in the Negev, Be'er Sheva, Israel. Currently she was awarded a post-doc fellowship on digital literacy under the supervision of Prof. Israel (Issi) Doron, in the Department of Gerontology, the University of Haifa, and is a member of the Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Ageing and served as its academic and administrative coordinator. Her research topics are new media and social network sites in old age, digital literacy in old age, elders' inequality, social exclusion/inclusion in old age, elder abuse and neglect, including self-neglect, quality of life in old age, aging policy and qualitative research methods.

Dr. Uri Blasbalg – Life-long abuse. Uri Blasbalg earned his MSW (2013) and Ph.D. (2017) in the School of Social Work at the University of Haifa and was later a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Psychology at the Cambridge University. In his doctoral and post-doctoral studies, he played a central role in a nation-wide training program delivered to youth investigators in the Israeli Ministry of Welfare and Social Services and in documenting the beneficial effects of emotional support on child victims who are forensically interviewed.

Dr. Ilanit Tuito – Social construction of Intimate partner violence over time in the Ultra-orthodox Jewish society in Israel. Ilanit Tuito is a social worker in Ashdod Municipality, Israel, since 2003, currently working as a Welfare officer of family affairs. In addition, she teaches at the School of Social Work, Mivchar College, Bnei-Brak, Israel. She Her Ph.D. study at the University of Haifa, examined and analyzed the processes of social construction of violence in intimate relations in the Ultra-orthodox sector.

- Dr. Aysel Sultan – Multiple marginalization in caring for older adults who use drugs. Aysel Sultan is a postdoctoral research associate at the Department of Educational Sciences of Goethe University Frankfurt, in Germany and a visiting research fellow at the Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Aging. Her main research focuses on youth drug use, addiction, recovery, and treatment policies. She works within the frames of Science and Technology Studies (STS), 'new' materialism, and posthuman theory. Present research topics also include care practices and healthcare policies for people who use drugs, as well as related marginalization. She teaches several BA-level courses including international drug policy, youth studies, qualitative and social policy research methods.

II. Doctoral candidates

Yotam Tolub – The intersectionality of older adults with disabilities. Yotam Tolub is a lawyer specializing in human rights of people with disabilities. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Law (L.L.B.) and Amirim Honors Program (B.A.) at the Hebrew University. He completed his M.A in Gerontology at Haifa University. Tolub did his law internship at the Supreme Court of Israel and later on served as a human rights lawyer at Bizchut- The Israeli Human Rights Center for People with Disabilities. Eventually he was Bizchut's CEO. Tolub is currently working on his PhD directed by Prof. Israel (Issie) Doron and Dr. Sagit Mor at the law faculty at Haifa University on intersectionality of people with disabilities and older persons through a comparative approach.

Alon Zamir – Aging families who have a son/daughter with intellectual disability in the ultra-Orthodox society. Alon Zamir is a gerontologist, a PhD student at the Department of Gerontology, the University of Haifa, Israel, and a psychotherapy student at Bar-Ilan University, Israel. Alon is a teacher and coordinator in special educational settings and accompanies families of people with special needs. He is currently conducting a research on aging families who have a son/daughter with intellectual disability in the Ultra-orthodox society in Israel, under the guidance of Professor Tova Band-Winterstein in the Department of Gerontology.

Rahma Mahamid – Aging in the shadow of long-term intimate violence in Arab Families: Multi-generational female perspective. Rahma earned her bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Haifa, Israel, in 2012, and she graduated her master's degree in Gerontology with honors from the same university in 2015. Currently she conducts her PhD research on "Aging in the shadow of long-term intimate violence in Arab family" under the supervision of Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein. Rahma is also a member of the "Regional research and development center – Triangle", facilitated by the Israeli Ministry of Science and Technology. Her research topics are Aging in the shadow of long-term intimate violence in Arab family: Family members' perspectives;

Students of Social Work willingness to work with the Elders; Aging in Arab culture; Willingness to turn to traditional treatment among Arabs in Israel.

2.3) Workshops

In December 18, 2019, the MCIA held a workshop on elder abuse and neglect occurring within the healthcare system. In the workshop thirty participants

attended, Israeli healthcare senior professionals, representatives of the Israeli Ministry of Health and Academic researchers. The workshop was led by Prof. Laura Mosqueda, Dean of the Keck School of Medicine of USC, a professor of Family Medicine and Geriatrics and a professor at the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology (see annex).

2.4) Website, Publications, and Social media

The MCIA is active on various social media and has a significant growing digital presence. These include the following:

- The centers' website: <https://www.mcia.haifa.ac.il>
A Facebook profile: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=mcia>.
Relevant items for the Center's activity, including upcoming Center's events, other relevant academic events and media coverage of related studies on intersectionality in aging are routinely posted.
- Center's brochure. A color brochure was printed (see annex).

Members of the Center have brought the following scientific works to publication:

Goldblatt, H., **Band-Winterstein, T.**, Lev, S., & Harel, D. (2020). "Who would sexually assault an 80-year-old woman?" Barriers to detecting sexual assault in late life *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260520934440>

Edelstein, O. E., Vered I., & Sarid, O. (2020). Correlates of participation in physical activity among older women in Israel: does ethno-cultural background matter? *Health Promotion International*.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapro/daaa030>

Edelstein O. E., Achdut, N., Vered, I., & Sarid O. (2020). Determinants of Bone Mineral Screening Behavior among Three Ethno-Cultural Groups of Women in Israel. *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health* 2020, 17(17), 6138;
<https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17176138>

Avieli, H. (2020). Wasted Lives: Aging as an Incentive for Reconstruction of Desistance Intentions Among Older Adults in Prison. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854820937325>

Avieli, H. (2019). How middle-aged siblings of individuals with intellectual disability experience their roles: A qualitative analysis. *Journal of Developmental and Physical Disabilities*, 36, 1-19.

Avieli, H., Band-Winterstein, T., & Araten Bergman, T. (2019). Sibling relationships over the life course: Growing up with a disability. *Qualitative Health Research*, 29(12), 1739-1750.

Band-Winterstein, T., & Avieli, H. (2019). Women coping with a partner's dementia-related violence: A qualitative study. *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, 51(4), 368–379.

Appler, R., **Doron, I.**, & Meshulam, I. (2019). Conceptualizing age-friendliness in workplaces: proposing a new multi-dimensional model. *The Gerontologist*, 60, 12-21. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gny184>

Ardapal, M., **Doron, I.**, & Palgi, Y. (2020). Ageism: can a visit to a museum exhibition make a difference? *International Psychogeriatrics*, 32, 777-780. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1041610220000617>

Appler, R., **Doron, I.**, & Meshulam, I. Development and validation of a workplace age-friendliness measure. *Innovation in Aging*, 4, 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaa024>

Clarfield, M., **Doron, I.** et al., Ad hoc COVID-19 committee: Guidelines for care of older persons in Israel during the pandemic. *JAGS - Journal of the American Geriatric Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jgs.16554>

Barel, M., **Doron, I.**, & Strier, R. "The Person in Need of Guardianship" as an Imaginary Identity. *British Journal of Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcaa061>

Lifshitz, R., Nimrod, G., & **Bachner, Y. G.** (2019). Spirituality and wellbeing in later life: a multidimensional approach. *Aging & mental health*, 23(8), 984–991. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13607863.2018.1460743>

Bachner, Y. G., Guldin, M. B., & Nielsen, M. K. (2020). Mortality communication and post-bereavement depression among Danish family caregivers of terminal cancer patients. *Supportive care in cancer: official journal of the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-020-05685-6>

Cohn-Schwartz, E., Sagi, D., O'Rourke, N., & **Bachner, Y. G.** (2020). The coronavirus pandemic and Holocaust survivors in Israel. *Psychological trauma: theory, research, practice and policy*, 12(5), 502–504. <https://doi.org/10.1037/tra0000771>

Tolub, Y. & Shlomai, A. (2020). Not in therapy: A transition from clinical discourse to a discourse of autonomy and human rights in the process of guardian appointment following the legislation of the Legal Competency and

Guardianship (2018). *Law Studies – Bar-Ilan University's Legal Journal*. (Hebrew).

2.5) Awarding seed money for initiating research and proposals

In April 2020 a first call for proposals was launched to invite young promising researchers to suggest research initiatives on the MCIA topics of interest. Fourteen applications were received at the MCIA. The review committee of the Center recommended awarding six proposals (up to € 4,000):

- Dr. Aviad Tur-Sinai, Emek Yezreel College, "Immigration, Unemployment Experience, Retirement Patterns, and Subjective Well-Being among Older Adults: A comparison of welfare-state regimes".
- Dr. Galia Hasharoni, University of Haifa, "Being an older, Jewish immigrant under foreign rule: the immigration of older Jews to mandatory Palestine, 1919-1947. Development of empirical databases".
- Prof. Daniel Sperling, University of Haifa, "End-of-life needs, expectations and concerns of older LGBT people".
- Dr. Tannistha Samanta, Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, "successful aging, intimacy and care cultures among LGBT older adults in India".
- Dr. Geva Shenkman and Dr. Kfir Yifrah, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, "The Contribution of Couplehood and Fatherhood to Physical and Mental Health among Israeli Middle-aged and Older Gay Men: Quantitative and Qualitative Exploration".
- Dr. Ilanit Tuito, University of Haifa, "The intersection between aging, complex trauma, Domestic violence and the Ultra-orthodox community: a lifelong perspective".

2.6) Conference Presentations

The Center's researchers submitted and presented two sessions for the Israeli Biannual Gerontological Conference that took place during February 2020 in Tel-Aviv:

- Band-Winterstein, T. – Excluded aged populations: Towards evidence-based interventions.
- Zamir, A. & Tolub Y. – Getting old with and next to a person with mental-developmental disability – inter-dimensional view.

The IAGG conference – October 2019, Taipa, Taiwan.

- Band-Winterstein, T. – The Intersectionality and marginalization of older adults involved in mistreatment.

USC Judith D. Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse – 2020. Linking Research and Practice.

- Band-Winterstein, T. – It takes two to tango: The Processes of Silence and Silencing in Exposing Sexual Assault in Late Life.

11th International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Asia / Oceania Regional Congress.

- Band-Winterstein, T. – "Who Would Sexually Offend an 80-Year-Old Lady?" Barriers for Detecting Sexual Assault in Late Life.
- Band-Winterstein, T. – Sexual Assault Against Women in Late Life: Broadening the Definition.

2.7) Advisory board

According to Dr. Nagel's suggestion we have submitted to the Minerva Foundation two Israeli representatives for the advisory board: Prof. Ruth Katz, Prof. Arie Ratner, as well as one German representative – Prof. Peter Schmidt. The MCIA is waiting for the Minerva Foundation's approval.

Research plan – year 2

The workplan for year two includes:

- In order to enrich the Center's infrastructure, we plan to submit proposals to international funding bodies in collaboration with German scholars. Topics of proposals currently under development: Stigma and its consequences on marginalized groups by healthcare providers; The psychological and social construction of life review by older adults who are multiple marginalized.
- We will further promote ongoing collaborations with Israeli relevant authorities and research institutions to develop and expand scientific projects (e.g., Joint Tanai Research Institute).
- A call for proposals for seed-money will be disseminated.
- Roundtable and discussion of preliminary findings obtained in the young researchers' studies.
- Regular Centers' seminars and meetings will be held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 situation with senior and young reserachers.
- International scientific meeting is planned to be held via Zoom in November 2020 on the topic of "Emerging knowledge on sexual assault against women in late life: Multidisciplinary perspectives".
- On being granted designated funding simulation aging suits will be purchased. A call for research proposal using the suits will be disseminated.
- On being granted designated funding, an international study group will be promoted, pending the conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Financial report

Funds from Minerva	75,000€
Matching by University	75,000€
Total for the year	150,000€

Annexes

Annex 1: Workshop's invitation

An invitation to a special meeting on elder abuse and the health system
(Elder Abuse and the Health System)

Dear Colleague,

The Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Aging is delighted to invited you to a special meeting on the Topic: "Elder Abuse and the Health System".

Chairs: Prof. Laura Mosqueda, University of California and Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein, University of Haifa.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, 18-12-20; 13:30-16:00, at the Gerontology Department's meeting room, Welfare and Health Faculty Building, University of Haifa.

Participating is free but is conditioned by preliminary submission.

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Overview

Laura Mosqueda, MD is the Dean of the Keck School of Medicine of USC, a professor of Family Medicine and Geriatrics and a professor at the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. Mosqueda created the nation's first Elder Abuse Forensic Center in 2006, a model that has been replicated across the United States and was written in to federal legislation (the Elder Justice Act). She works with community partners to implement changes that cross medical, social, mental health and criminal justice systems and has worked in the field, going on house calls with Adult Protective Service workers and law enforcement. She is the director of the National Center on Elder Abuse, a \$2.95 million federally-funded initiative which focuses on information regarding policy, research, training, and resources related to the neglect and exploitation of older adults for policymakers, professionals, and the public.

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Annex 2: Workshop's pictures



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Annex 3: Center's brochure



The Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Ageing (MCIA)
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Prof. Tova Band-
Winterstein,
Chair



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Doron (P.I.)



Prof. Zvi
Eisikovits (P.I.)



Prof. Tzvi
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Andresen
(German partner)

The Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Aging (MCIA): Building bridges between multiply marginalized older adults and mainstream society

The Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Aging (MCIA) at the University of Haifa's Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences, was founded in order to initiate an innovative, interdisciplinary, multi-method research and implementation project related to multiply marginalized old persons.

Such marginalization is a consequence of a socially constructed process including ageism, various social and health-related disadvantages, and a lack of balance between needs and rights of this population. Marginalization is manifested by intersectionality within and between, older adult immigrants, old persons with diverse sexual orientations, people with disability, experiencing lifelong abuse, and elderly criminals. The center aims to provide an evidence-based strategy utilizing research-based practice models, training programs, guidance and supervision, related to marginalized and socially excluded older populations.

The Center's objectives are:

- 1) To enable a better understanding of the unique aspects of social marginalization and ageism in old age and the multiple ways it is internalized by older population groups and social agencies and policy makers.
- 2) To examine the lifelong effect of vulnerability and resilience in an intersectional context.
- 3) To develop a comprehensive model of intersectionality for research and practice on individual, family and societal levels.
- 4) To increase awareness, and develop and distribute knowledge, which can serve as the basis for future intervention models.
- 5) To identify and develop a new generation of graduate students and young researchers with a broad intersectional orientation towards studying marginalization in old age.
- 6) To examine cross-cultural similarities and differences, by adding a comparative component with German academic colleagues.

The Minerva center's academic coordinator is Dr. Sigal Naim
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Annex 4: Call for proposals

CALL FOR PROPOSALS - 2020

The **Minerva Center for the Study on Intersectionality in Ageing (MCIA)** at the University of Haifa (Faculty of Welfare and Health Sciences), invites **proposals** for research activities, as outlined below. The General Purpose of the Minerva Center is to serve as an international venue and transnational forum for the research, training, education and publication in the areas of institutional, cultural, socioeconomic, health and policy aspects of the intersectionality in aging:

- Intersectionality in Immigration in late life
- Intersectionality among older adults with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities
- The intersectionality of aging and disability
- Intersectionality through lifelong engagement in "careers" of violence abuse and neglect
- Aging inside, aging outside: Intersectionality among old criminals

The Minerva Center may fund:

1. Graduate student (doctoral and master level) scholarships. These are available for students enrolled at the University of Haifa. (Applicants not yet enrolled at the University of Haifa but with appropriate topics may send a query to Dr. Naim to see if there is a potential matching of interests with mentors)
2. Post-doctoral fellowships / visiting researchers (short and longer term)
3. Seed money for research proposals – up to \$5000
4. Support for on-going research – up to \$5000
5. Workshops, colloquia and conferences – up to \$5000
6. Development of empirical databases – up to \$5000
7. Publications of relevant research products – up to \$2500

Applicants:

Scholars, faculty members, young scientists, post-doctoral and graduate students, policy and legal advisors.

Potential Interacting Disciplines: Gerontology, law, sociology, economics, social work, communication, psychology, criminology, geography, human services, public policy and

administration, public health and geriatric medicine or any other discipline that may fit the topic. The Center aims to serve as a venue for systematic and cross-cultural learning and research, using various methodologies, (qualitative, quantitative and mixed).

Submission of proposals – up to 5 pages specifying submission category (1-7 above). For categories 3 and 4 please include: research description, goals, innovation, methodology and budget; For all other categories please include foci, goals, expected outputs. All applications must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae of applicant(s) and two names of potential recommenders familiar with his/her abilities.

Deadline: March 15th, 2020 to: Dr. Sigal Naim, Minerva Center Academic Coordinator

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