

# The Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Aging (MCIA)

## “Building Bridges between Multiple Marginalized Older Adults and Mainstream Society” Annual report: July 2021 to June 2022

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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 2021 and June 2022.

- 1) The Center is a home to a team of seven PI's (six from Israel and one from Germany):

Administrative Coordinator was:

Hadas Ossi Fischer

Current research team of the center:

PIs:

Prof. Tova Band Winterstein

Prof. Israel (Issi) Doron

Prof. Zvi Eisikovits

Prof. Yaacov Bachner

Prof. Aviad Tur-Sinai

Prof. Tzvi Dwolatzky

Prof. Sabine Andersen

Researchers/research fellows:

Dr. Ksenya Shulyaev

Dr. Ilanit Tuito

Dr. Offer Edelstein

Dr. Hilla Avieli

Dr. Rafael Appler

Dr. Adi Vitman

**Doctoral candidates:**

- Dr. Rahma Mahamid – Aging in the shadow of long-term intimate violence in Arab Families: Multi-generational female perspective. Supervised by Prof. Tova Band Winterstein
- Yotam Tolub - The intersectionality of older adults with disabilities.  
Supervised by Prof. Israel Issi Doron
- Asmaa Msarwa - “Between commitment and abuse: Single women caring for old parents in Arab families - An intergenerational perspective”. Supervised by Prof. Tova Band Winterstein
- Chen Yaacov – “Older adults with autism, their family caregivers and the professional staff: attitudes and quality of life”. Supervised by Prof. Yaacov Bachner.

**Graduate students:**

- Alexandra Halbani – "The experience of aging people with cerebral palsy with physiotherapy at their current life stage"  
Supervised by Prof. Tova Band Winterstein
- Gil Barbi - Conflictual relationship over the years among elder homosexual partners.  
Supervised by Prof. Tova Band Winterstein
- Hala Asmer Khoury- The relationship between social and health related factors and symptoms of depression among old homosexuals.  
Supervised by Prof. Yaacov Bachner & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein
- Nora Gnaim -Ageing Arab women involved in prostitution  
Supervised by Prof. Tova Band Winterstein
- Yohanan Kersel -The experience of professionals in the Israeli Prisoner Rehabilitation Authority with aging ex-prisoners.  
Supervised by Prof. Yaacov Bachner & Dr. Hila Avieli

## 2) Center activities

### 2.1) Periodical seminars

Date	Research Seminar 10:15-11:45	
	Name of the Lecture	Lecturer
28.10.2021	Arab Aging Women's Life in the Shadow of Prostitution: Transitioning from Stained to "Pure" Identity	Nora Gnaim
25.11.2021	Immigration, unemployment, retirement processes and quality of life among adults: A comparison between welfare regimes	Prof. Aviad Tur- Sinai
30.12.2021	Conflictual relationships among gay couples in old age	Gil Barabi
27.01.2022	... Where are Dad and Mom ?!": End of life encounters in the aging ultra-Orthodox family within for persons with cognitive disability	Dr. Alon Zamir
28.04.2022	The intersection between aging, complex trauma, domestic violence in the ultra-Orthodox: the perspective of the course of life	Dr. Ilanit Tuito
26.05.2022	The experience of professionals in the Prisoner Rehabilitation Authority with released aging prisoners and,	Yohanan Kressel
30.06.2022	Aging in the shadow of lifelong intimate violence in Arab society: A multi-generational female perspective	Rahma Mahamid

## 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.

The following research proposals were submitted to competitive sources within the framework of the Center's activities:

### (a) Research proposals submitted and funded:

- Evaluating research on family caregivers program - Joint, Eshael & The National Insurance Institute, 112,000 Euro. (Prof. Tova Band –Winterstein, Prof. Yaacov Bachner, Prof. Aviad Tur –Sinai, Dr. Ofer Edelstein, ERI Institute).
- Artificial Intelligence – Assisted Identification of Elder Mistreatment in Clinical Settings 45,000 Euro (Prof. Tova Band –Winterstein, Prof. Zvi. Eisikovits, Prof. Aviad Tur –Sinai, Dr. Aviv Landow, Prof. Tzvi Dwolatzky, Dr Irina Sabin, Sagit Zeevi).
- Ageing, Intersectionality, and the Law- An International Perspective: An International, Collaborative. Comparative Law Research Group & Workshop 45,000 Euro (Prof. Issi Doron).
- Ageing, Intersectionality, and the Law: An International Perspective: Publication Project: An Edited Scientific (Open Access) Book 20,000 Euro, (Prof. I. Doron)
- Historical Gerontology: Aging and Old Age in Historical and Cultural Perspective, Study Group and Workshop 20,000 Euro, (Prof. Issi Doron)

### (b) Research proposals submitted but not funded:

- Elderly family members coping with a long-term cognitive disability following a health event: Toward developing implementation guidelines for and accessibility to rights- Prof. Tova Band Winterstein & Dr. A. Zamir, submitted to Keren Shalem
- A Material Gerontology Perspective to Map Violence in Later Life: An intersectional Lens. submitted by Prof. Zvi Eisikovits & Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein, submitted to DIP
- Elderly family members coping alongside a person with a long-term disability following a health event: Implementing rights and services within the therapeutic sequence and continued home care. Prof. Prof. Y. Bachner, & Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein, submitted to the Israel National Institute for Health Policy Research (NIHPR)
- Welfare and Challenges of Privatization and Decentralization of Powers in Welfare and Healthcare Services in the Era of Population-Ageing”, submitted by Prof. Aviad Tur-Sinai in collaboration with Prof. Dr.h.c. Axel Börsch-Supan from Germany. A proposal to the Minerva foundation equipment/project funds

### Ongoing research

- Prof. Band Winterstein, Dr. Sara Alon, & Dr, Mickey Shindler: Descendants with emotional disturbances who abuse their parents: What can we learn about professional intervention?
- Prof. Tova Band Winterstein, Prof. Aviad Tur-Sinai & Dr. Gali Weisberger: Financial exploitation and extortion.
- Prof. Grit Höppner, Dr. Vera Gallistl & Dr. Anna Wanka from Catholic University of Applied Sciences, Munster, Germany- Are doing a study with MCIA (Prof. Zvi Eisikovits & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein) on Mapping Violence in Later Life: A Material Gerontological Perspective on the Co-Constitution of Violence, Space, and Old(er) Age.
- Dr.Hila Avieli & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein: Older prisoners in Israel.
- Dr. Alon Zamir, Prof. Yaacov Bachner & Prof. Tova Band –Winterstein: Joint Reality Under Threat: The Experience of Staff and People with Developmental Mental Disabilities during the COVID-19 - Keren Shalem Foundation.

During 2021-22 we continued our collaboration with Organizations and institutions such as:

Organization	Leading Researcher	Research Project	Status
<b>Enosh</b> - largest mental health organization in Israel	Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	"Aging individuals with mental illness at “Enosh”, during and after COVID19 from the therapists' point of view: Needs versus responses and resources"	MA Student Research Proposal
<b>ICA</b> - The Israel Center on Addiction	Dr. Hila Avieli	"The experience of older drug users, and therapists who treat this population"	Data Collection
<b>Kfar-Ofarim</b> - A Day care and employment center for older people with Autism.	Prof. Yaacov Bachner, Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	Older adults with autism, their family caregivers and the professional staff: attitudes and quality of life	PhD Candidate Research, Initial stage

<b>The Israel Prison Service</b>	Dr. Hila Avieli	"Older Prisoners in Israel"	Articles Publishing
<b>Prisoner Rehabilitation Authority</b>	Dr. Hila Avieli, Prof. Yaacov Bachner	" The encounter between professionals in the Israeli Prisoner Rehabilitation Authority and aging ex-prisoners: The experience and its meaning"	MA Student – Writing Research results and Discussion
<b>The Ministry of Social equality</b>	Prof. Tova Band Winterstein, Prof. Aviad Tur-Sinai	" Older adults' financial exploitation and consumer fraud"	PhD Candidate Research
<b>The Ministry of Welfare and Social Affairs</b>	Prof. Israel Issi Doron	Committee on the development of social welfare services for various populations	Member of an advisory committee
<b>The ministry of Health</b>	Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	"Campus program on sexual assault"	Consulting on the Research Program
<b>Joint Israel (JDC) – Behind Disabilities Project</b>	Yotam Tubul	"Aging people with Disabilities in Israel"	Articles Publishing



## (c) Research Projects and Researchers Selected for Support:

Students and young researchers-

The MCIA supports post-doctoral researchers and doctoral candidates.

I. Doctoral candidates

- Nora Gnaim-Mwassi – *The Experiences of Street Prostitution and its Significances among Arab Women throughout their Lifetime: An Intersectionality Perspective*. Nora received her bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Haifa, Israel, in 2011, and she graduated her master's degree in Gerontology with honors from the same university in 2021. Her topic thesis on "Life stories of Arab women aging in prostitution" under the supervision of Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein. Currently she conducts her PhD research under the supervision of Prof. Tova Band-Winterstein and Dr. Hila Avieli. Nora is also a young researcher in the "Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Ageing", University of Haifa.
- Rahma Mahamid – *Aging in the shadow of long-term intimate violence in Arab Families: A 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", supported 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

II. M.A Student

- Michal Schuber – *Seniors in nature reservations: Using aging simulation suits as a supporting tool for planning*. Michal holds a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Cum laude) from the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology. She pursues a Master in Tourism Management and Planning, in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Haifa University. Her thesis examines means to better plan nature sites for the elderly, by employing simulation suits provided by the Minerva Center. During her research, managers of the Israel Nature and Parks Authority were asked to wear the suits and walk through the 'Ein Afek' reservation, located in the North of Israel. This experiment served two goals: first, help managers understand the difficulties of visiting the site in the shoes from the elderly's perspective; second, reveal planning related issues that can improve the experience of the elderly.

2.3) **Establishing five interdisciplinary working groups.** These groups take part in organizing conferences, study groups and workshops, along with international collaboration

<b>Interdisciplinary working group: Aging in LGBT</b>	
Gil Barbi & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	Conflictual relationship over the years among elder homosexual partners
Hala Asmer Khoury, Prof. Yaacov Bachner & Prof. Tova Band- Winterstein	The relationship between social and health related factors and symptoms of depression in the old homosexual community
Prof. Tannistha Samantha	Successful aging, intimacy, and care cultures among LGBT older adults in India
Dr. Geva Shenkman, Dr. Kfir Ifrah	The Contribution of Couple hood and Fatherhood to Physical and Mental Health among Israeli Middle-aged and Older Gay Men: A Quantitative and Qualitative Exploration
Prof. Daniel Sperling	End-of-life needs, expectations, and concerns of older LGBT people
<b>Interdisciplinary working group: Violence and abuse throughout life</b>	
Rahma Mahamid & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	Aging in the shadow of long-term intimate violence in Arab Family: multi-generational female perspective
Assma Masarua & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	Between role of commitment and abusive behavior: Single women taking care of old parents in Arab families - An intergenerational perspective
Dr. Ilanit Tuito & Tova Band Winterstein	The intersection between aging, complex trauma, Domestic violence, and the Ultra-orthodox community: a lifelong perspective
Prof. Tova Band Winterstein & Dr. Hadass Goldblatt	Breaking the Taboo: Sexual Abuse among Older Women as a Multifaceted Phenomenon - Toward a Grounded Theoretical Model
Prof. Zvi Eisikovits, Prof. Tova Band Winterstein & Prof. Sabine Andersen	Lifelong effects of abuse among old persons who grew up and live-in total environments: An intersectional perspective
Dr. Sarah Alon, Dr. Adv. Mickey Schindler & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	Descendants with mental disorders harming their elderly parents: What can be learned about the interventions of professionals?

Dr. Gali Weinberger, Prof. Tova Band Winterstein & Prof. Aviad Tur-Sinai	Financial exploitation and oppression of the elderly
<b>Interdisciplinary working group: Crime and old age</b>	
Dr. Hila Avieli, Dr. Rabab Abu Elheja, Prof. Shaul Levrin & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	Therapists' experiences and insights of managing ageing patients with addictions: A qualitative inquiry
Dr. Hila Avieli & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	Aging in lifelong careers of crime: A narrative analysis of old-age criminal prisoners
Nora Gnam & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	Life stories of ageing Arab women who are involved in prostitution
Yohanan Kersel, Prof. Yaacov Bachner & Dr. Hila Avieli	The encounter experience of professionals in the Israeli Prisoner Rehabilitation Authority with aging ex-prisoners, and its significance
<b>Interdisciplinary working group: Immigration and old age</b>	
Prof. Aviad Tur-Sinai	Immigration, Unemployment Experience, Retirement Patterns, and Subjective Well-Being among Older Adults: A comparison of welfare-state regimes
Dr. Galia HaSharoni	Being an older, Jewish immigrant under foreign rule: the immigration of older Jews to mandatory Palestine, 1919-1947. Development of empirical databases
Dr. Ksenya Shulyaev, Prof. Aviad Tur-Sinai, Prof. Zvi Eisikovits & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	The effect of war related violence on old immigrants: The case of Ukraine-Russia war migrants in Israel
Dr. Pnina Dolberg & Dr. Sagit Lev	Risk and protection factors and coping resources among elderly immigrants from the former Soviet Union to Israel during the Corona epidemic
Gabriela Spector, Yevgeni Kneifel, Natalia Khvorostyanov	Holocaust, immigration, corona: the experience of the plague among Holocaust survivors immigrating from the former Soviet Union
Dr. Pnina Dolberg Dr. Ruth Ptolemy-Cohen	The aging experiences of old female immigrants from Ethiopia to Israel

Dr. Ksenya Shulyaev & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	Fragmented Families of Older Forced Ukrainian Migrants
Dr. Ksenya Shulyaev & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	Intergenerational Relationships of Russian Speakers in Israel in the Shadow of Propaganda: Facebook Posts Analysis
<b>Interdisciplinary working group: Lifelong Disabilities</b>	
Yotam Tolub & Prof. Israel (Issi) Doron	To Human Rights of People with Disabilities and Older Persons: Intersectionality? Synergy or Distinct Rights?
Alon Zamir & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	Ageing families with and alongside a person with an intellectual disability in the ultra-orthodox society
Alexandra Halbani & Prof. Tova Band Winterstein	The encounters experience of older person with CP in physiotherapy treatment and its meaning in this stage of their life

#### 2.4) Workshops

- An international study group on Lifetime Abuse in Old Age: An Intersectional Perspective: "**Emerging Knowledge on Lifetime Abuse in Old Age: An Intersectional Perspective**" (First Phase - November 2021). The first phase was titled: "Definition and dimensions of lifetime abuse: An Intersectional lens". Prof. Tova Band Winterstein, Prof. Zvi Eisikovits & Dr. Ksenya Shulyaev: Lifetime abuse has received increased attention recently. However, the impact of such abuse on old age was less studied. This age group is marginalized due to social construction of ageism, stigma, and oppression. An intersectional perspective may help alleviate the older person's experiences. The study group was a result of joint thinking and collaborative effort between the Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Ageing (MCIA) at the University of Haifa, and the Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt. The purpose of the study group was to bring together a limited number of outstanding experts to examine various aspects of abuse throughout the life course and its impact on old age. For the purpose of this study group, the suggested definition of lifetime abuse was "repeated acts of abuse and violence throughout the life course by various agencies including traumatic life events during childhood and the way they shape identity in old age". About 15 experts from Europe, the USA, and Israel participated in a ZOOM-meeting. (Appendix 1)
- Workshop "**Introducing a Linking Ages Perspective to Better Understand Intersectionality and Pandemic Precarity in Childhood and Ageing Research - an**

**Israeli/German Workshop from a Linking Ages Perspective on Effects of Covid-19 Related Activities and Restrictions on Everyday Life of Children and Older Adults."** The workshops brought together research results, which focus on the effects of COVID-19 on precarious environmental/living/housing situations of children and older adults, like living in deprived neighborhoods, precarious socio-economic circumstances, or in institutions. The workshops opened the discussion on intersectional 'pandemic precarity' and joint disadvantages with a perspective of neighborhood resilience and coping strategies in order to be better prepared for future crises. Again, empirical knowledge from COVID-19 is sparse in this regard. First meeting: Dec. 16 2021 During a half-day online meeting the researchers from both fields (childhood and ageing research) and from both countries have got the opportunity to present their core findings with short presentations.

Second meeting: Feb. 23, 2022 During a one-day online meeting researchers shared and discussed the findings about intersectional pandemic precarity in childhood and later life in Israel and Germany, which were published as a White Paper (Appendix 2).

#### 2.5) Conference and seminar presentations:

- **Seminar series (February-March 2022) developed in collaboration between the Israel Science Foundation and the Economic and Social Research Council** (United Kingdom). The overall goal of the seminar series was to foster collaboration between researchers in Israel and the United Kingdom around social issues that are relevant for the ageing population. The aim for the seminars to encourage informal discussion and interaction between attendees with the goal of eventually developing research ideas that can shape a future collaborative funding mechanism which supports joint research between the two countries.
  - "Inclusion & integration: Building bridges between marginalized older adults and mainstream society" Prof. Tova Band Winterstein
- **24th Biannual Biennial Conference of the Israel Gerontological Society** should take place during February 2022 –postponed to July 4-5, 2022 at Tel-Aviv. The MCIA's researchers organized three sessions:
  - 1) **Between immigration and refugees: following the Russian-Ukraine war** organized by Prof. A. Tur-Sinai & Dr. K. Shulyaev in cooperation with Ministry of Welfare and Social Security, Ministry of Immigration and Integration, Joint, Ella

- "Exposure of the Russian-speaking elderly population from the former USSR to the media and their consequences" (Dr. K. Shulyaev)

2) **Kaleidoscope of identities: multiple margins intersecting in old age** organized by Prof. I. Doron.

The aim of this session was to suggest a conceptual model which ties together intersectionality, multiple marginalization, and old age, and to illustrate it as it applies to specific populations. Presented the young researchers:

- "The relationship between social and health variables and symptoms of depression among the community of older gay men"(H. Asmir-Khori, Prof. Y. Bachner, Prof. T. Band-Winterstein)
- "Growing old in the shadow of long-standing intimate violence in Arab society: a multigenerational female perspective" (R. Mahamid, Prof. T. Band-Winterstein)
- "Arab women aging in the shadow of prostitution: moving from a tarnished identity to a pure identity" (N. Ganaim-Moassi, Prof. T. Band-Winterstein)
- "Liminal identity of families aging alongside a person with a developmental intellectual disability in ultra-Orthodox society" (A. Zamir, Prof. T. Band-Winterstein)

3) **Me too in old age?! Older women coping with sexual assault throughout the life course**

- "Will They Believe Me, Will They not Believe?!" Barriers to Exposing Sexual Assault Against Women in Late Life from an Intersectional Perspective" (Prof. H. Goldblatt, Dr. S. Lev, & Dr. D. Harel)
- "The meaning that women give when they reach old age to the experience of discovering their incest they experienced during their childhood" (M. Gihz, Prof. T. Band-Winterstein)
- "Sexual abuse in old women as part of a long-term violent marital relationship: the lived experience" (Dr. H. Avieli, Prof. T. Band-Winterstein)
- "You can say I went through some kind of sexual abuse": living with a partner with hypersexual behaviors on the background of dementia" (D. Harel, Prof. T. Band-Winterstein, Prof. H. Goldblatt)

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>.

**Members of the Center have brought the following scientific works to publication (selected):**

Werner, P., **Tur-Sinai, A.**, and AboJabel, H. (2021). Examining Dementia Family Caregivers' Forgone Care for General Practitioners and Medical Specialists during a COVID-19 Lockdown. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(7), 3688: 1-11. DOI: 10.3390/ijerph18073688. (IF=2.849 (5-YR IF=3.127), Rank=165/559 in Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health (Q2)).

**Tur-Sinai, A.**, Bentur, N., Fabbietti, P., and Lamura, G. (2021). Impact of the Outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Formal and Informal Care of Community-Dwelling Older Adults: Cross-National Clustering of Empirical Evidence from 23 Countries. *Sustainability*, 13(13), 7277: 1-13. DOI: 10.3390/su13137277. (IF=2.576 (5-YR IF=2.798), Rank=173/775 in Geography, Planning and Development (Q1)). +

Carmel, S., and **Tur-Sinai, A.** (2022). Cognitive Decline among European Retirees: Impact of Early Retirement, Nation-Related and Personal Characteristics: A Longitudinal Study. *Ageing & Society*, 42(10): 2343-2369. DOI: 10.1017/S0144686X21000064. (IF=3.718 (5-YR=3.705), Rank=94/508 in Arts and Humanities (Miscellaneous) (Q1)).

**Tur-Sinai, A.**, Urban, D., Azoulay, D., Bar-Sela, G., and Bentur, N. (2022). Understanding Out-of-Pocket Spending and Financial Hardship among Patients who Succumb to Cancer and their Caregivers. *Israel Journal of Health Policy Research*, 11(1): 1-10. DOI:10.1186/s13584-021-00511-8. (IF=2.385 (5 YR IF=2.564), Rank=167/376 in Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (Q2)).

**Tur-Sinai, A.**, Teti, A., Rommel, A., Hlebec, V., Yghemonos, S., and Lamura, G. (2022). Cross-National Data on Informal Caregiving of Older People with Long-Term Care Needs: Time for a More Coordinated and Comparable Approach. *Journal of Biosocial Science*. First published online: 6 January, 2022. DOI: 10.1017/s0021932021000742. (IF=2.018 (5-YR IF=1.839), Rank=129/595 in Social Sciences (Miscellaneous) (Q1)). (5 pages).

**Tur-Sinai, A.**, Halperin, D., Ben-David, N., Lowenstein, A., and Katz, R. (2022). Cessation of Care for Frail Older Adults: Physical, Psychological and Economic Outcomes for Family Carers. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(6), 3570: 1-17. DOI: 10.3390/ijerph19063570. (IF=3.390 (5-YR IF=3.789), Rank=34/136 in Health, Toxicology and Mutagenesis (Q1)).



**Tur-Sinai, A.** (2022). Out-of-Pocket Expenditures on Medical Services among Older Adults: A Longitudinal Analysis. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 10. DOI:10.3389/fpubh.2022.836675. (IF=3.709 (5-YR IF=4.022), Rank=36/176 in Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (Q1)).

**Tur-Sinai, A.**, Paz, A., and **Doron, I.** (2022). Self-Rated Health and Socioeconomic Status in Old Age: The Role of Gender and the Moderating Effect of Time and Welfare Regime in Europe. *Sustainability*, 14(7), 4240: 1-17. DOI: 10.3390/su14074240. (IF=3.251 (5-YR IF=3.473), Rank=173/777 in Geography, Planning and Development (Q1)).

**Tur-Sinai, A.**, Bentur, N., and Lamura, G. (2022). Perceived Deterioration in Health Status among People Aged 50 and Over Following the First Wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic. *European Journal of Ageing*. First published online: 22 April, 2022. DOI: 10.1007/s10433-022-00705-2. (IF=2.711 (5-YR IF=3.922), Rank=51/330 in Health (Social Sciences) (Q1)). (8 pages).

Bar-Sela, G., **Tur-Sinai, A.**, Givon-Schaham, N., and Bentur, N. (2022). Advance Care Planning and Attainment of Cancer Patients' End-of-Life Preferences: Relatives' Perspective. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*. First published online: 19 May, 2022. DOI: 10.1177/10499091221099921. (IF=2.500 (5-YR IF=2.446), Rank=640/2489 in Medicine (Miscellaneous) (Q2)). (7 pages).

**Tur-Sinai, A.**, Shahrabani, S., Lowenstein, A., Katz, R., Halperin, D., and Fogel-Grinvald, H. (2022). What Drives Older Adults to Continue Working after Official Retirement Age? *Ageing & Society*. First published online: 04 August, 2022. DOI: 10.1017/S0144686X22000915. (IF=3.718 (5-YR=3.705), Rank=94/508 in Arts and Humanities (Miscellaneous) (Q1)). (27 pages).

**Tur-Sinai, A.**, Bentur, N., and Urban, D. (2022). Communication Between Cancer Patients, Caregivers, and Oncologists about Out-of-Pocket Spending. *European Journal of Public Health*, 32 (Supplement 3): iii316. DOI: 10.1093/eurpub/ckac130.012. (IF=4.424 (5-YR IF=4.238), Rank=111/585 in Public Health, Environment and Occupational Health (Q1)).

**Edelstein, O.E.**, Vered, I., & Sarid, O. (2021). Correlates of participation in physical activity among older women in Israel: Does ethno-cultural background matter? *Health Promotion International*, 36(1), 34–45.

Haharoni, G., & **Doron, I.** (2020). A platform for future research on the intersection between gerontology and history, and a demonstration of such in the context of old age in the Jewish Yishuv in Palestine 1918-1948. *Gerontology & Geriatrics* 47(1), 13-34. [Hebrew]

Turgeman, O., & **Doron, I.** (2021). Sentencing policy, and assault of older persons under S. 368(f) of Israel's Criminal Code. *Gerontology & Geriatrics*, 48(1), 37-60. [Hebrew].

Barel, M., **Doron, I.**, Strier, R. (2021). Persons under guardianship: An ideology of silencing. *Israel Studies in Language and Society*, 14(1), 59-81. [Hebrew].

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Avieli, H., **Band Wintersein, T.**, & Gal, T. (2021). "Challenges in Implementing Restorative Justice with Older Adults: Institutional Gatekeepers and Social Barriers". *British Journal of Social Work*, 51(4), 1445–1462, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcab051>.

Avieli, H., & **Band-Winterstein, T.** (2021). Ageing in the shadow of long-term career in delinquency “The lived experience of older recidivist prisoner. TZohar lebeit Hasohar [Hebrew].

Tuito, I., & **Band-Winterstein, T.** (2021). Surviving IPV in a segregated community: The case of ultra-Orthodox Jewish Women. *Mental Health, Religion & Culture* 24(5), 519-531. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13674676.2021.1929891>.

Gichaz, M., **Band-Winterstein, T.**, & Avieli, H. (2021). Growing Older in the Shadow of Childhood Intrafamilial Sexual Abuse: Women's Reflections on Parenthood Experiences Throughout the Life Course. *The Gerontologist*, 62(2) 232-240, <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnab102>.

**Band-Winterstein, T.**, Goldblatt, H., & #Lev, S., # Harel, D. (2021). Forms of sexual assault against older women in the context of acquaintance relationships: An intersectional perspective. *Health & Social Care in the Community*, 1-10 <https://doi.org/10.1111/hsc.13672>..

Star, A ,**Bachner ,Y.G** ,Cohen, B., Haglili, O & ,O'Rourke, N. (2022. )Social media use and well-being with bipolar disorder during the COVID-19 pandemic :A path analysis. *Journal of Medical Internet Research : pandemic* :e39519 (8)6;18 .

Amar ,S., Biderman, A., Carmel, S & ,**Bachner Y. G.** (2022). Elderly caregivers' awareness to caregiving health risks. *Healthcare* .1034:(6)10 .

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## 2.6) Awarding seed money for initiating research and proposals

We initiated two calls for proposal 2021, 2022:

- **The intersectionality in aging during the covid-19 pandemic** (Appendix 3)

**2021**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Title of research</b>	<b>Researchers</b>
3,000€	The Intersectionality of Ageing and Poverty: Being old and poor during the COVID-19 crisis in Israel	Dr. S. Weiss-Dagan
3,000€	The Intersectionality in aging during the COVID-19 pandemic Ethnic minorities in late life	Dr. A. Golos, H. Vogel-Grinold, Prof. A. Meir
5,000€	Social Support and Loneliness among Immigrant and Native Populations in Europe during the COVID-19 Pandemic	Prof. A. Tur-Sinai Prof. H. Künemund Prof. C. Vogel
3,000€	Holocaust, immigration, corona: the experience of the plague among Holocaust survivors immigrating from the former Soviet Union	G. Spector, Y. Kneifel, N. Khvorostyanov
3,000€	Social support and the well-being of older adults with bipolar disorder (BD): Shelter-in-place and social media during the COVID-19 pandemic	Prof. N. O'Rourke
5,000€	Introducing a Linking Ages Perspective to Better Understand Intersectionality and Pandemic Precarity in Childhood and Ageing Research	Prof. S. Andresen
3,000€	Risk and protection factors and coping resources among elderly immigrants from the former Soviet Union to Israel during the Corona epidemic	Dr. P. Dolberg, Dr. S. Lev

- **Intersectional and life course perspective of multi-marginalized older adults**

(Appendix 4)

**2022**

<b>Amount</b>	<b>Title of research</b>	<b>Researchers</b>
3,000€	The relationship between digital literacy, as an indicator of a sustainable society, and physical functioning among elderly women from ethnic minorities	Dr. M. Elboim
3,500€	Intimate care of an aging family member with a long-standing disability by elderly parents in Arab and ultra-Orthodox society - an exploratory study	Dr. A. Zamir Dr. R. Abu Elhija
2,000€	The role of homosexual social construction in the working life course of older Israeli LGBT adults	Dr. R. Affler
3,500€	Patterns of social media usage and effects on mood and well-being among older adults with recurrent depression: A pilot study	Prof. N. O'Rourke
3,500€	Financial Exploitation and Mental Health among Holocaust Survivors: A Mixed Method Design	Dr. G. Weisberger Prof. A. Shira Prof. M. Ben Simon
3,500€	The aging experiences of old female immigrants from Ethiopia to Israel	Dr. P. Dolberg Dr. R. Ptolemy-Cohen

## 2.7) Advisory board

We have invited the board beginning December 2022, to take part in the international conference “Law, Ageing and Intersectionality”. Following the request of Dr. Nagel the meeting will take place on Zoom.

## 2.8) Research plan – year 4:

- Issuing another Call for proposals during January 2023.
- Continuance of a monthly seminar
- Continuance of a monthly young research seminar focusing on qualitative methodology and intersectionality
- Continue to strengthen community collaborations
- Submission of research grants such as:
  - **Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation** – "The impact of war related violence on intra-family violence and conflict between older adult refugees and their adult offspring: The case of the Russian –Ukrainian War" - Band-Winterstein, T., Aviad Tur-Sinai & Eisikovits, Z.
  - **Israel Science Foundation (ISF)** – "Re-examining lifetime abuse in old age: An intersectional perspective" - Band-Winterstein, T., Eisikovits, Z., Aviad Tur-Sinai & Ksenya Shulyaev
  - **The U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF)** – "The Role of Family in Producing and Alleviating the Impact of Displacement Stress and Trauma: The Case of Intergenerational Relationships of Older Ukrainian War Migrants to Israel" - Band-Winterstein, T., Aviad Tur-Sinai; Ksenya Shulyaev, Eisikovits, Z., Silverstein, M., & Sutor, J.
  - **Minerva** - German-Israeli Minerva-Gentner Symposia 2024 "The impact of war and violent conflict on the lives of old persons, in immigrant and/or refugee status: The case of the Russian –Ukrainian War" Band-Winterstein, T., Aviad Tur-Sinai; & Eisikovits, Z.
- Expanding collaborations with German researchers
- Use the old age suits for research and study
- Organizing study groups, conferences, and workshops:
  - The second phase of Study group "Lifetime abuse: and intersectionality perspective" will take place in September 2022 at the University of Haifa
  - Conference: "Growing old as LGBT: Between exclusion and inclusion" will take place in October 2022 at the University of Haifa
  - Conference: "Nature and the Environment in Old Age: Challenges and Opportunities in the Era of Sustainability" will take place in November 2022 at the University of Haifa
  - Conference: " Historical Gerontology: Aging and Old Age in Historical and Cultural Perspective" will take place in December 2022 at the University of Haifa

- Conference: "Aging populations with intellectual developmental disabilities and the autism spectrum: strengthening and promoting a multi-professional infrastructure" will take place in March 2023

**Financial report**

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

## Appendix 1

Dear Participant,

Next week, Monday the 22 at 14:45 (Israel time) a study group will be held on

**"Emerging Knowledge on Lifetime Abuse in Old Age: An Intersectional Perspective"**,  
in which you kindly agreed to participate and present.

The online meeting will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, between 15:00 to 19:00 Here's a list of the program schedule

<b>Day one: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Presentation topic</b>	<b>Time (Israel time )</b>
<b>Prof. Tova Band Winterstein and Prof. Zvi Eisikovits</b>	University of Haifa, The Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Ageing	Definition and dimensions of lifetime abuse: An Intersectional lens	<b>Session A</b> 3:00-4:00 p.m.
			Discussion 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Break			4:45-5:00 p.m.
<b>Prof. Sabine Andresen and Dr. Frank Oswald</b>	Goethe University Frankfurt, The Minerva Center on Intersectionality in Ageing	Generational order and linked ages related to lifetime abuse	<b>Session B</b> 5:00-6:00 p.m.
			Discussion 6:00-6:45 p.m.
<b>Prof. Anna Wanka</b>	Goethe University Frankfurt		
<b>Day two: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021</b>			
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Presentation topic</b>	<b>Time (Israel time)</b>
<b>Prof. Zahava Solomon</b>	The Bob Shapell School of Social Work, Tel Aviv University	Trauma and healing in lifetime abuse	<b>Session A</b> 3:00-4:00 p.m.
			Discussion 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Break			4:45-5:00 p.m.
<b>Prof. Dr. Martin Lengwiler</b>	Department of History, University of Basel	A Historical perspective on lifelong abuse	<b>Session B</b> 5:00-5:30 p.m.
			Discussion 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Closing session: Summing up and integration. Plans for the upcoming in person study group.			6:45-7:00 p.m.



We are looking forward to our online meeting next week November 22, 2021, at 14:45 (Israel Time)

link to Monday event - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89273147367>

Link to Tuesday event - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89273147367>

Sincerely,

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Appendix 2



# Feeling lonely?

Sigal Naim

# What do we know, what can we learn and how can we be better prepared for the future?

## Executive Summary

An interdisciplinary group of researchers from both Israel and Germany came together in December 2021 to exchange and discuss findings on the effects of the COVID-pandemic on children and older adults in Israel and Germany. The project was funded by the Minerva Center for Intersectionality. Beside increasing empirical evidence from either childhood or ageing research a „Linking Ages“ perspective proved additionally beneficial to analyze and understand the COVID-19 pandemic for four crucial reasons:

1. Both children and older adults were particularly affected by the virus and the measures to combat its spread while government and practitioners were unprepared and taken by surprise.
2. Public opinion and political discussion were ageist in terms of oversimplifying and generalizing members of both age groups without any differentiation regarding really existing versus supposed risks (while empirical evidence from social science took some time to provide differentiated findings on vulnerability and resilience).
3. Government measures consequently were inherently ageist regarding both margins of the life course (e.g., restrictions for kindergartens, schools, private homes, care homes).
4. Intergenerational relations were particularly cut back or even inhibited merely following aims to reduce infection but at the same time systematically underestimating competitive health risks of social exclusion and isolation.

This white paper provides a selection of empirical research findings, policy recommendations and blind spots for future research with respect to a “linking ages” perspective.

The authors emphasize on loneliness in early and late life from a specific social science perspective and based on a selected set of definitions<sup>1</sup>.

## What is Linking Ages?

Age as a social category of difference significantly shapes our positions in society, our lifestyles, attitudes and ambitions. Childhood and later life in particular are framed as the “other” to the normalcy of adulthood. Linking ages is a new perspective aiming to contrast, compare, and perspectivize different life stages and thereby creating linkage between them. We focus on rethinking theoretical concepts, methods and challenges from both childhood and ageing research. Researching and contrasting these “margins of the life course” can tell us a lot about social construction of age as central societal order.

## Policy and Practice Recommendations

The following core policy and practice recommendations were developed based on the presented research findings and discussion:

1. Public awareness and investment need to be raised about the risks of mental health problems and loneliness in both early life and later life. Critical reflections regarding the political discourse and policy measures targeting these two age groups in particular is needed, especially in pandemic times.
2. Strategic and long-term investments in social infrastructures are needed to establish strong ties between institutions and NGOs working with children and older adults in an effort to provide a more reliable safety net in times of crises. These social infrastructures should “go local” and focus on the establishment of strong neighborhoods and “caring communities” (e.g., Schablon, 2009; Klie, 2013).
3. Policy and practice should aim to strengthen care partnerships, that is care relationships within and between generations.
4. Differentiated knowledge among practitioners about ageing in early and later life may add to already existing differentiated knowledge of people in other life stages and a continuous link between social scientists and practitioners and government at local level should be established and fostered.

## Being younger and being older in pandemic times

The spread of COVID-19, and the attempts of governments to minimize its exposure, are severely affecting livelihoods worldwide. Since the start of the pandemic in 2020, government measures are continuously transforming. In many countries, public life was shut down through social distancing orders based upon what was classified as a *household*. Kindergartens and schools remained closed throughout long periods, and there were particularly strict contact restrictions in care and senior homes, where (older) residents were not allowed to receive visitors and were isolated in their rooms. Together with general contact restrictions and subjective, risk-based considerations, these measures have rapidly transformed people's behavior regarding support and care for one another. The beginning of life (birth), as well as the end of life (death) were particularly restricted due to hospital regulations.

*Loneliness refers to the perceived absence of meaningful social relationships. It is a subjective experience that can differ by situations and change over time.*

While used measures were very similar in most countries they differed in time, duration, legal and administrative layout, etc. Israel has been very long seen as the blueprint for a successful COVID-19 measure, especially through their strict lockdowns as well as early and fast vaccination strategy. In Germany citizens were a lot less willing to get their vaccination. Despite the fact that Israel and Germany differ highly in demographical structure - with Israel having a high share of population below the age of 24 and only over 10% above the age of 65 there are similarities in the used measures and their effects on children and older adults. Although the usefulness of these measures is by no means to be disputed here, it becomes apparent that they address the population differently based on their membership to certain age groups. This differentiation into the age groups of childhood, young adulthood, and older adulthood assigns certain, homogeneous attributes to each of these age groups while denying other attributes. Thus, children are addressed as 'silent transmitters,' young adults as a 'risky group,' and older adults as an 'at-risk group' (Ayalon et al. 2020; Stokes & Patterson 2020). These one-sided attributions not only obscure the diversity that is evident within age groups but also contribute to differentiation into at-risk and non-at-risk groups based on chronological age. This can activate age stereotypes and reinforce ageism for both young and old people. Institutionalized ageism underlying government measures particularly affects the youngest and oldest in society. For example, the guideline to self-isolate was often expressed as well-intended advice for older adults at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic but led to an active decrease of self-determination of affected people as well as to older people being seen as a burden (vg l. Kessler 2020; Pelizäus & Heinz 2020). *These age-based measures led to a pandemic situation in which particularly children and older adults were cut off from their everyday inter- and intragenerational relationships*

*Age-based measures led to a pandemic situation in which particularly children and older adults were cut off from their world. A ‘Linking Ages’ perspective is crucial in proceeding from age-based (and often ageist) policies and practices to shaping joint policy recommendations that transcend age boundaries.*

Research shows that both age groups have consequently been affected by feelings of loneliness and mental health issues. The Eurofund Report on “Covid and older people” (2022) showed that across the European Union, people of all ages became more at risk of mental health issues and loneliness during the pandemic. The impact was noticeably severe among young people and people aged 80+. In summer 2020, 23% of people aged 80+ felt sad or depressed more often than before the pandemic, 18% felt lonelier than before the pandemic and one-third never left their home. More differentiated forthcoming analyses showed, however, that – at least in Germany –

Regarding children’s wellbeing in the pandemic, studies found severe changes concerning mental health problems, increasing irritability and loneliness during phases of lockdowns. Comparable results were also found in the German COPSYS (2021) study. With focus on the *health-related quality of life* (HRQoL) and mental health of children and adolescents aged 7-17years during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic the results showed that they experienced a much lower HRQoL and significantly more mental loneliness increased to a comparable degree individuals in middle versus late adulthood (Huxhold & Tesch-Römer, 2021) and psychosomatic health issues compared to before the pandemic (Ravens-Sieber, 2021, 7). Numbers of depression have severely increased, with up to 15% of all children and adolescents feeling depressed as a result of the pandemic (vgl. ebd. 7). The psychosomatic health issues such as headaches and sleeping problems also increased.

*This White Paper consequently focuses on the lived experiences of children and older adults as particularly vulnerable age groups and their perceptions and practices of care, loneliness and social relations during the pandemic.*

It thereby draws on a multi-perspective approach which puts the experiences of both age groups in contrast to each other. A ‘Linking Ages’ perspective is crucial in proceeding from age-based (and often ageist) policies and practices to shape joint policy recommendations that transcend age boundaries.

To do so, we bring together four studies on children and older adults in Germany and Israel. First, Alexandra Langmeyer and Sophia Chabursky present findings on children’s loneliness during the COVID-19 lockdown in Germany, using representative quantitative data from the German survey

'Being a Child in Times of Corona' which showed the link between loneliness and family climate. Hanita Kosher (...). These findings from childhood research are put in contrast with gerontological studies, where Martina Brandt, Robert Heidemann and Alina Schmitz present data from the Survey of Health, Ageing, and Retirement (SHARE) in order to analyze changes in social support and intergenerational relations in later life during the COVID-19 pandemic in Germany and Israel. They also elaborated a number of pandemic related methodological challenges for researchers such as more balanced samplings, including every age group from earliest life to the latest stage in life as well as intersectional research. Finally, Liora Bar-Tur & Sigal Naim showcased a helpline including more intensive and mental health focused care for older adults during the pandemic in Israel, and the results from its evaluation (e.g. a new office working against loneliness or shared housings of students and older adults).

## Conclusions and Outlook

The research presented in this White Paper demonstrates the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on intergenerational relationships, social support, and, accordingly, mental wellbeing and loneliness for children and older adults. However, research also shows stark international and intragenerational differences, with socially disadvantaged children and older adults as well as those with frail family relations being more at risk of social exclusion during the pandemic.

While these results are consistent and in line with the state-of-the-art literature in childhood and age studies, we must emphasize that they focus on the first phase of the pandemic in 2020. As we experienced in the past years, the spread of the virus and government measures to combat are contingent, changing and developing as we go. Hence, findings from the first waves of the pandemic might not hold true for later phases. Therefore, international research is needed to account for processual alterations like trajectories of loneliness as well as resources and (availability of) social support structures. In order to increase our knowledge about children's and older adults' needs during or as a result of the pandemic, we need more suitable and circumstance-based data (e.g. samples including the oldest old, people in care homes, or people with health conditions); mixed-methods research, longitudinal studies and comparable contextual information.

Despite the difficulties and challenges children and older adults had to face as a consequence of the pandemic, evidence for a process of adaption and learning how to cope with the changed circumstances, could be found. These processes are of course less challenging for some than for others and leave responsibilities for preventive measures to politics. In order to make decisions based on empirical evidence, further and more consistent research is needed - not only on the consequences of COVID-19 but also on strategies of resilience.

## Future research questions which emerged out of the Linking Ages workshop discussion (selection)

### **Loneliness beyond age**

- If single children experience more loneliness than children with siblings, how could the sibling relationship in later life influence loneliness in this life stage?
- If a better family climate prevents children from loneliness, how could this be adapted for people in later life?
- How do we link subjective perceptions of loneliness to differing “physical singularity” since most children do not live alone?
- How do care-giver burden and loneliness among care-givers of both children & older adults differ?
- How does subjective loneliness change over time according to restrictions – might children and older people be more affected if there is no restriction but no interested by others to meet?

### **Learned lessons from COVID-19 e.g. digital competencies**

- Did both groups intensify their use and knowledge about digital infrastructures in order to socialize?
- How sustainable were the gained experiences incorporated within a post pandemic life?
- How were rules broken by both groups and which consequences were they facing?

### **Perspectives on risk, vulnerability and agency**

- How and at which occasions is the concept of “the best interest of the child” translated or adapted to older adults?
- How did the isolation change the experience of touch in both age groups and their subjective value of it?
- How did both age groups “learn” to live with the pandemic differently?
- How did the narrative of “the risk or the at risk” group influence the wellbeing of children or older adults?

### **Ontological and epistemological questions**

- How might results change if we as researchers differentiate further the used age categories?
- What is our role as researchers regarding a change in addressing mental health issues both age groups suffered and still suffer from?



*Martina Brandt*

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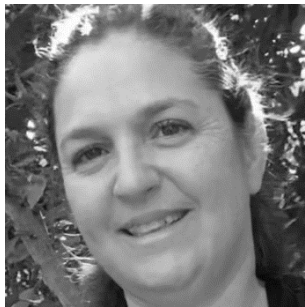
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*Sigal Naim*



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Between 2011 and 2017 she was a lecturer at the College of Management in Rishon LeZion, Israel, where she was also appointed as the Head for the division of Older Families Counseling. Since 2006 Bar-Tur is the director and partner in „Tzmatim“, where her activities involve therapy and consultations for older adults and families, conducting retirement programs, workshops and seminars.

Sigal Naim is a lecturer at the departments of Human services, Yezreel Academic College, and the department of Health systems management at Academic Center for Law and Science. Sigal is also the coordinator of the Center for research and study of Aging in the University of Haifa. She finished her doctoral studies in the Department of Communication Studies at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva. It was supervised by Prof. Galit Nimrod and her post-doctoral study in the Department of Communication in Ariel University by Prof. Azi Lev-On. Her PhD thesis topic is on elders on SNS's (mainly Facebook) and their motivations, patterns of use, benefits and risks, whereas her post-doc dealt with digital literacy in old age. Her research topics are new-media and SNS in old age, digital literacy in old age, elders' inequality, social exclusion/inclusion in old age, elder abuse and neglect, including self-neglect, aging policy, and qualitative research methods.

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*Anna Wanka*

Dr. Anna Wanka is a sociologist and critical gerontologist interested in the social construction of age. Her areas of expertise comprise the social practices of doing age, life course transitions / retirement and the re/reproduction of social inequalities across the life course as well as aging and technologies. Since 2017 she works on her habilitation (docent) in the DFG-funded interdisciplinary research training group "Doing Transitions". Starting in 2022, she will be leader of a DFG- funded Emmy-Noether research group on "Linking Ages – The Socio- Material Practices of Un/Doing Age across the Life-Course".

*Childhood**Hanita Koshner*

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*Alexandra Langmeyer*

Alexandra Langmeyer is head of the working group „Living Situation and Developmental Contexts of Children" at the German Youth Institute (DJI) in Munich. She studied education, psychology and law at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich and there received her doctoral degree. Her doctoral thesis focused on coparenting and physical custody in cohabiting families. Her quantitative research focuses on practices of everyday life, development and well-being of children. This especially in the context of family and divorce research.

*Sophia Chabrusky*

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*Sabine Andresen*

Sabine Andresen is Professor for Social Pedagogy and Family research at the University of Frankfurt. She has presented historical and discourse analytical works on the relationship between childhood and politics. One main focus of her research is on the well-being of children from an international perspective as well as on the threat to childhood by poverty and precarious life situations.

In Andresen's empirical qualitative research, also on the family, and in her quantitative surveys she analyses the actors' views and their intertwining. Since 2009 Andresen has been a board member of the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) and member of the committee of experts of the Federal Ministry of Families, Senior Citizens, Women, and Youth (BMFSFJ). From 2016 - 2021 she was Chair of the Inquiry as part of the Independent Inquiry into Sexual Child Abuse in Germany.

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With her interdisciplinary background she is interested in urban childhood and later life, transitions, qualitative (mobil and visual) methods as well as a power-sensitive perspective on space.

THE INTERSECTIONALITY IN AGING DURING THE COVID-19  
PANDEMIC

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- Immigrants and ethnic minorities in late life.
- Older adults with diverse sexual orientations.
- Aging and life-long disability.
- Life-long engagement in violence, abuse and neglect. Older persons with lifelong engagement in crime.

The coronavirus disease is a global pandemic affecting society at a large, with long-lasting psycho-social implications. Prone to heightened risk and compliant to the rigid instructions for social distancing, the elderly was considered as vulnerable to both the pandemic and the psychological effects of situations put in place to control it. This vulnerability is especially underlined for older adults of marginalized groups.

The MCIA invites researches to submit research proposals on the circumstances, risk and protection factors, and intervention or prevention methods relevant to aging persons of marginalized groups during the COVID-19 pandemic era- up to 5000 Euro for a proposal.

The MCIA may fund the following expenses:

1. Graduate student (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.

#### **Appendix 4**

**Intersectional and life course perspective of multi-marginalized older adults**

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS for 2022

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Priority will be given to the following topics:

- Sustainability, old age, and the environment
- Aging Families, Aging Singles, Bereavement, Aging Individuals without children, Divorce among ageing couples

Research proposals should examine these topics from an intersectional and life course perspective

The MCIA will fund each proposal **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:

6. Graduate students (doctoral and master level) scholarships
7. Post-doctoral fellowships / visiting researchers (short and longer term)
8. Workshops, colloquia and conferences
9. Development of empirical databases
10. 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)

Methodological remarks including sample and sampling, data collection, data analysis, (4) Proposed timeline; and (5) Expected outcomes and their potential scholarly and practical significance (5) Budget

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

Deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

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