

Care for and social well-being of older migrants

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Introduction

In the Netherlands, the number of older adults with a migration background is growing rapidly. Due to cultural, socio-economic and demographic differences with non-migrant older adults, older migrants generate specific care demands as well as a need for new interventions and facilities aimed at their well-being. Up until now research and practice have been addressing these new demands each on its own, leaving open questions such as what can we learn from each other and how can we work together towards a better old age for older migrants.

This one-day conference aims to bridge state-of-the-art research and practice on the care for and social well-being of older migrants.



Focus morning session

10.30-12.45

Focus

The morning session will focus on the complex interconnections of different forms of care provided by various individuals and organisations in local places (home, neighbourhood, care institutions). Long-term care is increasingly decentralised to the local level, boosting new combinations of informal family care, professional care and volunteer work. On the basis of recent research from the Netherlands and Switzerland, the session will explore the implications of this development for older migrants, providers of mainstream and specialised care services, and policymakers.

Form

The session will be organised as a roundtable, followed by a discussion. Contributors to the roundtable are: Eva Soom Ammann (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Karin van Holten (Kalaidos University of Applied Sciences Zurich), Roos Pijpers and Hanna Carlsson (Radboud University Nijmegen), Carolien Smits (Windesheim University of Applied Sciences, Zwolle) and Jeanine Suurmond (University of Amsterdam).

Focus afternoon session

14.00-16.15

Focus

The afternoon session will focus on different aspects of older migrants' social well-being in the Netherlands. Although it is often referred to, the social domain of well-being remains secondary to issues of health as well as provision and quality of care for older migrants. This session will explore which aspects of well-being are common to current research, debates and practices and which aspects older migrants themselves acknowledge as important. The presenters will also delve into three key social themes of well-being: loneliness, social participation and transnational living.

Form

The session will be organised in the form of short research presentations, followed by a discussion from an expert in the practical field. Presenters are: Neda Bayat (Maastricht University), Nina Conkova (Leyden Academy on Vitality and Ageing), Jolien Klok (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) and Anna Pot (University of Groningen/ University of Amsterdam). Discussants are: Conny van der Aalsvoort (ENIEC), Gözde Duran (ProMemo), Christina Harrevelt (NOOM) and Feruze Sarikas (Zebra Welzijn).

PROGRAMME

Care for older migrants

Morning session

09.45-10.15 Registration

10.15-10.30 Opening by Tineke Fokkema, Professor of Ageing, Families and Migration (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute/Erasmus University Rotterdam)

10.30-11.30 Issues of local care provision for and by ageing migrants: research spotlights

11.30-11.45 Break

11.45-12.45 Open discussion: where is local care provision heading to and what role do migrants play in it?

12.45-14.00 Lunch



PROGRAMME

Well-being of older migrants

Afternoon session

14.00-15.00 Well-being of older migrants: what do we know and what do they want? - Nina Conkova (Leyden Academy on Vitality and Ageing)
Discussant: Conny van der Aalsvoort (ENIEC)

Loneliness knows no borders: exploring loneliness among non-Western older migrants - Neda Bayat (Maastricht University)

Discussant: Feruze Sarikas (Zebra Welzijn)

15.00-15.15 Break

15.15-16.15 Does a language barrier have an impact on levels of well-being of older Turkish women? - Anna Pot (University of Groningen/University of Amsterdam) Discussant: Gözde Duran (ProMemo)

Transnational living and belonging of Turkish older migrants - Jolien Klok (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) Discussant: Christina Harrevelt (NOOM)

16.15-16.30 Closing discussion

16.30-17.00 Drinks



Organising committee

- Nina Conkova (Leyden Academy on Vitality and Ageing)
- Tineke Fokkema (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute/Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- Roos Pijpers (Radboud University Nijmegen)
- Eva Soom Ammann (Bern University of Applied Sciences)



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Information and registration

The working language of the conference is English. There is no participation fee (registration is required).

Registration

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Location

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