

# PhD workshop of the ESA Research Network on Ageing in Europe



## “Long live the active!? A critical review of active ageing”

March 23 (early afternoon) -25 (early afternoon) 2015  
University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

### Introduction

Increases in life expectancy and growing older populations have given rise to a greater interest in old age and aging. In Europe the part of the population aged 65+ is projected to reach 30 % by 2060, and the number of adults over 80 years of age is projected to triple (Eurostat, 2008). This development has far-reaching consequences for the sustainability of pension schemes and health care utilization costs for citizens of Europe and for European societies. The EU therefore launched the year 2012 as the “European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations”, to raise awareness of the contribution that older people make to society. It seeks to encourage policymakers and relevant stakeholders at all levels to take action with the aim of creating better opportunities for active ageing and strengthening solidarity between generations.

### The Spring Course

The Research network on Ageing in Europe therefore developed a Spring Course for PhD students and early career scientists to present and discuss their work with relevant senior scholars and fellow students in this field. The aim of this spring school will be to critically reflect on the field of ‘Active Ageing’ in general respectively its outcomes and prospects. Presentations by PhD students and lectures by seniors scientists are organized around 5 subthemes; retirement, social policy & demographics, active aging, resilience and critical perspectives on active aging.

### Themes

1. Retirement: Prof Dr. Dirk Hofäcker, Universität Duisburg-Essen
2. An index for Active aging: Prof Dr Asghar Zaidi, University of Southampton
3. Resilience: Dr. Martijn Huisman, VU-University Amsterdam
4. Critical perspectives on active ageing: Prof Dr. Christopher Phillipson, The University of Manchester
5. Social Policy & Demographics: Prof. Gerhard Naegele, Dortmund

During the Spring School, senior researchers will present their latest insights in their specific field of interest. We invite early and late career PhD-students and post docs in sociology, social policy and related social sciences to present and discuss their work, and receive feedback from the seniors and other participants.

### Deadlines

- Registration by December 15 2014: € 200,- (that is including housing, workshop materials and diner on Tuesday)
- Abstracts with a maximum of 200 words should be submitted by November 21, 2014 (**extended deadline!**)
- The participants will need to submit a complete version of their papers by February 15, 2015

### To register/send abstract

Please, send an email to: [m.j.aartsen@vu.nl](mailto:m.j.aartsen@vu.nl)

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