

PERSPECTIVES ON PRODUCTIVE AGING

International Spring School

Winter Semester 2023/24

Age(ing) is one of the (biological) basic conditions of human life. As a stage of life and as a phase of life, aging is at the same time a social and cultural construction through which everyday life, social contexts and biographical perspectives are structured. Attitudes toward old age and older people enter into the entire social rules as unconscious basic assumptions and are culturally shaped: from language and historical tradition to literary and art-media forms of expression, the structural forms of living together and social group formation, and even action in economic contexts. The concept of productivity plays a key role in this process, which is interpreted in terms of loss and decay. In the upcoming Spring School on "Perspectives on Productive Aging" we will discuss the following basic question together: How are the concepts of "productive aging" (for individuals, different social groups and societies) reflected in philosophical texts and literature, artistic artifacts, historical documents, quantitative and qualitative research?

DATES

Accommodation & Traveling – February 4 to 10

Teaching – February 5 to 9

LOCATIONS

The Spring school will take place at Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf (on campus), in the House of the University downtown, and at Schloss Mickeln (Guest house of the University).

COSTS

Travel and accommodation costs will be financed through an Erasmus agreement.

FRAMEWORK PROGRAM

We will attend a theater performance on Aging on the stage of the Theater Museum, have a guided tour of the unique, world's largest graphic collection on the subject "man and death" (nearly 6000 objects), stored in the Department of the History, Sociology and Ethics of Medicine on Campus and also have two joint dinners.

PARTICIPATING LECTURERS AND TOPICS

Professor Dr. Andrea von Hülsen-Esch

Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany

On *The representation of the ages of man in art and social reality and Fountains of youth*

Professor Dr. Giovanna Pinna

University of Molise, Italy

On *The relationship between productive aging and subjectivity (Simone de Beauvoir, Martha Nussbaum etc.)*

Professor Dr. Heiner Fangerau

Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany

On *Parenthood in old age – productive ages and Aging in algorithm*

Professor Dr. Ulla Kriebner

University of Graz, Austria

On *Cultural representation of dementia and Cultural representation of aging / medical humanities*

Professor Dr. Jaco Zuijderduijn

Lund University, Sweden

On *Life cycle and retirement to functional age*

Anna-Christina Kainradl M.A.

University of Graz, Austria

On *Intersectionality and aging*

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