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THURSDAY

***08:45-09:15** — Registration & Welcome Coffee*
(Foyer A300)

***09:15-09:25** — Conference Opening*
(Room A300)

***09:25–09:45** — Opening address from **Zvezdan Pirtošek**, UN Independent Expert on the Human Rights of Older Persons, Professor of Neurology, University of Ljubljana (TBC, online)*
(Room A300)

***09:45–11:00** — Parallel Session 1*

Theoretical Approaches in Socio-Gerontechnology

Chair: Alex Peine
Room A300

Lauren Hultquist, University of North Carolina, USA & **Alfred Boakye**, University of Maryland, USA,
The Expansion of AI & Technology in the New Era: Where is Gerontology?

Galit Nimrod, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel,
Technology and Identity Work in Later Life: A Conceptual Framework

Policy, Governance & the Silver Economy

Chair: Justyna Stypińska
Room A310

Joni Jaakola, **Helena Hirvonen**, University of Eastern Finland, **Diane Burns**, **Kate Hamblin**, **Grace Whitfield**, The University of Sheffield, England, **Carole Elliott**, University of St Andrew, Scotland, **Sanna Kuoppamäki**, **Lucy McCarren**, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden,
Governance of Platform Care in Europe: Policy Gaps in the UK, Sweden, and Finland

Andrzej Klimczuk & Zofia Szweda-Lewandowska, SGH Warsaw, Poland,
Re-Democratising AI in the European Silver Economy

Viivi Korpela, University of Jyväskylä, Finland & **Cora van Leeuwen**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium,
Public service delivery in age-friendly cities: the role of AI and digital inclusion in policy documents

***11:00–11:15** — Break*

11:15–12:45 — Parallel Session 2

Co-Creation & Participatory Design with Older Adults

Chair: Ittay Mannheim
Room A300

Katja Rießenberger, Technical University of Munich, Germany, **Barbara Neves,** University of Sydney, Australia **& Florian Fischer,** Kempten University of Applied Sciences, Germany,
Entangled in Tensions: Perspectives on Co-Creation with Older Adults in Australia and Germany

Shelly Levy-Tzdek, Ben-Gurion University, Israel,
Beyond Inclusion as a Buzzword: Participatory Design as a Human Rights Practice in Gerontechnology

Catharina M. van Leersum, Open University of the Netherlands,
Older adults co-create personal (X)AI scenarios

Emma Clarke, Dublin City University, Ireland **& Paula Kelly** TU Dublin, Ireland,
Co-Creating Critical AI Literacy with Older Adults: A Design Justice Approach to Inclusive AI Literacy in Ireland

Digital Inequalities & Support Networks

Chair: Claire Dungey
Room A310

Carla Greubel, Anja Eder & Juliane Jarke, University of Graz, Austria,
Negotiating digital inclusion and access to social rights: Practices and experiences of (older) volunteer advisors in the German pension system

Viivi Korpela, Laura Pajula, Riitta Hänninen, University of Jyväskylä, Finland,
Age-attuned and situated: Older peer tutors as mediators of everyday digital communication

Mino Novello, Politecnico di Milano, Italy **& Giulia Melis,** University of Cagliari, Italy,
When Public Services Become warm: Disentangling Digital Support Relationships Beyond the Private/Public Divide

12:45–13:45 — Lunch

13:45–15:00 *— Plenary session*

Room A300

Rethinking ageism and AI: theoretical and methodological considerations

Panelist: **Clara Berridge**, University of Washington, USA, **Andrea Rosales**, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain, **Charlene Chu,** University of Toronto, Canada
Discussant: **Justyna Stypińska**, WZB/Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg

15:00–16:15 *— Parallel Session 3*

Past and Future in Research

Chair: Juliane Jarke
Room A300

Gabrielle Lavenir, Université de Poitiers, France,
Slow Shifts and Prudent Pushback: Thinking Through A Decade of Research on Older Adults' Digital Play

Yiqing Huang, University of Bristol, England,
Ageing with Digital Technologies: A Life Course Exploration of Older Adults

Jiayu Chen, National University of Singapore, **Miguel Gomez,** Monash University, Australia,
Futuring with AI Imagery in AgeTech Research: Representations and Methodological Potentials

Care Approaches

Chair: Simone Anna Felding
Room A310

Marcus Persson & Lisa Ferm, Linköping University, Sweden,
Techno-disappointment in care work: Emotional responses to unfulfilled promises of digitalization as indicators of social, ethical, and vocational implications

Marcela Petrová Kafková & Lucie Vidovićová, Masaryk University, Czechia,
Assistive technologies and AI systems in care for older adults in need of care

Daniele Zaccaria University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland,
Infrastructuring Technology-Mediated Communication in Long-Term Care Facilities

16:15–16:45 *— Coffee Break*

16:45–18:15 — Parallel Session 4

Communicative AI and Voice Assistants

Chair: Andrea Rosales
Room A300

Edit Paulo, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary,
Data-mirroring interviews with older ChatGPT users: Reflexive interpretations of AI use

Sara Skardelly & Juliane Jarke, University of Graz, Austria,
"Alexa+, are you the future of care? Communicative AI as a participatory infrastructure of care and ageing futures"

Jacqueline Wechtl & Hanna Köttl, IMC Krems, University of Applied Sciences, Austria,
When Google Gemini Talks about Syphilis: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Age and Gender Representation

Leonie Winterpacht, Juliane Jarke & Helen Manchester, University of Graz, Austria,
Doing "ageing well" with communicative AI: an intersectional perspective on ageing practices

AI and Health Issues

Chair: Halina Nadobnik
Room A310

Clara Berridge, David Huh,William Lober, Melinda Schultz, Kimberley Bako, University of Washington & **Karen Lyons**, Boston College, USA
"Let's Talk Tech" for person-centered decisions about how to use technology to support dementia care: Findings from a randomized controlled trial

Christophe Humbert, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France
From Reminiscence Therapy to Identity Work: A Controversial Trajectory of an AI for Alzheimer's Care

Teun Voost, Open University of the Netherlands
Narratives of scaling: How Scalability of AI is Envisioned in Dementia

Lorenzo Carta, University of Trieste, Italy
Making Fall Risk: Materiality and Problematization in Machine Learning Practices

19:00 – Dinner

Restaurant *Il valentino*, Kurfürstenstr. 56, 10785, Berlin

FRIDAY

09:00–09:30 *—Welcome coffee*

09:30–11:00 *— Parallel Session 5*

Feminist & Intersectional Approaches

Chair: Wendy Martin
Room A300

Mónica Cano Abadía, University of Graz, Austria,
Situated Vulnerability in AI Care: A Feminist Medical Humanities Approach to Socio-Gerontechnology

Ren Aldridge, Juliane Jarke, University of Graz, Austria, **Helen Manchester,** University of Bristol, England, **Steve Symons,** University of Sussex, England,
Embracing the monstrous. Speculative and arts-based approaches to feminist ageing futures in datafied worlds

Andriu Arias Astray, Iara Sebastián-Esandi, David Alonso González, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain,
Systematic Review of Technology Adoption among Older Adults through an Intersectional Approach

Katrin Lehner & Vera Gallistl-Kassing, Karl Landsteiner University of Health Sciences, Austria
When AI Scripts Ageing: Practices of Vulnerabilisation in Later Life

Panel: Policy – Research Dialogue

Room A310

Claudia Mahler, former UN Independent expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, Team-leader on the rights of older persons at the German Institute for Human Rights, **Julia Wadoux**, AGE Platform Europe, **Justyna Stypińska**, WZB/Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg, Germany

On 3 April 2025, the UN Human Rights Council adopted a landmark resolution establishing an intergovernmental working group to draft a UN Convention on the human rights of older persons. This marks a decisive step towards strengthening and protecting older people's rights worldwide. This session brings together policy and research perspectives to contribute to the drafting process, with a particular focus on ensuring that the UN Convention reflects the impact of digitalisation and AI on older people's rights.

The session has a limited capacity. Those who wish to participate are kindly requested to send an email to halina.nadobnik@wzb.eu.

11:00–11:15 *— Break*

11:15–12:45 — Parallel Session 6

Assistive Technologies
Chair: Rüya G. Koçer
Room A300

Mathias Denecke, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany,
Exclusive AI. Ambivalent figurations of assistive home residents

Katri Keskinen, Tampere University, Finland,
Achieving independent living with and through technologies: snapshots from older adults' video diaries

Mélanie Couture, Renée-Pier Filiou, **Sylvain Giroux**, **Charles Gouin-Vallerand**, Université de Sherbrooke, Guy Paré, HEC Montréal, Canada, **Sébastien Gaboury**, **Kévin Bouchard**, Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, Canada, **Nathalie Bier**, Université de Montréal, Canada,
Perceived Usefulness of Telemonitoring of Daily Activities to Support the Roles of Emergency Medical Services Assisting Frail and Isolated Older Adults: Results from the Cote Saint-Luc Living Lab

Li-Huei Liu, Martin Knapp, Michael Clark, Andrew Street, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), England,
Assess the implementation of mHealth for depression among frail older people using the CFIR and NPT

Workshop: Fun with Faultlines – Exploring the vibrant diversity in Socio-gerontechnology
Room A310

Vera Gallistl-Kassing, Karl Landsteiner University of Health Sciences, Austria, **Alex Peine,** Open University of the Netherlands, **Anna Wanka**, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

Speakers:
Helen Manchester, University of Bristol, England, **Juliane Jarke** University of Graz, Austria, **Andrea Rosales,** Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain

Celebrating ten years of Socio-gerontechnology, this workshop explores the field's vibrant diversity by bringing its key theoretical and methodological approaches into dialogue with one another. Participants will map, play with, and learn from these different approaches to better understand how they inform the diverse aims of socio-gerontechnology, such as engaging with the experiences of older people, organisations, and policy makers.

The workshop has a limited capacity. We invite all interested in participation to register at the conference reception (Foyer A300) at the beginning of the conference.

12:45–13:45 — Lunch and Group Photo

13:45–15:15 — Parallel Session 7

AnyAge.AI Panel: Unpacking AI Realities: Design, Use and Resistance

Chair: Ittay Mannheim
Room A300

Claire Dungey, Maria Sourbati, University of Brighton, England,
"Thinking about digital capture was way off my radar!": Invisible mobilities in smart transport infrastructure

Rüya G. Koçer, Ittay Mannheim, Leiden University, Netherlands,
Don't Always Blame The Data: The Role of Obscure Design Choices in Failures of AI-based Decision-Making

Halina Nadobnik, Berlin Social Science Centre (WZB), Germany, **Justyna Stypińska,** WZB/Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg, Germany, **Lucia Malén Reuther Carioni,** Berlin Social Science Centre (WZB)
Between Personalization and Standardization: The Roles of AI-Driven Applications for People with Dementia

Juan Linares-Lanzman & Andrea Rosales, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain,
Age, ageing and ageism discourses in AI resistance movements in Spain

Emotions and Identity

Chair: Mathias Denecke
Room A310

Simone Felding, University of Copenhagen, Denmark,
Animals and music as technologies providing emotional medicine for people at the end of life

Meital Kate Bar-Yossef, Galit Nimrod, Yael Edan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel,
When a Robot Moves In: Technology Domestication and Identity in Later Life

Dennis Rosenberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel,
Factors associated with using health information from social media for personal health related decision making

15:15–15:30 — Closing of the conference

15:45 — Trip to Futurium

Meeting place in the lobby by the entrance.

Poster in parallel with conference

Wendy Martin, Brunel University of London, **Barbara Marshall**, Trent University, Canada, *Digital technologies and datafied ageing - Visualising old bodies, risk and care*

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