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Innovative Training Network (ITN) EuroAgeism

EuroAgeism is a multi-disciplinary, multi-sectorial, science-policy international network of researchers, policy makers and social and health care professionals focusing on different aspects of ageism. The ITN EuroAgeism is dedicated to the training of a new generation of Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) in the field of ageism. It is conducted by a consortium of high-profile universities, research institutions and NGOs. The ITN combines science and policy by creating an opportunity for a true dialogue that will allow graduates of the program to capture positions as scientists, educators, science advisers, policy advocates, lobbyists, or legislators in the global and multi/professional field of ageism. The individual PhD projects explore ways to improve active participation of older adults in the workforce, address ageism in relation to access to goods and services and promote an age-friendly society.

Work Packages (WP)

With the comprehensive goal, EuroAgeism project encompasses three wider work packages, namely WP1- Ageism and active contribution to society; WP2- Ageism in access to goods and services; WP3- Towards an age-friendly society.

ESRs

Through a highly competitive recruitment process, 15 imaginative ESRs from 13 different nations and diverse academic disciplines have proven to be the most promising junior scientists within the framework of the ITN EuroAgeism.



Year 2019 celebrates the 50th anniversary of Ageism. The word ageism was introduced by Robert N. Butler back in 1969, who defined it as systematic stereotyping of and discrimination against people because they are old. Since then, ageism has expanded its meaning beyond the initial ideas, and we have become to understand that ageism can be both positive and negative, and can be found in our ways of acting, thinking and feeling. We are still far away from making people worldwide aware of ageism and its consequences, and the awareness starts with naming the phenomenon. We asked our Early Stage Researchers to tell *what is ageism* in their native languages or if they do not have a word for it, how do they talk about ageism. Here are their answers:



Bangla

Even though there is rarely specific term for *Ageism* in Bangla language, the closest conceptual phrase could be 'বয়স-বৈষম্য' (boyosh boishommo). It is a fairly new concept used by academics, with similar connotation of age discrimination.

Chinese

Ageism (年龄歧视) is a concept that used to describe the stereotyping of and discrimination against older adults on the basis of age, particularly in the workforce. Ageism has been challenging the filial piety of Confucian culture and traditional intergenerational relations.

Finnish

Finnish researchers have translated ageism into Finnish and the term is called *ageism*. It is rarely used in everyday language, and people tend to talk more about ageism as age discrimination, *ikäsyryntä*.

German

Germans often use the word *Altersdiskriminierung* (age discrimination), even though it is not the same as ageism. In German literature, you also can sometimes find the English word *ageism*, as well as its translations such as *Ageismus* and *Alterismus*.

Hebrew

Hebrew has its own word for ageism, גילנות (Gilanot) that is explained more or less like the English term.

It's a direct translation from English, the first part meaning age and the second part being the Hebrew parallel of *-ism*.

Italian

In Italian ageism has not a unique and common translation. Two attempts are *ageismo*, Italianization of the English term, or *anzianismo*, the latter is referring just to old age. So, Italians mostly use a paraphrase *discriminazione sulla base dell'età* (discrimination on the base of age).

Serbian

The term ageism is not widely used in Serbia. We use *ejdžizam* or *ejmuзам* - it is the same word as ageism, but we write in the way as it is pronounced in English. Ageism has also been translated as *starizam* / *старизам* (age-ism).

Yoruba

In Nigeria, people don't really have a word for ageism, but the word can be translated to *Ikorira oj'ori* which means age discrimination. The term *Iyanje lat'ara ikorira oj'ori* can also be used, and it means inequalities arising from age discrimination.

Russian

In Russian ageism is discussed as *эйджизм* (ageism), *возрастная дискриминация* (age discrimination) or *предубеждение против какой-либо возрастной группы*, prejudice against a specific age group, usually regarded as a part of gender discrimination in the labour force.

Korean

In Korea, ageism can be explained as ageism *연령주의* (yeol-ryeong-ju-yi) or age discrimination *연령차별주의* (yeol-ryeong-cha-byeol-ju-yi). These two terms are the most commonly used in academic settings.



Turkish

Ageism is not a common concept in Turkey. Although there is a word for ageism, yaşçılık (age-ism), people tend to talk more often about age discrimination.

Urdu

In Pakistan there is no actual word for ageism. It can be translated into a word which means age discrimination

مر کے بارے میں امتیازی سلوک in Urdu.

Past events

Innovative Training Network EuroAgeism Meeting & Final Conference of COST Action on Ageism

October 25th – 26th 2018, European Committee of the Regions, Belgium
COST Action IS1402 on Ageism.
AGE Platform Europe and the Committee of the Regions organized an international event to advocate for a future world for all ages, in which age is no longer a barrier. This event summarized the work done on ageism by more than 200 researchers and policy stakeholders from 35 different countries, as part of a COST Action.

Research Workshop of the Israel Science Foundation and ITN Meeting

January 21st – 24th 2019, Bar-Ilan University, Israel. The workshop



provided ITN students with new concepts, methodologies and practical tools to embark on longitudinal research and to take an advantage of available longitudinal studies already in place. The first two days of the workshop were devoted to quantitative longitudinal research and the latter two days focused on qualitative longitudinal research. Hence, attendees benefited from a broad and diverse perspective on an emerging field of important practical implications for their research.

The first Euro-Ageism ITN- project Training School including the Mid-Term Check

February 12th – 16th 2019, Tampere University, Finland. The first EuroAgeism Training School focused on the academic interdisciplinary understanding of the phenomenon of ageism, supported theoretical and empirical accounts concerning multi-disciplinary settings and contexts in which ageism occurs; and policies and practices related to ageism and older adults at the international, national, and municipal levels. The training included a wide range of transferable skills, such as academic writing and publishing, research management, communication, etc.

Upcoming EuroAgeism events

ITN EuroAgeism Training: Ageing and Life Course in a Nutshell

May 20th – 21st 2019, Gothenburg, Sweden

ITN EuroAgeism Training

August 30th – 31st 2019, Aberdeen, Scotland

Other events

Finnish Social Psychology Days

April 11th – 12th 2019, Finland

9th Congress of IAGG-ER International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics European Region Congress 2019

May 23rd – 25th 2019, Gothenburg, Sweden

Master Class course *Portraying Old Age and Ageing to Counteract Ageism* organized by the 9th Congress of IAGG-ER.

Aging & Social Change Conference

September 16th – 17th 2019, Vienna, Austria

Social Network Seminar

February 3rd – 5th 2020, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

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