



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

DEADLINE: 30th APRIL 2019 (mail to gendercare@urv.cat)

International Conference

***CARING FOR OLDER AND DEPENDENT PEOPLE.
PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.***

12th and 13th of September, 2019

Universitat Rovira i Virgili

Social care for dependent people and the elderly is one of the major challenges currently facing our societies. According to OCDE estimations, by 2050 Spain will be the second largest aging population in the world with more than 15% of it over 80 years old, a situation that is similar in other European countries. On one hand the increase in the elderly population represents a historical triumph; however, on the other it brings with it the responsibility to ever greater levels of care. Moreover, chronic diseases and functional diversity will also call for help and social support.

Care is disproportionally provided by the family and women. Our starting point is the need to democratize care, enabling societies to take on more and larger responsibilities and facilitating the much-needed involvement of men, whose progressive and increasing role in childcare is not matched by a similar level of involvement in the care of dependent people and the elderly.

The purpose of this conference is to debate experiences and research in order to understand the current distribution of care work in different areas (families, labour market, communitarian), regions and countries and to acknowledge current challenges and emerging proposals to achieve the democratization of care. This democratization involves socializing care responsibilities, sharing care work between men and women, recognizing care's centrality, dignifying and consolidating its professionalization, and taking into account the rights and demands of the people who are receiving care.

We invite contributions that reflect on these topics and analyse data from different contexts and situations in which dependent people and the elderly are being cared for. Special emphasis will be placed on emerging ways of redistribution and care recognition (caring masculinities, public involvement, communitarian initiatives, labour dignification, among others). The main purpose is to identify key elements for promoting gender justice and social justice in care.



Thematic areas

1. Who cares for the elderly and dependent people in families?

- New gender roles, new families, new care needs. Is it possible to care and work at the same time? Is co-responsibility exercised in care?
- Male experiences in care
- Aspects that condition care: family and care traditions, couples' arrangements, generational arrangements, siblings, family and 'new families' arrangements
- Social injustices: difficulties faced by vulnerable families when caring for dependent and elderly people
- Social and labour resistances to caring masculinities
- The role of the public administration in gender-role transformations
- Care of caring people

2. Care as a labour sector: gender, class and foreign policy

- Care services as precarious and feminized sectors. Domestic work as a care resource
- Claims and demands of domestic and care organized workers
- Rights violations, abuses and justice vulnerability
- Difficulties in the professionalization of care work for dependent and elderly people
- What elements contribute to the involvement of men in care work? (expansion of this labour area, employment opportunities, human focus of occupation, social utility)
- How do organizational characteristics of care services shape the involvement of men?
- Experiences of men working in paid care work services
- Towards social justice in social care: confluence of interests between families and workers involved in care
- The role of the public administration in dignifying and democratizing care

3. Communitarian experiences of care: reproduction or innovation of gender and class roles?

- Is co-responsibility easier in the communitarian context?
- Communitarian care experiences from a gender and class perspective
- Communitarian care in the social and solidarity economy
- Tensions between the public and communitarian contexts
- Communitarian experiences where men are involved in care
- Cohousing experiences in the care of elderly and dependent people: is there innovation in terms of gender and social justice?
- Promotion of intergenerational relations with a gender and class perspective
- Voluntary and activist community activities
- The role of the public administration in the communitarian context



4. Desires and agency of care-receivers

- What do the elderly desire? Preferences, stereotypes, resistances
- What do the people with functional diversity desire? Preferences, stereotypes and resistances
- How do these desires interact with the different spaces and contexts in which care is given?
- How are these desires expressed in terms of deserving/undeserving?
- Facing the end of life
- Negotiations, conflicts and tensions in decision-making processes
- The emotional dimension of care

INVITED SPEAKERS:

Heike Drotbohm (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz)

Raquel Martínez Buján (Universidade da Coruña)

More speakers to be confirmed

DEADLINE FOR SENDING ABSTRACTS: APRIL 30th, 2019

Abstracts, in English or Spanish, of a maximum of 500 words should include: title, name and affiliation of author/s, academic position and e-mail. They should also contain: selected thematic area, objectives, methodology, main lines of analysis and main sources, as well as 5 keywords.

Abstracts should be sent before April 30th to: gendercare@urv.cat

The list of accepted proposals will be published on 5th of June 2019.

The registration period (40€) will open on 6th of June 2019.

The conference will be held in September 12th and 13th at Rovira i Virgili University (Tarragona, Spain). The official languages of the conference will be Spanish and English. Further information on symposia and conferences will be updated in the following weeks. The organization of the conference does not cover travel and accommodation expenses.

For any additional information, please contact with the conference administrator:
gendercare@urv.cat



Scientific Committee

Verónica Anzil (Institut Tarragonès d'Antropologia)
Yolanda Bodoque (Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain)
Sílvia Bofill (Universitat de Barcelona, Spain)
Dolors Comas d'Argemir (Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain)
Florence Degavre (Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium)
Begoña Enguix (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain)
Mari Luz Esteban (Universidad del País Vasco, Spain)
Hermínia González (Universidad Central de Chile, Chile)
Carmen Gregorio (Universidad de Granada, Spain)
Alessandro Gusman (Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy)
Antónia Lima (Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, Portugal)
Xavier Roigè (Universitat de Barcelona, Spain)
Montserrat Soronellas (Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain)

Organizing Committee

Carla Aguilar (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)
Claudia Anleu (Institut Tarragonès d'Antropologia)
Xabier Ballesteros (Ajuntament de Barcelona)
Tomas Bález (Universitat de Barcelona)
Yolanda Bodoque (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)
Sílvia Bofill (Universitat de Barcelona)
Dolors Comas d'Argemir (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)
Carlos Alonso Chirinos (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)
Mònica Gelambí (independent researcher)
Raúl Márquez (Universitat de Barcelona)
María Offenhenden (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)
Carmina Puig (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)
Mireia Roca (Universitat de Barcelona)
Katty Solórzano (Universitat de Barcelona)
Montserrat Soronellas (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)
Ramona Torrens (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)

Collaborating entities

Homes Igualitaris – AHIGE Catalunya
Ajuntament de Barcelona
Ajuntament de Tarragona
STS-Gestió Serveis Socio-sanitaris - Fundació Privada STS
Observatori de la Igualtat de la URV
FRIDAS. Feministas

Conference administrator: Natalia Alonso: gendercare@urv.cat

Organizers:



Unión Europea

Fondo Europeo de Desarrollo Regional
"Una manera de hacer Europa"