



Frankfurt Forum for Interdisciplinary Ageing Research (FFIA)

The newly founded Frankfurt Forum for Interdisciplinary Ageing Research (FFIA) is a research platform at Goethe-University Frankfurt (Germany) for the promotion of externally funded research, network building, early career development and the visibility of ageing research in Germany.

The aims of the FFIA are:

- to bring together researchers from different scientific disciplines at Goethe-University Frankfurt and beyond;
- to submit proposals for interdisciplinary research projects (regional, national, international);
- to support PhD candidates in a small “graduate school” (e.g. doctoral grants);
- to increase the visibility of ageing research in Frankfurt and the region as a whole.

The Frankfurt profile:

The focus of ageing research in Frankfurt reflects an interdisciplinary combination of social sciences and life sciences whose objective it is to maintain and foster quality of life in old age by emphasizing

- individual and socio-physical issues (the ageing person in context)
- legal and ethical issues (societal awareness, stereotypes, ageing norms)
- medical / service-related and economic issues (amenities, services, infrastructure)

So far, researchers from the fields of Psychology, Medicine, Educational Sciences, Law, and Geography have joined the Forum.

Examples of our interdisciplinary research projects:

- Ageing in place (impact of housing on well-being and process evaluation of local interventions). Disciplines: Psychology, Gerontology, Educational Sciences, Geography.
- Health Literacy in later life and ageing in place (exploring biographical and environmental aspects of perceived health). Disciplines: Educational Sciences, Gerontology.
- Communication and decision-making capacity among persons with dementia (development of enhanced consent procedures). Disciplines: Psychology, Law, Medicine, Ethics.
- Potential and risks of socio-emotional robotics (technology acceptance and development and evaluation of new artefacts). Disciplines: Psychology, Educational Sciences, Medicine.
- Urban out-of-home mobility and climate change (analyses of needs for future city planning in Europe). Disciplines: Architecture, Medicine, Gerontology, Psychology.

International co-operation partners are most welcome!

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