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CALL FOR PAPERS

Doctoral students' workshop "Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research"

August 26-27, 2010, University of Vechta, Germany

Qualitative methods have a long and outstanding tradition in the field of **ageing research**. They attend closely to the context and interactions of everyday life, thereby enhancing our understanding of the experience and interpretation of ageing. The topics studied are inter alia the social representations of aging as well as issues of gender, paid work, health and care-giving. The methods employed range from in-depth and narrative interviews to qualitative content analysis and ethnography.

We invite PhD-students specialized in sociology, gerontology and methodology to submit abstracts related to the topic "Qualitative Methods in Ageing Research". The contributions may focus either on methodological or on content-related questions. **Abstracts** with a maximum of 200 words should be **submitted before May 30, 2010**. The participants will need to submit a complete version of their papers by the beginning of August 2010.

During the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to present their papers and receive feedback from senior researchers and the other participants. Senior researchers acting as discussants will be inter alia Harald Kuenemund (University of Vechta, Germany), Ricca Edmondson (National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland), Tünde Turai (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary, t.b.c.) and Krzysztof Konecki (University of Lodz, Poland).

The **participation fee** is 50 Euros. It includes the material for the workshop, two lunches, one dinner, and tea and coffee on both days. The participants are expected to provide for their own travelling and accommodation (special rates available on request).

To **apply** for the workshop, please submit your abstract to Kathrin Komp at k.komp@fsw.vu.nl. If you have any questions, you can contact her under the same e-mail address.