

End of project workshop



Ageing in a DIGITAL world. A study on multiple dimensions of inequality, in old AGE (DIGITAL-AGE)

Department of Sociology and Social Research of the University of Milano-Bicocca
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The Department of Sociology and Social Research of the University of Milano-Bicocca is hosting the final workshop of the project: *Ageing in a DIGITAL world. A study on multiple dimensions of inequality, in old AGE (DIGITAL-AGE)*. The workshop is addressed to researchers from academic and non-academic research centers in the fields of sociology, demography, media studies, economics, and other social sciences.

The workshop will be held in person only.

The workshop **Keynote Speaker** is: Prof. [Bruno Arpino](#) (University of Padua).

Bruno Arpino is a full professor in Social Statistics at the Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Padua (Italy). His previous appointments include positions at the University of Florence (Italy) and at the Pompeu Fabra University (Spain) where he also co-directed the Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology (RECSM). His research interests are in the areas of causal inference, social gerontology and demography. His substantive research focuses on intergenerational relationships, and older adults' use of digital technologies, health and wellbeing. He is an associate editor of the European Journal of Population and published articles in peer-reviewed journals such as Computers in Human Behavior, Demography, European Sociological Review, Journal of Marriage and Family, the Journals of Gerontology: Series B, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society - A and C, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

Keynote Speech:

Intergenerational Relationships and Older People's Use of Digital Technologies

Across Europe and around the globe, there is a notable demographic shift towards an aging population. As our societies become increasingly digitalized, older individuals find themselves navigating a world where internet access and digital technologies are fundamental for accessing essential services, maintaining social connections, and receiving support and care. In light of these changes, it is imperative to explore how the adoption or avoidance of digital technologies impacts the social relationships and overall well-being of older adults.

This talk will delve into recent research examining the bidirectional link between family ties and the use of digital technologies among older individuals. We will explore the intricate interplay between family dynamics and older adults' digital engagement, investigating the extent to which intergenerational relationships influence their technology use. Additionally, we will analyze how the use of digital tools affects intergenerational connections.

Fees: there are no participation fees. However participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs (if needed).

Registration form: as we have limited availability of spaces interested participants are kindly requested to register here by May 22th signaling their intention to participate:

<https://forms.gle/JemCB1LCziYdD5yX7>

Programme:

10.30 - 10.45 Welcome, Alessandra Gaia, University College London

10.45 - 11.30 Keynote Speech: Intergenerational relationships and older people's use of digital technologies, Bruno Arpino, University of Padua

11.30 - 11.45 Break

11.45 - 12.45 Session I

Pre-Covid internet use and mental and physical health during Covid, in the older population, David Consolazio (University of Milano-Bicocca), Alessandra Gaia (University College London), Gianmaria Niccodemi (Presenter, University of Milano-Bicocca), N. Novello (Polytechnic of Milan)

Inequalities in Internet Access and the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Older Adults' Social Capital and Health: a Longitudinal Cohort Study, Luca Valla (Presenter, University of Padua, formerly Fondazione Golgi Cenci), Michele Rossi (Fondazione Golgi Cenci), Alessandra Gaia (University College London), Antonio Guaita and Elena Rolandi (Fondazione Golgi Cenci).

Digital inequalities, hybrid working activities, and caregiving responsibilities among pre-senior workers in the Metropolitan area of Milan, Annalisa Dordoni (University of Milano-Bicocca), Conny Russo (Presenter, University of Milano-Bicocca), Anne-Iris Romens (University of Milano-Bicocca), Valentina Pacetti (University of Milano-Bicocca)

12.45 - 13.00 Discussion

13.00 - 14.00 Light Lunch and Ageing Societies best thesis award

14.00 - 15.15 Session II

Ageing with mobile phones: tactical uses/non-uses in post-pandemic rural Italy, Francesco Diodati (Presenter, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano) and Simone Carlo (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano)

Older Adults' Digital Practices and Representations of Ageing during COVID-19: results from the ILQA-19 Case Study, Giulia Melis (Presenter, University of Milan-Bicocca)

Older Carers and the Digitalisation of Health Services: a Scoping Review, Emanuela Sala (University of Milano-Bicocca), Federica Cretazzo (Presenter, University of Milano-Bicocca), and Miriam Serini (University of Milano-Bicocca)

Peer-to-peer digital education for older adults: reflections on collaborative design and delivery of a smartphone course, Dario Pizzul (Presenter, University of Pavia) and Alessandro Caliandro (University of Pavia)

Cyber School for Grandparents: an intergenerational educational program to bridge the digital divide, Elena Rolandi (Presenter, Fondazione Golgi Cenci and University of Pavia), Mauro Colombo (Fondazione Golgi Cenci), Simona Ferrari (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore), Eleonora Mazzotti (Telematic University E-Campus), Michele Rossi (Fondazione Golgi Cenci), Antonio Guaita (Fondazione Golgi Cenci)

15.15 - 15.30 Break

15.30 - 16.00 Discussion and final remarks, Anne-Iris Romens (University of Milano-Bicocca)

Organising Committee:

Alessandra Gaia (University College London), Annalisa Dordoni (University of Milano-Bicocca), Anne-Iris Romens (University of Milano-Bicocca), Elena Rolandi (Fondazione Golgi-Cenci), and Luca Valla (Fondazione Golgi-Cenci), Alessandro Caliandro (University of Pavia).