



## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Age Matters! Seminar

May 22–23, 2025

Tampere, Finland

Tampere University, Kalevantie 4

# AGE MATTERS!

*Seminar on cultural gerontology, Tampere, 22–23 May 2025*

We are pleased to announce the call for abstracts for the upcoming Age Matters! seminar, to be held on May 22–23, 2025 at Tampere University, Finland.

Age Matters! is a seminar that applies interdisciplinary social science, humanities and cultural studies lens on age and ageing. The core focus is on lived experiences and cultural representations of age and ageing and the impact of ageing on social relationships, culture, and communities.

This seminar brings together researchers broadly from the fields of social and cultural gerontology to discuss their current research and to explore the opportunities for future collaboration.

We welcome researchers at every career stage to share their work and take part in critical debates on age and ageing. Researchers are also encouraged to present their ongoing research. Please note that this seminar will be on-site only.

## Themes and Topics

We welcome submissions on a wide range of topics, including but not limited to:

- Cultural representations of ageing in e.g. media, literature, and art
- Cultural meanings and expectations related to age and ageing
- Identity and embodiment in older adulthood
- Social roles and relationships in later life
- The impact of ageing on families and communities
- Interdisciplinary approaches to ageing research
- Concepts and theories of age and ageing

## Keynote speaker

The keynote speaker of the seminar is Professor **Merril Silverstein**. Dr. Silverstein is a distinguished scholar in the field of ageing studies, holding the Marjorie Cantor Endowed Chair in Aging at Syracuse University. He is a professor in both the Maxwell School's Department of Sociology and the Falk College's Department of Human Development and Family Sciences.

Dr. Silverstein's research primarily focuses on ageing within the context of family life, emphasizing life course and international perspectives. He has published over 150 research articles and serves as the principal investigator of the Longitudinal Study of Generations. His research interests include intergenerational relationships, demographic and policy contexts of ageing, and the cultural dimensions of ageing.

## Submission guidelines

Please submit your abstract, with a maximum length of 250 words **by March 15, 2025**. Please include 3–5 key words. Please make sure to include the title, your name and co-authors' names, university and affiliations. Notification of acceptance of presentations will be given by March 31, 2025. Oral presentations should be approximately 15 minutes long and engage with topics related to age and ageing. You can also present a poster. Abstracts and presentations can be in Finnish or English.

**Abstract submission:** <https://forms.office.com/e/rANAkPXCuw>

## Contact and seminar info

The seminar is organised by **Gerontology Research Center (GEREC)** (Tampere University).

The seminar is arranged with support from the **Century-Long Lives (CLL): Individual, structural and cultural adaptation to longevity (Profi7)** profiling area (Tampere University).

For further information and registration, please visit the website: <https://events.tuni.fi/agematters2025/>

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