



# **VIU** summer SCHOOL summer InSTITUTE on ageing

**Summer Institute on Ageing**

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**Venice International University  
Isola di San Servolo, Venice**

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## The Value of Longitudinal Data to Study Ageing

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June 3-5 Summer School  
June 6-7 Workshop

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### What is it?

The Summer Institute provides students and early-career researchers with a multidisciplinary and rigorous understanding of the ageing process, ranging from some basic notions of the medical and epidemiological literature, to key concepts in the economics and sociology of ageing.

A special focus is the use of large micro-data sets, from the international family of health and retirement studies (SHARE, HRS, ELSA etc.).

### Format

The 2024 Summer Institute will include two types of activities:

- A three-day summer school on “Multidisciplinary perspectives in the study of ageing based on longitudinal surveys” with lectures, testimonials and hands-on sessions (June 3-5);
- A two-day workshop on “Genetics and biomarkers in the study of ageing” with presentations and discussions of scientific papers from leading experts in the fields (June 6-7)

### Who is it for?

Graduates, PhD students and scholars in economics, statistics, social sciences and medicine, but also professionals active in the field of ageing. Students taking part in the Summer School are also invited to attend the workshop.

### What are the main activities?

- Presentations from leading scholars from the fields of biomedicine, geriatrics, genetics, epidemiology, as well as economics, health economics, public health, psychology, demography and sociology;
- Hands-on sessions: presentation of the survey data on ageing available to the scientific community, such as SHARE;
- Many opportunities for junior scholars to discuss their research with the faculty and the invited speakers.

## Who is the faculty?

The following scientists and researchers will contribute to the 2024 Summer Institute on Ageing:

**Viola Angelini**, University of Groningen, NL

**Marco Bertoni**, University of Padua, IT

**Agar Brugiavini**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice & VIU, IT

**Danilo Cavapozzi**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, IT

**Dalton Conley**, Princeton University, US

**Fabrizio d'Adda di Fagagna**, IFOM ETS-The AIRC Institute of Molecular Oncology, IT

**Luigi Ferrucci**, National Institute on Aging, US

**Meena Kumari**, University of Essex, UK

**Stefania Maggi**, Institute of Neuroscience, National Research Council of Italy, IT

**Jennifer Manly**, Columbia University, US

**Jürgen Maurer**, University of Lausanne, CH

**Cathal McCrory**, Trinity College Dublin, IE

**Michal Myck**, Centre for Economic Analysis, PL

**Giacomo Pasini**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, IT

**David Richter**, Freie Universität Berlin, DE

**Andrew Steptoe**, University College of London, UK

**Paolo Vineis**, Imperial College London, UK

**Stephanie von Hinke**, University of Bristol, UK

**Guglielmo Weber**, University of Padua, IT

## What will you learn?

Participants will gain insights into the recent advances of research on the ageing process, from a multidisciplinary perspective. A specific focus will be given to the advantages of exploiting genetics and biomarkers to conduct ageing research.

Furthermore, participants will take part in “hands-on” sessions where they will be trained on how to use the data behind the research efforts in this area. Participants will gain subject-related competencies in handling large data sets on ageing, which contain relevant information on health and socio-economic conditions.

## Data sets

Population survey data on ageing around the world, such as SHARE and its international sister surveys.



## What's special about the Institute?

Attending the school means you will develop your transversal skills as the approach is multidisciplinary, and those who have a specific economic or sociological background will learn more about medical advances in ageing research, acquiring the specific language in which MDs deal with these issues as well. High-level policy makers or officials who may also take part in this program will be able to learn how to connect issues between the health dimension and the economic dimension of ageing.

## What's the relevance of the school?

The ageing of populations is a major global concern. Ageing processes are complex and involve several dimensions, from the health dimension to the socio-economic context. To achieve a better understanding of how to ensure healthy and successful ageing around the world, it is crucial to take account jointly of these different dimensions and to develop health systems and welfare models that enhance the human development of ageing populations, including in resource-poor settings. Future generations of researchers will have to address the challenge of ageing with a multidisciplinary background, both in their academic careers and in operational activities, and in policy-making as well. This is true also for firms (and managers) who will have to adjust to an ageing workforce and make the best of the skills that these workers will offer. This research agenda has a huge impact on public finances, ranging from health care and long-term care spending to pensions and Social Security.

## Credits

Number of ECTS equivalence: 2

A certificate of attendance will be issued.

## Applications and Fees

The Program will admit a maximum of 30 participants. The minimum number is 12.

**25 fee-waiver scholarships are available in 2024.**

**Recipients of the fee waiver scholarship will pay a registration fee only:**

Students of VIU member universities:

€50 incl. VAT without accommodation

€100 incl. VAT with accommodation\*

Students of non-VIU member universities:

€75 incl. VAT without accommodation

€150 incl. VAT with accommodation\*

The fee waiver and registration fee will cover tuition, teaching materials, lunches in the VIU cafeteria and a social dinner.

\***Accommodation** will be in shared rooms on the San Servolo campus for 6 nights, with breakfast and including city tax.

Full Tuition and Registration Fee: € 1600 incl. VAT

Full Accommodation Fee: €308 incl. VAT

Student participants will be responsible for covering their own travel expenses to and from Venice, local transportation, and evening meals.

## On-line applications via VIU website

Applicants must submit: the Application form, a brief research statement including candidate's interests and a curriculum vitae with photo.

**Deadline for applications: April 19, 2024**

## Website and application form:

<https://www.univiu.org/study/summer-schools/ageing>

## Venice International University

Venice International University is a consortium of 23 universities, representing 15 countries throughout the world. The mission of VIU is to foster cooperation among VIU member institutions while facilitating the exchange of knowledge and ideas, by developing, promoting, and organizing joint academic, research and training programs. The academic programs at VIU are distinguished by a markedly interdisciplinary approach to the topics, and by the international perspectives that the participants contribute to the discussions. The VIU campus is on the island of San Servolo in Venice, Italy.

## Co-organizers and Partners

The Summer Institute on Ageing is an initiative of VIU in partnership with its member universities and institutions Ca' Foscari University of Venice, the National Research Council of Italy, the University of Lausanne, and the University of Padova.

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