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Global Ageing With a Focus on Low- and Middle-income Countries

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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 an extensive treatment of economics (pensions and retirement, ageing in society and intergenerational relationships) and of the sociological dimensions (intergenerational transfers, role of family networks).

A special focus is the use of large micro-data sets, such as SHARE (Survey of Health Ageing and Retirement in Europe) and sister surveys (HRS, ELSA, CHARLS).

Who is it for?
Graduates, PhD students and post-doc scholars in economics, statistics, social sciences and medicine, but also professionals in the pharmaceutical and ageing care industries.

Which are the main activities?
- Presentations in the fields of biomedicine, geriatrics, genetics, epidemiology, patient care, psychiatry, as well as economics of ageing, pension economics and finance, health economics, public health, demography and sociology;
- Hands-on sessions: presentation of the survey data on ageing available to the scientific community focusing on datasets such as SHARE;
- Poster sessions and other activities: discussing the participants’ research with the senior scholars;
- Interactive sessions, such as “tutoring sessions”, aimed at giving participants the opportunity to discuss their own research ideas with senior speakers in individual or small group meetings.
Who is the faculty?
The following scientists and researchers will contribute to the 2022 Summer Institute on Ageing:

**Mauricio Avendano**, University of Lausanne & Harvard University, CH  
**Axel Boersch-Supan**, Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, DE  
**Agar Brugiavini**, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice & Venice International University, IT (Scientific Coordinator)  
**Luigi Ferrucci**, National Institute on Ageing, USA  
**John Giles**, World Bank Group, USA  
**Mickael Hiligsmann**, Maastricht University, NL  
**Jinkook Lee**, University of Southern California, USA  
**Stefania Maggi**, Institute of Neuroscience, National Research Council of Italy, IT  
**Jürgen Maurer**, University of Lausanne, CH  
**Giacomo Pasini**, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, IT  
**Guglielmo Weber**, University of Padova, IT

Further updates will follow before the Call for Applications.

What will you learn?
Double learning outcomes: on one hand, participants will gain more insight into the recent advances of the ageing process from a theoretical and practical point of view, and will be able to evaluate the impact of these advances (e.g. health care costs); on the other hand participants will take part into a “hands-on” session that will teach them how to use the data behind the research effort in this area. Hence participants will gain subject-related competences in handling large data sets on ageing, which do contain relevant information on health and economic conditions. Finally, participants will be able to develop models which can predict the relevance of policies, such as reforms in the Long Term care dimension.

Data sets
Population survey data on ageing around the world such as SHARE and sister surveys.

What’s special about the Institute?
Attending the school means developing transversal competences since the approach is multidisciplinary, and those who have a specific economic or sociological background will know more about medical advances in ageing research, learning 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 of ageing and the economic dimension of ageing.

What’s the relevance of the school?
Ageing population is a major concern for many European countries. The ageing process is a complex process involving several dimensions, from the health dimension to the socio-economic context. In order to achieve a better understanding of how to guarantee successful ageing in Europe, it is crucial to take account jointly of these different dimensions, and to develop welfare models that enhance the resource aspect of an ageing population: from labour supply (experience), to family care, etc. Future generations of researchers will have to address the challenge of ageing with a multidisciplinary background, both in their academic career and in operational activities, and policy making as well. This is true also for firms (and managers) which will have to adjust to an ageing work-force and to make the best of the skills that these workers will offer. It is clear that this research agenda has a huge impact on public finances, ranging from Health care and Long Term care spending, to Pensions and Social Security.
**Application procedure and costs**

The Program will admit from a minimum of 12 to a maximum of 30 participants.

Fees will be announced before the call for applications. Scholarships may be available to cover part of the fee.

The fee will cover tuition, teaching materials, lunches in the VIU cafeteria and social events. Student participants will be responsible for covering their own travel expenses to and from Venice, local transportation, and evening meals.

**Accommodation costs on campus**

Venice International University offers its support to book accommodation on San Servolo Campus, in multiple rooms with other participants for the duration of the Summer School: further information about the costs will be available soon.

**On-line applications**

Call for applications: dates to be announced

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

**Credits**

Number of ECTS equivalence: 2

A Certificate of attendance will be issued at the end of the course.

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**Website and application form**

[http://www.univiu.org](http://www.univiu.org) > Study > Summer/Autumn Schools > Ageing

**Venice International University**

Venice International University is a consortium of 20 universities, representing 14 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/capacity-building program. Students from non-member universities may participate in selected academic 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.

*As the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, VIU will continue to monitor the situation. Should the COVID-19 situation prevent international travel or the confirmation of the program on campus as scheduled, other practicable solutions will be evaluated. Applicants and confirmed participants will be informed of any changes.*

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