

**CALL FOR PAPERS – *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships* (JIR)  
ACTIVE AGEING AND INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY IN EUROPE**

The European Union is in the process of designating 2012 as the *European Year of Active Ageing*, according to a draft decision taken by the Council of the European Union on December 2010. While the final decision is scheduled for June 2011, the Council has already announced that this designation is to “strengthen intergenerational solidarity by increasing awareness of the contribution of older people to society and by spreading innovative measures which could help to mobilise the full potential of the growing population in their late 50s and above”. Moreover, the designation seeks to “stimulate debate and develop mutual learning between member states in order to promote active ageing policies, and it offers a framework for commitment and concrete action that enables member states and stakeholders to develop policies through specific activities.”

On January 2011, after a first reading of the Council's proposal, the European Parliament suggested that 2012 is designated as the *European Year for Active Ageing - promoting solidarity between generations, maintaining the vitality and respecting the dignity of all*, whose overall purpose shall be “to facilitate the creation of a sustainable active ageing culture in Europe based on a society for all ages and on solidarity between generations.”

To mark this very significant development and to also explore the wide range of innovative and exciting intergenerational work being developed in Europe it was agreed that the Journal of Intergenerational Relationships(JIR) will publish a special issue highlighting current research, policies and practices around intergenerational solidarity and active ageing.

We encourage papers that explore the connection between intergenerational solidarity and active ageing, both within and beyond the framework that EU institutions are setting around the European Year. We are especially interested in papers able to tackle intergenerational solidarity and active ageing across current issues (learning-education, employment, family, pensions, leisure, housing, justice and so on) and across levels (individuals, groups, institutions, and societies). Papers aimed at furthering the development of concepts like *community for all ages* and/or *societies for all ages* shall also be welcome.

One of the main objectives of this special issue is to identify where we are in terms of social change due to intergenerational work compared with where we would like to get to in terms of sustained and systemic social change. Our hope is that some papers will include specific strategies and recommendations for where we need to go next after 2012 regarding the promotion of active ageing and intergenerational solidarity across Europe.

The special issue will include two categories of peer-reviewed papers:

1. Scholarly papers focusing on research, policy, or practice.
2. From the Field papers that include program profiles, reflection essays, book and media reviews (adults' and children's), and discussion forums that provide contrasting position papers on key issues on the theme.

Academic papers should be no more than 5000 words. From the Field articles should be 900-1400 words long.

**JIR** is the forum for scholars, practitioners, policy makers, educators, and advocates to stay abreast of the latest intergenerational research, practice methods, and policy initiatives. It is the only journal focusing on the intergenerational field integrating practical, theoretical, empirical, familial, and policy perspectives. For more information on the journal and on instructions for authors, please go to <http://jir.ucsur.pitt.edu>

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