

Call for Papers GISo Issue 1/2022
‘Socialisation Between Generations: A Cross-Disciplinary Perspective’

From birth until the end of life, we are involved in intergenerational relations. These relations take place inside the family, by the vertical position of its members, but also in society, by the coexistence of different age groups who share certain historical characteristics and experiences. Although the character of intergenerational relations changes across time and space, they are always mutual processes, in which generations can both socialise and be socialised by each other. The direction of socialisation in intergenerational relationships can rarely be determined unilaterally from older to younger generations.

The increase in longevity experienced in a vast range of industrialised societies has changed the relations between generations. Generations can not only spend a long period of their lives side by side but can also hold multiple generational roles simultaneously. At the same time, the pluralisation of life forms and family arrangements, as well as technological developments and transnational migration in different moments of the life course, have affected the ways generations interact. New possibilities have opened up for practising intergenerational relationships. However, the increase in longevity comes with an increase of the institutionalisation of age groups, which means that generations coexist but do not necessarily spend meaningful time together.

The ways in which generations introduce their agency and use their opportunities for power, especially in situations of vulnerabilities, dependencies and responsibilities, shape their relations. Policies play an important role not only in regulating the interactions between generations, but also in developing opportunities for intergenerational contact on a broader societal level.

In this thematic issue, we aim to explore, from a cross-disciplinary perspective, how socialisation processes in intergenerational relations are practised and experienced under these conditions. The following questions are of special interest:

- Where and how does socialisation between generations take place in the present? Which practices can be observed in families and in other intergenerational constellations?
- How do different generations put their agency into practice and what do they bring to the intergenerational exchanges? What are the challenges and the opportunities they experience?
- How do migration, technological changes and the pluralisation of life forms and family arrangements affect intergenerational socialisation?
- To what extent do power relations and politics play a role in shaping these socialisation processes? How do different generations address these issues and make space for their agency?
- How do organised projects involving different generations challenge the institutionalised segregation of age groups?

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