

LIVES International Conference | University of Bern, Switzerland | June 28-29, 2016

RELATIONSHIPS IN LATER LIFE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Close relationships are crucial for well-being in later life. Social support and companionship contribute to life satisfaction, positive affect and health. In contrast, poor relationship quality represents significant risk factors for health and well-being.

Breakup and loss of an intimate partnership through bereavement or divorce are major critical life event in middle and older age with a high risk of vulnerabilisation. However, there are considerable differences in patterns of adaptation.

The aim of this conference is to analyse what facilitates or hinders successful adaptation of interpersonal loss and relationship challenges in later life. Keynote speakers are internationally recognized experts as well as LIVES-researchers.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The conference includes two poster sessions:

- Determinants of vulnerability and resilience related to social relationships or interpersonal loss
- Interventions and preventive measures in the context of social relationships or interpersonal loss

Deadline for submissions is June 6, 2016.

Online conference registration is open until June 20, 2016.

Please refer to the LIVES website for more information:

>> www.lives-nccr.ch/en/conference_2016

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

Self-Concept regulation and resilience to interpersonal loss

▶ **Prof. Dr. Anthony MANCINI**
Pace University (NY)

Adaptation to bereavement in late life

▶ **Prof. Dr Margret STROEBE**
University of Utrecht

Making connections: loneliness interventions in later life

▶ **Prof. Dr. Nan STEVENS**
VU University Amsterdam; Radboud University, Nijmegen

Social network compensation in later life: resourcefulness, resilience, and constraints

▶ **Prof. Dr. Karen ROOK**
University of California Irvine

Resilience research, resilience promotion, and the role of flexibility

▶ **Prof. Dr. George BONANNO**
Columbia University (NY)

PUBLIC ROUND TABLE

Altern in der Schweiz - ein einsames Schicksal?

A round table discussion on "Aging in Switzerland: a lonely destiny?" will take place on **Wednesday, June 29, at 17:00** (in German) with academics, policy makers and other stakeholders.

