



## *ParticipAge!*



*Doing things together. Images and People in a Delhi retirement home. Photo by Paolo S.H. Favero*

## ***Exploring Participatory Approaches in Ageing Studies*** ***Agenet Workshop - September 11-12 2025, Bratislava***



It is argued that "social inquiry and its methods are productive: they (help to) make social realities and social worlds" (Law and Urry 2011, 390). If this is so, what realities and worlds of ageing transpire when participation is fundamental to the research process? Why is it crucial to use participatory approaches in qualitative and ethnographic research with older adults? What different means of participation exist, and what is their distinctive analytical, dialogical, and expressive potential? How can we design participatory projects without discriminating against individuals with severe health conditions and/or from lower socio-economic backgrounds? And how do participatory approaches become critical, ethico-political practices that foster social change for both present and future generations of ageing people?

EASA Agenet is pleased to invite you to a **small-group, interactive workshop** on **participatory approaches in ageing studies** in **Bratislava on September 11–12, 2025**.



**When? September 11–12, 2025**



**Where? Bratislava, Slovakia**

This **two-day, hands-on workshop** is designed for researchers and practitioners working in ageing studies who want to engage with participatory approaches. With an interdisciplinary team of experts, we will engage in **exploratory exercises and practical skill-building** in:

- ✓ Co-designing and shared decision-making with older adults and people with special needs
- ✓ Using audiovisual, creative, and multisensory methods
- ✓ Sharing experiences and refining methods together

This is a unique opportunity to generate and **exchange ideas, test practical tools, and collaborate** in a **small, focused setting (max. 20 participants)**.



**Who? Invited facilitators/speakers:**

**Anna Urbaniak**, [Institute of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University of Krakow](#): *Ethics of Participation: Respecting Voices, Power Dynamics, and Consent in Participatory Research*

**Zora Paulínyová**, Metropolitan Institute of Bratislava, [Faculty of Architecture and Design at STU](#): *Urban Walk. On our own feet and with our own eyes*

**Lucia Cangárová**, [Department of Social Work, Faculty of Health Care and Social Work, University in Trnava](#), Social Work Advisory Board: *"We are co-researchers."* Co-production together with people with intellectual disability in action

**Paolo Favero**, [Department of Communication Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Visual and Digital Cultures Research Center \(ViDi\)](#), University of Antwerp (*To be confirmed*)

**Accompanying events open to the broader public co-organised with the [Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology, Slovak Academy of Sciences](#) and [IUAES Commission on Aging and the Lifecourse](#), including:**

**Introductory webinar - Tuesday, September 9, 2025**, Discussion with the authors of the book [Routledge International Handbook of Participatory Approaches in Ageing Research](#)

**Anna Urbaniak**, [Institute of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University of Krakow](#)

**Anna Wanka**, [Institute for Social Pedagogy and Adult Education, Faculty of Educational Science, Goethe University Frankfurt](#)



### **How to apply?**

If you are interested in participating, please submit your application via the Google Form [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRpO-co63zd7CyKROgPOHx-nfzsc\\_amdPxPRfU9OIcvfNwg/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRpO-co63zd7CyKROgPOHx-nfzsc_amdPxPRfU9OIcvfNwg/viewform?usp=header) by **May 16, 2025**.

The application must include a short CV/motivation statement (maximum 500 words) specifying:

- 1) A brief overview of your current research/professional activities, including research projects and/or interventions submitted or in preparation that address any issue related to the senior population and/or care workers.
- 2) A concise motivation statement, which may include whatever you expect to learn from the workshop.

**Participation is free of charge.**

If the number of applications exceeds the available spots, participants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- The relevance of their current or desired research/professional activities to the workshop theme,

- Disciplinary and institutional diversity,
- Career stage, with priority given to early-career researchers and students.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome by **May 23, 2025**.

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