



Linking Ages _ Call for Participation How methods matter in childhood and age(ing)research 21.-22.09.2022

An interdisciplinary methods conference for early career researchers (PhD & Postdoc) in the fields of childhood and age(ing) research

Both childhood and age(ing) research have gained momentum during the past decades, and have developed a range of conceptual frameworks and methodological approaches. However, even though both fields work on the ‘margins of the life course’, exchange between the two is still scarce. The *Linking Ages* initiative hence wants to open a dialogue between them by bringing together researchers from various disciplines interested in reflexive and critical perspectives targeting both ends of the life-course.

Part of this dialogue is the interdisciplinary methods conference “How methods matter in childhood and age(ing) research”. The aim of the conference is to discuss methodological questions from both fields and learn from each other’s challenges and experiences. For example: What are the challenges in interviewing children and older adults, and how can we develop non-linguistic methods for both groups? What are the specifics of participatory approaches in childhood and age(ing) research? What kind of creative methodological approaches can we learn from each other? Targeting these questions, we want to develop transdisciplinary ideas and innovative approaches together.

Together with our keynote speakers and mentors, **Dr. Tine Buffel (University of Manchester)**, **Dr. Kim Kullman (Open University London)**, **Prof. Dr. Frank Oswald (Goethe University Frankfurt/Main)** and **Prof. Dr. Susanne Vogl (University of Stuttgart)**, we invite 16 early career researchers (PhD & Postdoc level) for a two-day event funded by the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities and organized by the University of Stuttgart. **If you would like to participate, please send the following information to tabea.freutel-funke@sowi.uni-stuttgart.de until 31.03.2022:**

- Name, affiliation, current position, subjective age
- Short abstract of your current research (theory, research question, **methods**; max. 1 page)
- Which methodological question would you like to discuss during the workshop?

Thanks to our funding we will be able to provide accommodation as well as a refund for travel expenses up to approx. 200€.

We look forward to seeing you in Heidelberg!
Dr. Anna Wanka & Tabea Freutel-Funke