

Welcome to our second newsletter of the SIA-network. This will give an update on the events of the network during 2023 and share some plans for the new year. The SIA-network continue to grow and has affiliated new junior members in recent times.



## SIA Network Newsletter, February 2024

The SIA (Social Inequalities in Ageing)-network is a collaboration between leading ageing researchers in the Nordic countries and will intensely focus on the involvement of junior researchers, social aspects of ageing and inequalities. A prime aim is capacity building of social ageing research within Nordic countries.

### UPDATED WEBSITE LAUNCH

Our website for the network is still relevant and you can find the latest news here: <https://www.sia-network.se/>

### SIA JUNIOR WORKSHOP IN STOCKHOLM 2023

In September 2023, ten junior researchers in the SIA network gathered in Stockholm/Lidingö, Sweden, for two days of networking and research presentations. Presentations and discussions offered various perspectives on inequalities and aging, for example intergenerational transfers, mental and cognitive health, health care utilization, social relationships, and selective mortality, to name some.



Junior Researcher Workshop. Photo: Isabelle von Saenger

Keynotes were given by Marta Szebehely and Else Foverskov. We also had a panel discussion about the benefits and headaches of doing an international postdoc.

As an extended outcome of the workshop, a symposium abstract was put together by some of the junior researchers and submitted for the Nordic Congress of Gerontology.



Junior Researcher Workshop. Photo: Isabelle von Saenger

### SIA JUNIOR RESEARCHERS PRESENTING AT THE 27th NORDIC CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY

Junior researchers within the SIA network started to work on a symposium abstract to the 27th Nordic Congress of Gerontology during our junior workshop in September 2023. The abstract was subsequently submitted, and we are now proud to announce that the symposium idea was accepted by the organization committee.

The symposium is titled "Social inequalities and ageing in a Nordic setting – from working life to residential care" and consists of five presentations given by Pernilla Alencar Siljehag (Aging Research Center, Karolinska institutet and Stockholm Gerontology Research Center, Sweden), Mari Heitto (Programme in Health Sciences, Tampere University, Finland), Laura Pirhonen Nørmark (Section of Health Services Research, University of Copenhagen, Denmark), Laura Corneliusson (Department of Nursing, Umeå University, Sweden), and Farzana Rahman (Department of Global Public Health, Karolinska institutet, Sweden). The symposium will have Erika Augustsson and Isabelle von Saenger (both from Aging Research Center, Karolinska institutet, Sweden) as moderators.



Ageing in a transforming world

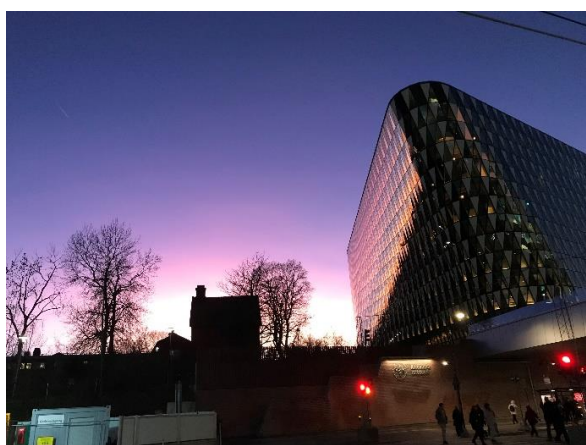
### SAVE THE DATES FOR THE 2024 SIA JUNIOR WORKSHOP!

We already look forward to meeting you for this year's scientific exchange and networking activities in the field of social inequalities in ageing. Please save the dates for September 2-3 when the 2024 Junior SIA workshop will take place in Stockholm.

This is an excellent opportunity for presenting and getting feedback on your research and getting to know other junior researchers from the Nordic countries interested in aging and inequalities.

To apply, please prepare an abstract of ongoing work that relates to social ageing research in a wide sense, and structure it as follows: Introduction, Data/methods, Results and Discussion/Conclusion. Results are not necessary if you have not yet finalized your analyses but should be ready well before the workshop. Also include the title of your work and name and affiliation of all authors. The abstract text should be no longer than 250 words. The deadline to submit the abstract is May 15. Notification of accepted abstracts will be sent in early June. Please note that two weeks prior to the workshop you are kindly asked to share either a full draft of your manuscript or an extended abstract that two other junior researchers will read and comment on.

To the extent possible, travel and accommodation will be covered by Aging Research Center's headquarters. The link for submitting an abstract and expression of interest will be sent out via email in the near future. We look forward to reading your application!



Aula Medica, Karolinska institutet. Photo: Pernilla A Siljehag

## WEBPAGE

Visit the old SIA-webpage for SIA-related information and especially all the publications that you have all contributed to over the years <http://sia-project.se/>

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The senior group will have a meeting in direct connection with the Nordic Congress of Gerontology in Stockholm in June. The meeting will take place June 11 at around 1800. Detailed information of this will be sent out later.

## UPCOMING CALLS

Our network is sponsored by Forte, the Swedish Research Council for health, working life and welfare. A new 3-year call for network from Forte is expected to open before summer this year. In its latest meeting, The SIA senior group expressed a will to continue the network and to hence to send in a proposal once the call is opened.

The Joint Programme Initiative, *more years better lives*, is expected to open a call focussed on older people and labour force shortages within health care and social care during this spring.

NordForsk, who supported our main SIA project, has made a pre-announcement for a call on migration and integration.



View from ARC, Karolinska institutet. Photo: Pernilla A Siljehag

## INFORMATION ON DATABASES AND RESOURCE PROFILES

### PROFILE 1: SWEOLD (Sweden)

Website: <https://www.sweold.se/en/englishhome/>

Data resource profile: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyu057>

### PROFILE 2: CAMB (Denmark)

Website: <https://camb.ku.dk/>

Data resource profile: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyv149>

### PROFILE 3: NorLAG (Norway)

Website: <https://norlag.nsd.no/>

Data resource profile: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyaa280>

### PROFILE 4: Vitality90 (Finland)

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