

Welcome to our third newsletter of the SIA-network. This will give an update on the events of the network during 2024 and share some plans for the new year.



Social Inequalities in Ageing Network

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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.

SAVE THE DATES FOR THE 2025 JOINT JUNIOR AND SENIOR SIA WORKSHOP!

Please save the dates for September 11-12 when the 2025 SIA workshop will take place in Stockholm - and note that this year we have a different arrangement and will meet **both junior and senior members together**. We will come back with more details soon.

FORTE GRANT TO THE SIA NETWORK

We have the immense pleasure of announcing that the application to Forte that we submitted in the fall 2024 for a continuation of our network now has been accepted. The SIA network will receive the 446 000 SEK– in total over 3 years - that we applied for.

“The new network grant enables us to continue with the capacity building and the strengthening of Nordic collaborations within social ageing research. Although a network grant, in terms of money, is smaller than typical research project I am convinced that we can have a great impact and continue our important mission. I am also especially glad that earlier junior researchers within our former large-scale SIA programme are still involved now being senior researchers”, says PI Johan Fritzell.



Photo: Pernilla A Siljehag

APPLICATIONS

A key instrument of the SIA network is to facilitate new international collaborations. As such it is a great pleasure to inform that members of the SIA network are leading two new international research proposals. One directed to the recent call by the THCS EU partnership and one to NordForsk.

SIA JUNIOR WORKSHOP IN STOCKHOLM 2024

The 2024 SIA junior workshop was held in Stockholm at the Långholmen hotel and conference center on September 2 to 3. Junior researchers from Denmark, Sweden and Norway participated, presented manuscript drafts from their ongoing work and contributed to others’ work by reading each other’s papers and providing feedback.

In addition to learning more about each other’s projects and discussing related aspects of social inequalities in ageing, junior participants also took part in a speed dating session on future research exchange and collaboration between their research groups in the Nordic countries.



Junior Researcher Workshop dinner. Photo: Neda Agahi

Valuable inspiration to the joint discussions was provided by senior SIA researchers Linda Enroth (Tampere university) and Terese Sara Høj Jørgensen (University of Copenhagen) through their interesting keynote speaks titled “Climate change effects on health and health care use among older people” (Linda) and “Intergenerational perspectives on social inequality in aging” (Terese). Linda and Terese also participated in a panel discussion about social inequalities in ageing together with Neda Agahi and Johan Fritzell.

The workshop offered several moments for social mingling and networking, for example during the evening dinner on the first day. It also offered a guided tour of the Långholmen prison museum, which, among other things, provided an interesting historical insight into aspects of social inequalities in ageing in Stockholm in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.



Franziska Steffens, Esma Betül Savaş and Isabelle von Saenger, Junior Researcher Workshop. Photo: Pernilla A Siljehag

SIA JUNIOR RESEARCHERS' SYMPOSIUM AT THE 27th NORDIC CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY

The symposium idea that was created by junior researchers within the SIA network during our junior workshop in September 2023 was presented at the 27th Nordic Congress of Gerontology in Stockholm in June 2024. The symposium was titled "Social inequalities and ageing in a Nordic setting – from working life to residential care" and consisted 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 was moderated by Erika Augustsson and Isabelle von Saenger (both from Aging Research Center, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden).



Farzana Rahman, Pernilla A Siljehag and Mari Heitto, Symposium presentation at NKG. Photo: Isabelle von Saenger

SIA RESEARCHER EXCHANGE VISIT

SIA's junior researcher Laura Corneliusson, Department of Nursing, Umeå University, Sweden, is going on an exchange visit to Tampere University, Finland, March 31 to April 11. Laura will present some of her research at a workshop and discuss future collaborations together with Linda Enroth's research group. The idea for the visit came about in connection with SIA's junior workshop 2024 in Stockholm.



Laura Corneliusson. Photo: Pernilla A Siljehag

HELP US CREATE AN UP-TO-DATE WEBSITE

The latest news about the SIA-network can always be found on our website: <https://www.sia-network.se/> We welcome your contributions and hope to hear from you when you have news related to the network (project funding, collaborations and exchange visits, new junior researchers to present, etc.). If you have any news you want to add please contact Pernilla A Siljehag (pernilla.siljehag@ki.se).

The old website from the SIA programme and all the publications can be found here: <http://sia-project.se/>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

REVES Conference, Tampere 14-16 May. Call for abstracts closed. Registration deadline 23 April.

Transforming Care Conference, Helsinki, 25-27 June. Call for papers closed. Registration opens in March.

European Network for Social Policy Analyses (ESPANET), Milano, 27-29 August, Call for streams closed. Call for papers in streams open 14 February, deadline 24 April.

Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies (SLLS) Fribourg, 8-10 September. Call for abstracts deadline 14 March.

European Public Health Conference, Helsinki, 11-14 November. Call for abstracts, deadline 1 May.



Pernilla A Siljehag, Johan Fritzell and Bo Burström, EUPHA Conference, Nov 2024. 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)

Website: <https://projects.tuni.fi/vitality90/>

Data resource profile: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2022-068509>

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