

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

„Planning Later Life – Bioethics and Politics in Ageing Societies“

July 10th – 12th 2013 in Göttingen (Germany)

Medicine has become a central element in planning and shaping human life. Especially the second half of life turns into a focus of individual and political planning and decision making in the light of various medical and health care policy scenarios. On the one hand, old age is often perceived as a problem and an increasing burden for medicine, care providers and social security systems dealing with growing populations of persons living with fragility and dementia. On the other hand, new diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive options in the field of preventive medicine and anti-aging encourage the idea of self-determined ageing that is to be prudently modeled and actively shaped.

The aim of the international conference *Planning Later Life – Bioethics and Politics in Ageing Societies* is to critically reflect the relevance of modern medicine in shaping the lives and situations of elderly persons today. It discusses and contrasts the ethical, social and political consequences of demographic change in the field of medicine and health care as well as the implications of the rise of anti-aging medicine and prevention and recent trends in dementia research and care. The conference is interdisciplinary, combining perspectives from ethics, sociology, cultural anthropology and nursing sciences. Confirmed keynote speakers are Norman Daniels (Harvard), John Harris (Manchester), Otfried Höffe (Tübingen), Francois Höpflinger (Zürich), Sharon Kaufman (San Francisco), Stephen Katz (Trent), S. Jay Olshansky (Chicago), Dieter Sturma (Bonn), Nancy Jecker (Washington) and Jason Powell (Lancashire).

Apart from the plenary sessions, there will be open thematic parallel sections discussing the changing images of old age between autonomy and dependency, the evidence and benefits of anti-aging and prevention, problems of personal identity and dementia as well as solidarity and social responsibility in future healthcare policies. Contributions in form of oral presentations of 20 minutes are invited. Please send an abstract of no more than 300 words, highlighting question, methods and results of your research, to mark.schweda@medizin.uni-goettingen.de. All abstracts will undergo peer review.