

International Conference: Researching the transnational organization of senior care, labor and mobility in Central and Eastern Europe

Date: 30 September & 1 October 2026 | **Venue:** Campus-Westend, PEG, Theodor-W.-Adorno-Platz 6, 60323 Frankfurt am Main, Room 1.G 168

Day 1

<i>Time</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Participants</i>
9:30-9:45	Welcome		
9:45-11:15	Session 1	The Invisible Hand of Care: a Typology of Brokerage Actors in Migrant Care Labour from, via and to Poland	Roxana Fiebig-Spindler, Ewa Palenga-Möllenbeck (Goethe University Frankfurt), Ivanna Kyliushyk (Kozminski University)
		Chair:	Dicussed by Anna Safuta (University College Cork), Justyna Oblacewicz (Faire Mobilität)
		The Live-in Care on Trial: The failed promise of solidarity in European care governance	Petra Ezzeddine, Maroš Matiaško (Charles University Prague)
			Discussed by Brigitte Aulenbacher (Universität Linz), Alessia Mora (UNI Europa)
		Senior Care in Wartime Ukraine: A Fragmented Continuum of Arrangements Inside an “Unpromising Sector”	Oksana Dutchak, Anna Oksiutovych (Institute for Systemic Alternatives, Kyiv)

			Discussed by Nataliia Lomonosova (FU Berlin), Marta Kindler (University of Warsaw)
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30-13:00	Session 2	Romanian Workers Across the Care Spectrum: Migrant and Domestic Labour Arrangements	Mihaela Hărăguș, Ionuț Földes, Neda Deneva (Babeș-Bolyai-University, Cluj-Napoca)
			Discussed by Dana Domsodi (University of Babeș-Bolyai), Mariya Ivancheva (University of Strathclyde)
		Authoritarian neoliberalism and the crisis of care of older people in Hungary	Noémi Katona, Dóra Gábel (Center for Social Sciences, Budapest)
			Discussed by Valentin Fröhlich (Johannes Kepler University Linz), Meleg Sándor Zsolt (University of Szeged)
		The Limits of State Control in Regulating Live-In Care Work in the Netherlands	Siënna Hernandez ,Franca van Hooren (University of Amsterdam), Kristína Bartošová (Charles University, Prague)
			Barbara Da Roit (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), Franny Parren and Karin Burgerhout (FairWork)
13:00-14:30	Lunch		
14:30-16:30	World Café with Practitioners	Interactive discussion session around key research topics of the CareOrg project	
		Education and Professionalization in Transnational Senior Care Sector	Agnieszka Skwarek & Sabina Folnović Jaitner (Minor)

		Transnational Mobility and Landscapes of Care	Olga Gheorghiev (Oslo Metropolitan University), Antía Eijo Mejuto (Universidade da Coruña)
		The Role of Trade Unions in Transforming Senior Care	Justyna Oblacewicz (Faire Mobilität), Kalina Drenska (LevFem), Maria Marinache (IG24)
		The Role of Brokerage in Shaping the Transnational Senior Care Labour Market	Kamil Matuszyk (Warsaw University), Quivine Ndomo (University of Jyväskylä)
	16:30-18:00	Break	
	18:00-20:30	Public Event: Film Screening	Documentaries screening: Girls from Turbota & ACTS of Care, produced as part of the CareOrg project Comments by: Helma Lutz (Goethe University Frankfurt) & Rudolf Leiprecht (Carl von Ossitzky University of Oldenburg) Q&A with: Olena Fedyuk (filmmaker and researcher), Oksana Dutchak, Anna Oksiutovych, Petra Ezzeddine (CareOrg) & Maria Marinache (IG24)

Day 2

Time	Session	Description
9:30-10:45	Round table discussion:	Searching for Sustainable Futures in Senior Care: Transnational Solidarity and Alternatives to an Unequal Europe Barbara da Roit (Ca' Foscari University), Kalina Drenska (LevFem), Miranda Leontowitsch (Department for Senior Affairs of the City of Frankfurt am Main), Grace Papa (EFFAT)
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15-12:30	Group Session: Lessons and Future	Collaborative discussion on future cooperation, overlapping research themes,

	Synergies from CareOrg	joint publications and potential follow-up projects. Final 30 minutes dedicated to a shared summary.
12:30-13:00	Closing	
13:00-14:30	Lunch & Farewell	

