SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

XII. International Symposium of Social and Applied Gerontology

2 – 4 November 2026 *Antalya, Türkiye*

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

DAY 1
Monday, 2 November

- **08:30** Registration
- **09:00** **Workshop: "Morning Moves"**
- **09:30** Opening Ceremony and Musical Performance
- **10:00** Opening Speeches
- **11:30** **Keynote Speech: Gloria M. GUTMAN**
- **12:30** *Lunch Break*
- **13:30** **Session I**
  Global Perspectives on Aging
- **15:10** **Session II**
  Active Aging, Living Conditions, and Care Systems: Perspectives from Türkiye and Beyond
- **16:40** XIII. İbrahim Şencan Gerontology Awards
- **17:40** **End of Day 1**

Poster Presentations: *10:30 – 16:00, Foyer*

DAY 2
Tuesday, 3 November

- **09:00** **Session I**
  Work, Retirement, Mobility and Civic Participation
- **10:35** **Session II (Panel)**
  International Perspectives on Frailty and Gerontological Care
- **13:05** *Lunch Break*
- **14:20** **Session III**
  Psychosocial Perspectives on Aging and Gerontological Practice
- **16:10** **Session IV**
  Assessment, Health, and Care in Later Life
- **17:25** **End of Day 2**

Dementia Simulation Workshop: *13:45–14:15 (lunch break), Gerontology Department Seminar Room (20 people, pre-registration)*

DAY 3
Wednesday, 4 November

- **09:00** **Session I**
  Multidimensional Healthy Aging
- **11:05** **Session II**
  Aging in Digital and Cultural Contexts
- **12:35** **Closing Remarks and Symposium Evaluation**

VENUE · DAY 1 · 2 November
Akdeniz University, Atatürk Conference Hall

VENUE · DAYS 2 & 3 · 3 – 4 November
Akdeniz University, Faculty of Law Conference Hall

Presenting authors are underlined.

Language: *presentations by international speakers will be given in English; presentations by speakers from Türkiye will mostly be given in Turkish.*

TÜBİTAK

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DAY 1 MONDAY — Monday, 2 November 2026

08:30 – 09:00 30 min	**Registration**
09:00 – 09:30 30 min	WORKSHOP **"Morning Moves"** *Dance Workshop* **Ilana Faye SILVERSTEIN** *Independent Artist, Kansas City, MO, USA*
09:30 – 10:00 30 min	**Opening Ceremony and Musical Performance**
10:00 – 11:30 90 min	**Opening Speeches** Symposium Chair: **Prof. Dr. Nilüfer KORKMAZ YAYLAGÜL** Founding Chair: **Prof. Dr. İsmail TUFAN** Vice Dean: **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hülya KAMARLI ALTUN** Provincial Director of Family and Social Services: **Galip SÖKMEN (if attending)** Vice Rector: **Prof. Dr. Ayşe Gülbin ARICI (if attending)** Rector: **Prof. Dr. Özlenen ÖZKAN**
11:30 – 12:30 60 min	KEYNOTE SPEECH **Gloria M. GUTMAN** *Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada* **From Cell to Society: Searching for a Healthier Longevity**
12:30 – 13:30 60 min	**Lunch Break**
13:30 – 14:50 80 min	SESSION I **Global Perspectives on Aging** Chair: **Hasan Hüseyin BAŞIBÜYÜK**
13:30 – 13:45 15 min	**Increasing Age-Inclusive Practices on Campus: An Evidence-Based Approach** Nina M. SILVERSTEIN *University of Massachusetts Boston, USA*
13:45 – 14:00 15 min	**Staying or Leaving After Disaster: Factors Shaping Older Adults' Choices in Aging and Depopulating Communities** Nayuta GAMBE *Tohoku University, Japan*
14:00 – 14:20 20 min	**Functional Difficulties and Risk of Falling Among Older Adults in Bangladesh** **Promoting Healthy Ageing and Wellbeing Among Older Adults in Kemantren Village, East Java, Indonesia: A Public Health Intervention Study** Hafiz T.A. KHAN *University of West London, UK*
14:20 – 14:35 15 min	**Active Ageing Induced Quality of Life Among Older People Living in Taif Region of Saudi Arabia** Basit HAIDARI, Hafiz T.A. KHAN, Minakshi BHARDWAJ *University of West London, UK*

13:30 – 14:50 80 min	SESSION I **Global Perspectives on Aging** Chair: **Hasan Hüseyin BAŞIBÜYÜK**
14:35 – 14:50 15 min	**Questions & Answers** for all 4 presentations
14:50 – 15:10 20 min	**Coffee Break**
15:10 – 16:40 90 min	SESSION II **Active Aging, Living Conditions, and Care Systems: Perspectives from Türkiye and Beyond** Chair: **Gülüşan ÖZGÜN BAŞIBÜYÜK**
15:10 – 15:25 15 min	**New Perspectives on Third-Age Education: Participatory Educational Approaches** Aslı Gözde AKIŞ *Balıkesir University*
15:25 – 15:40 15 min	**From Lifelong Learning to Cultural Participation: Exploring Older Adults' Motivations and Experiences in an International Ageing Festival** Emete TOROS, İslam SUİÇMEZ *University of Kyrenia, Northern Cyprus*
15:40 – 15:55 15 min	**Post-Earthquake Housing and Functional, Cognitive, and Sleep Outcomes Among Older Adults: A Cross-Sectional Study Following the 2023 Türkiye Earthquakes** Songül DEMİR, Erhan YENGİL *Hatay Mustafa Kemal University*
15:55 – 16:10 15 min	**Care-Related Homicides in Japan: The Hidden Crisis of Family Caregiving and Lessons for Türkiye** Sema OĞLAK *Aydın Adnan Menderes University*
16:10 – 16:25 15 min	**Practical and Clinical Practices from Field to Theory in the 20th Year of Gerontology: A Professional Practice Framework** Hande KIRIŞIK SÜRER, Nilüfer KORKMAZ YAYLAGÜL *University of Health Sciences & Akdeniz University*
16:25 – 16:40 15 min	**Questions & Answers** for all 5 presentations
16:40 – 17:40 60 min	**XIII. İbrahim Şencan Gerontology Awards**
17:40	**End of Day 1**

DAY 1 MONDAY — Monday, 2 November 2026

ALL-DAY EVENT

10:30 – 16:00 Mon, 2 November	POSTER PRESENTATIONS **Foyer**
P1	**Factors Influencing Adherence to Digital Health Technologies in Later Life: An Ageing-Focused Synthesis of a Systematic Review** Teodora FIGUEIREDO, Leovaldo ALCÂNTARA, Joana CARRILHO, Constança PAÚL, Elísio COSTA *University of Porto, Portugal*
P2	**Attitudes Toward Death, Economic Sufficiency, and Treatment Decision-Making in Later Life** Leovaldo ALCÂNTARA, Luís MIDÃO, Elísio COSTA, Constança PAÚL *University of Porto & University of Aveiro, Portugal*
P3	**The Role of Health Literacy in the Successful Aging of Older Adults** Ezgi ÇANKAYA, Gül BÜLBÜL MARAŞ *İzmir Democracy University*
P4	**Representations of Menopause in National Newspapers: A Qualitative Content Analysis from the Perspective of Women's Aging** Yeliz TEKE *Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University*

DAY 2 TUESDAY — Tuesday, 3 November 2026

09:00 – 10:15 75 min	SESSION I **Work, Retirement, Mobility and Civic Participation** Chair: **Hasan Hüseyin BAŞIBÜYÜK**
09:00 – 09:15 15 min	**Workplace Loneliness Among Older Employees: Correlates from Depression to Organisational Support – Evidence from SHARE Wave 8** Lavinia Iuliana ȚÂNCULESCU-POPA, Cristina Maria TOFAN *Hyperion University & Romanian Academy, Romania*
09:15 – 09:30 15 min	**Early Retirement Intentions of Older Workers Across Four European Welfare Regimes: The Role of Health and Working Conditions** Cristina Maria TOFAN, Lavinia Iuliana ȚÂNCULESCU-POPA, Nilüfer KORKMAZ YAYLAGÜL, Anna ŠEVČÍKOVÁ, David LAIN, Silvana CRIVOI, Maria Piedade BRANDÃO *Romania, Türkiye, Czechia, United Kingdom, Portugal*
09:30 – 09:45 15 min	**Does Aging Mean Giving Up Mobility? The Complete-Journey Approach and Age-Friendly Transport in Aging Türkiye** Fatma Banu DEMİRDAŞ *Malatya Turgut Özal University*
09:45 – 10:00 15 min	**Lifelong Participation: Volunteering in Later Life** Saadet TİRYAKİ *Independent Researcher, Antalya*
10:00 – 10:15 15 min	**Questions & Answers** for all 4 presentations
10:15 – 10:35 20 min	**Coffee Break**
10:35 – 13:05 150 min	SESSION II · PANEL SESSION **International Perspectives on Frailty and Gerontological Care** Moderator: **Cihan CAMCI**
10:35 – 11:05 30 min	**Turkey and the Netherlands: Related Gerontological Issues** Tinie KARDOL *Free University of Brussels, the Netherlands*
11:05 – 11:35 30 min	**Looking Differently at Frailty Can Lead to Sustainable Care for Older People in the Future...!** Jos M.G.A. SCHOLS *Maastricht University, the Netherlands*
11:35 – 11:50 15 min	**"Disaster Gerontology" as a Remedy for Disaster-Related Frailty in Old Age** Özlem ÖZGÜR *Akdeniz University*
11:50 – 12:20 30 min	**Rethinking Frailty: Multidimensional, Dynamic and Detectable in Everyday Conversations** Nico De WITTE *Free University of Brussels, Belgium*
12:20 – 12:50 30 min	**Bridging the Digital Divide to Detect and Support Frail Older Adults** Jorrit CAMPENS *HOGENT & VUB, Belgium*

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12:50 – 13:05 15 min	**Questions & Answers** for all 5 presentations
13:05 – 14:20 75 min	**Lunch Break**
13:45 – 14:15 30 min · lunch break	WORKSHOP · PARALLEL EVENT DURING THE LUNCH BREAK **Dementia Awareness: Dementia Simulation Workshop** Venue: **Department of Gerontology Building, Seminar Room** Participation: **Programme participants only · limited to 20 people** Registration: **Pre-registration via online form (link sent by e-mail)**
14:20 – 15:50 90 min	SESSION III **Psychosocial Perspectives on Aging and Gerontological Practice** Chair: **Fatma Banu DEMİRDAŞ**
14:20 – 14:35 15 min	**Menopause as a Biopsychosocial Transition: Body Image, Social Roles and Current Psychosocial Interventions** Gülce AKSOY, Fatma Sıla AYAN *İzmir Democracy University & İnönü University*
14:35 – 14:50 15 min	**Aging, Temporality and Wisdom** Cihan CAMCI *Akdeniz University*
14:50 – 15:05 15 min	**Turkish Adaptation of the Gratitude Scale for Older Adults** Ikuko MURAKAMI, Şule S. ÖZTÜRK, Özgen BİNGÖR, Jülide YILMAZ *Akdeniz University*
15:05 – 15:20 15 min	**Subjective Well-Being in Late Adulthood: The Role of Sense of Agency and Meaning in Life in Community and Nursing Home Samples** Yasemin YEŞİLYAPRAK, Aleyna AŞUR, Elvan YAZGAN, Mervenur AKYOL, Nurhayat TURAN *Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit University*
15:20 – 15:35 15 min	**Both Learners and Caregivers: Psychosocial Support for Older Caregivers through Third-Age (Tazelenme) Universities** Harun CEYLAN, Yeliz BAYRAM *Yalova University & University of Health Sciences*
15:35 – 15:50 15 min	**Questions & Answers** for all 5 presentations
15:50 – 16:10 20 min	**Coffee Break**
16:10 – 17:25 75 min	SESSION IV **Assessment, Health, and Care in Later Life** Chair: **Aslı Gözde AKIŞ**
16:10 – 16:25 15 min	**Factors Associated with Caregiving Burden in Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients** Semra KARABAYIR, Tahsin Barış DEĞER *Çankırı Karatekin University*

16:10 – 17:25 75 min	SESSION IV **Assessment, Health, and Care in Later Life** Chair: **Aslı Gözde AKIŞ**
16:25 – 16:40 15 min	**Living with Diuretics in Later Life: A Narrative Review** Barkın DERE, Hasan Hüseyin BAŞIBÜYÜK *Malatya Turgut Özal University & Akdeniz University*
16:40 – 16:55 15 min	**The Dependency on Cervical Proprioception Increases During Demanding Postural Tasks in Older Adults: A Comparison of Bipedal and Unipedal Stability** Muhammed Said ULUPINAR, Ayla GÜNAL, Ayşe Neriman NARİN *Akdeniz University, Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University, Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University*
16:55 – 17:10 15 min	**Frailty, Functional Dependence and Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment Findings Among Older Adults Receiving Home Health Care: A Pilot Study from Kepez State Hospital** Özlem ÇAVUS, Hilal HEYBELİ, Yasemin DEMİR AVCI *Antalya Kepez State Hospital & Akdeniz University*
17:10 – 17:25 15 min	**Questions & Answers** for all 4 presentations
17:25	**End of Day 2**

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY — Wednesday, 4 November 2026

09:00 – 10:45 105 min	SESSION I **Multidimensional Healthy Aging** Chair: **Ebru AKBAŞ**
09:00 – 09:15 15 min	**Beyond Learning About Emotions: Older Adults' Experiences of the Emotion-Focused Awareness Training Program** Deniz AKKAYA KOZAK, Gülüşan ÖZGÜN BAŞIBÜYÜK *Akdeniz University*
09:15 – 09:30 15 min	**Dementia Worry Among Learners of the 60+ Co-Learning University: The Role of Subjective Memory Complaints and Educational Level** Elif GÜNGÖR GENÇ, Fatma Özge KAYHAN KOÇAK *Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University & University of Health Sciences, Tepecik Training and Research Hospital*
09:30 – 09:45 15 min	**The Effects of Home-Based Exercises on Falling, Quality of Life, Functional Wellness, and Fitness in Individuals Aged 60 and Over Attending Akdeniz University Tazelenme University** Seda KAPICI, Özgür ÖZDEMİR *Akdeniz University*
09:45 – 10:00 15 min	**The Role of Sport and Social Participation in Promoting Active Ageing: The Tazelenme University Experience** Faruk Yaşar GÜRDAL, Ebru ACARBAŞ *Süleyman Demirel University*
10:00 – 10:15 15 min	**Frailty and Nutrition in Older Adults: A Bidirectional Relationship** Kerime ÖĞÜT DÜZEN, Ebru AKBAŞ, Nurvet BÜYÜKYÖRÜK, Ayşe TEKİN, Özge KUTLU *Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University*
10:15 – 10:30 15 min	**Living Arrangements and Functional Independence among People Aged 80 and Over: A Multidimensional Gerontological Assessment** Kübra UYANIKER, Alev ÇAM MAHŞER *Eskişehir City Hospital*
10:30 – 10:45 15 min	**Questions & Answers** for all 6 presentations
10:45 – 11:05 20 min	**Coffee Break**
11:05 – 12:35 90 min	SESSION II **Aging in Digital and Cultural Contexts** Chair: **Barkın DERE**
11:05 – 11:20 15 min	**Digital Abuse of Older Adults as an Emerging Risk in the Age of Artificial Intelligence** Özge KUTLU, Ebru AKBAŞ, Nurvet BÜYÜKYÖRÜK, Ayşe TEKİN, Kerime ÖĞÜT DÜZEN *Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University*
11:20 – 11:35 15 min	**From Screen to Theory: Exploring Gerontology Students' Critical Reflections on Ageing Through Cinema** Jülide YILMAZ, Tuğba AYDIN, Orhan İbrahim ÖZKAYA, Hande KIRIŞIK SÜRER, Nilüfer KORKMAZ YAYLAGÜL *Akdeniz University & University of Health Sciences*

11:05 – 12:35 90 min	SESSION II **Aging in Digital and Cultural Contexts** Chair: **Barkın DERE**
11:35 – 11:50 15 min	**Qualitative Analysis of Texts Generated by Artificial Intelligence Models Regarding Social Exclusion in Old Age** Semih BÖLÜKBAŞI, Selman BÖLÜKBAŞI *Ege University & Balıkesir University*
11:50 – 12:05 15 min	**Narrating Dementia: A Gerontological Analysis of Dementia and Care Experiences in Turkish Novels** Deniz PAMUK *Muş Alparslan University*
12:05 – 12:20 15 min	**The (In)Visibility of Older Adults in E-Leisure** Seyida İLYAS, Tennur YERLİSU LAPA *Manisa City Hospital & Akdeniz University*
12:20 – 12:35 15 min	**Questions & Answers** for all 5 presentations
12:35 – 13:15 40 min	**Closing Remarks and Symposium Evaluation**