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OLDER MIGRANTS: Policies, services, forms of care eds.

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Fifty years of immigration history can be read in the biographies of naturalized foreign citizens of the second and other generations, but also in the faces of those who, as older people, belong to the so-called third and fourth age. Growing older in emigration has always been a challenge for the direct protagonists, for the family members who have also immigrated or remained in their home country (Ciobanu et al. 2017), but also for their social environment and for the social system itself (Bolzman and Vagni 2017). The experiences of countries with a longer tradition of migration, as well as research on older Italian emigrants in other countries (from Switzerland to Australia), have focused on issues that are still little thought about in Italy, but which are already a reality in some areas and for some communities (Cela and Barbiano di Belgiojoso 2021). Beyond the "stay or return" binomial (Palmberger 2017), the relationship between the arriving societies and the different forms of aging is loosened by the issues of transnational care, also through the use of ICT (Baldassar et al. 2017), the training of professionals and the introduction of new figures such as the cultural mediator in geriatric services (Pot 2020).

As well as by updating practices and their content from an intercultural perspective (Karl et al. 2017) and the relationship between the system of accompaniment and care organized by ethnic circles and social services (Yazdanpanahi and Woolrych 2023).

In the welfare system, it is recognized that the aging of migrants is increasingly important, especially in terms of unequal access to health services (Warnes et al. 2004; Giannoni, Casucci and Ismail, 2012) and social services (Suurmond et al. 2016); therefore, it is necessary to pay more attention to the phenomenon at both policy and operational levels to better understand its characteristics and determinants (Goettler 2023). Among the various aspects to consider, the fact that large parts of the immigrant population are vulnerable, have a disability and/or suffer from chronic diseases is particularly important (Chiurco et al. 2023). In order to meet the needs of long-term residents or nationals of foreign origin, collaboration and integration between different services is required, in which social professions play a crucial role.

In the perspective outlined so far, the call aims to examine the needs of a growing foreign elderly population or a population of foreign origin from a global perspective, considering the areas of socio-economic conditions, health and social relations.

The call is open to multidisciplinary contributions, both theoretical and empirical, dealing mainly, but not exclusively, with the following topics

- policies for older migrants in historical perspective and with reference to the use of resources that have been activated in recent times (e.g. PNRR);
- the health of older migrants: Integrating health and social policies;

- social services for the elderly population and services for foreigners: opportunities for integration and risks of fragmentation of interventions;
- innovative experiences in social services to meet the needs of migrant elders: Organizational models, collaboration with communities, new professional groups, collaboration between public services, the third sector and volunteering;
- the role of ethnic associations in addressing the demands and needs of older people in different communities;
- transnational relations and welfare shopping.

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Deadline

Essays must be submitted by **SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

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- you will have to follow the procedure shown after clicking on button '**propose an article**'.
- Each essay must not exceed **35,000 characters (including spaces)**, including notes and bibliographical references, and may be written in Italian, English, French or Spanish.
- **Only texts that comply with the editorial standards** available at this address will be accepted: https://francoangeli.azureedge.net/fa-contenuti/riviste/nr/mm-norme_en.pdf

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