

Hybrid Workshop

Moral Conflicts in Familial Dementia Care Involving Migrant Live-in Carers

Ethical and Social-psychological Perspectives

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Video-Conference link: upon registration

Organization:

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In many countries, such as Germany and Israel, migrant live-in carers have become a common solution to fill a significant void in dementia care. They live and work in the home of the person with dementia on a 24-hour basis, carrying out care routines as well as running the household. Their main contact person usually is a relative of the person with dementia who is responsible for the care arrangement. Considering legal, social, and moral aspects, these arrangements are prone to difficulties. At the same time, there are important national specificities and differences. Thus, in Israel, this kind of care is legally regulated, whereas in Germany, a legal framework is missing. In order to explore these difficulties and their connectedness to law and culture, we have launched the interdisciplinary research project MoDeCare (funded by the Volkswagen Foundation) comparing insights from Germany and Israel (<https://uol.de/en/ohsr/projects/modecare>). The aim is to develop a more profound understanding of moral conflicts in live-in dementia care in both countries in order to formulate empirically informed ethical recommendations for care providers and policy makers. In this workshop, first preliminary findings of the project will be presented and discussed with researchers from the fields of nursing ethics, medical ethics, health services research, and social psychology.

Registration:

The number of places is limited. Please register as in-person or online participant by sending an email to Anna-Eva Nebowsky (anna-eva.nebowsky@uni-oldenburg.de) by 9th of February.

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09.30-09.45 (German time, Israel +1h)	Welcome to the (hybrid) workshop: Mark Schweda
09.45-10.45	Session 1: Live-in Care in Germany (Chair: Merle Weßel)
09.45-10.15	Presentation 1: Anna-Eva Nebowsky (Oldenburg) Live-in carers in Germany: High demand vs. unreasonable expectations – First insights from agencies and main carers of people with dementia
10.15-10.45	Presentation 2: Paul Becker & Agnieszka Skwarek (Berlin) Current situation and future developments of domestic care in Germany and the perspective of live-in carers on their care situation on the ground
10.45-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.00	Session 2: Live-in Care in Israel (Chair: Anna-Eva Nebowsky)
11.00-11.30	Presentation 1 Natalie Ulitsa & Liat Ayalon (Ramat Gan) Situations of conflict and tension within triadic care arrangements in Israel -first insights from family caregivers and live-in-carers
11.30-12.00	Presentation 2 Daniela Arieli (Jezreel Valley) Ethical dilemmas of family caregivers related to their role as employers of live-in care workers
12.00-13.00	Lunch Break
13.00-14.30	Session 3: Care(giving) and Migration (Chair: Milena von Kutzleben)
13.00-13.30	Presentation 1: Anna-Christina Kainradl (Graz) Autonomy, justice and older migrants. Perspectives from aging studies for an intersectional analysis
13.30-14.00	Presentation 2: Sharon Avidor; Pnina Dolberg; Ronit Even-Zahav; Yael Sela & Efrat Neter (Emek Hefer) Sustaining formal caregivers: Presentation of a pilot program offering support groups for non live-in formal caregivers in Israel
14.00-14.30	Presentation 3: Helen Kohlen (Vallendar) Care ethics and the democratisation of care – Trivial, unreal or radical?
14.30-14.45	Coffee Break
14.45-15.30	Discussion & Outlook (Mark Schweda)