

<b>Module Title :</b>	<b>SS4830 – Ageing Societies (15 ECTS)</b>
	<p>This module will run in both Michaelmas and Hilary term.</p> <p>The purpose of the Ageing Societies module is to explore the field of social policy and ageing/social gerontology with students. The module will provide students with an opportunity to discuss a range of substantive topics that are relevant to both individual and population ageing. In order to help students acquire a critical understanding of both the opportunities and challenges that demographic ageing presents, the module will introduce students to issues relating to the social construction of ageing, long-term care systems, inter-generational relationships, interest representation and forms of ‘active ageing’.</p>
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differentiate between and critically discuss theories of ageing</li> <li>• Outline how ageing and old age are socially constructed</li> <li>• Outline the contributions of older people to families, societies and economies</li> <li>• Demonstrate an awareness of diversity among older people, and of the main causes of this diversity</li> <li>• Critically examine prevailing views on population ageing and the implications they have for both social policy design and older people themselves</li> <li>• Apply theoretical and conceptual debates on ageing to the analysis of social policy documents and texts which relate to social policy and ageing</li> <li>• Demonstrate their written and verbal ability to communicate concise and theoretically grounded arguments as they relate to social policy and ageing</li> </ul> <p>Preparatory reading:</p> <p>Timonen, V.: <i>Ageing Societies: A Comparative Introduction</i>. Maidenhead and New York: Open University Press.</p>
<b>Lecturers</b>	Prof Virpi Timonen
<b>Michaelmas Term Assessments:</b>	<p>Assignment 1 = (20%)</p> <p>Assignment 2 = (30%)</p>
<b>Hilary Term Assessment:</b>	End of Year Examination = (50%)

	Penalties will be applied where assignments are not submitted on time. If you need an extension, a note from your College Tutor must be received in advance of the deadline.
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