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Call for Papers

Workshop: Migration, age, vulnerability and well-being: which relations?

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This workshop aims to bring together presentations on different relations between ageing, migration, and vulnerability or on the contrary wellbeing. The literature describes migration as a factor of vulnerability. Ageing also is associated to an increase in precarity, making older migrants a group which accumulates vulnerabilities. Having to manage with old age vulnerability and achieve wellbeing, some persons choose to initiate migration close to or after retirement to cope with small pensions.
Research on older migrants shows that upon retirement some are aiming to return to the home country, others prefer to stay in the host country to be closer to family, and some engage in back-and-forth mobilities. Older adults without a migration experience sometimes also choose to migrate to countries in Southern Europe or the Global South.

We invite papers from different disciplines that question theoretically and empirically the intersections between old age and migrations through the prism of vulnerabilities and well-being. They can address questions, such as, but not limited to:
How do migrants cope with vulnerability and old age care needs?
What transnational (im)mobility patterns can be observed among older migrants, what factors influence them, and which are the implications for well-being?
What role do health regimes and medical services play in mobility decisions?
How do migration and welfare policies influence the choices of older adults to cope with vulnerability?
What differences and similarities can be observed between coping strategies of older adults with and without migration background?
How do age and gender intersect in the experience of older migrants, and of those who migrate close to or at retirement?

Please submit your abstract of max. 2000 characters to one of the panel conveners (oana.ciobanu@hetsl.ch / mihaela.nedelcu@unine.ch / marion.repetti@hevs.ch) no later than 5 January.
The languages of the workshop are English and French.