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EXPANDING OUR SCHOLARLY IMAGINATION ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN LATER LIFE WHILE UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF AGING SOCIETIES



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Population aging and the array of crises that democratic states have been facing over the past decades are societal challenges that demand the attention of social scientists since they raise questions about how democracies facilitate older people's civic engagement, and how they support active citizenship in later life. Although awareness about the need for research on these topics is on the rise, and policy-makers recognize that civic engagement in later life can in fact increase societies' ability to manage population aging, there is still a lacuna of research on older people's civic engagement. Against these backdrops, this webinar lecture/ presentation will offer insight into an ongoing European project on civic engagement in later life amongst older people at risk of social exclusion known as CIVEX. The project is comprised of two studies (one relying on secondary representative European quantitative data from EQLS and SHARE to name but a few, and another study relying on life course interviews, short socio-demographic surveys and participatory profiles collected from 240 older people from whose insights into civic engagement research on this topic has not tapped into). Through presentation of some of the results, this webinar will offer insight into the project in question while proposing not only ways in which our scholarly imagination on civic engagement could be expanded, but also ways through which the potential of aging societies could be unleashed to facilitate active citizenship in old age.

OUR SPEAKER



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