International Symposium

The Long-Term Care Crisis: Tapping into Labour Resources Within and Across National Borders
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We are glad to announce the international symposium The Long-Term Care Crisis: Tapping into Labour Resources Within and Across National Borders to be held in Mainz (Germany) March 11-12, 2019 (see program attached).

The background of this international symposium is the increasing effort of modern welfare states to tap new labour resources in order to tackle the challenges for their long-term care regimes: Skilled workers are recruited abroad to work in the public or private care sector. Households employ live-in migrant care workers to care for frail and older relatives. Programs are launched to gain and train refugee or migrant populations for working in nursing homes. States, through migration and employment policies, create and reinforce these processes. But also other actors such as families, private brokering agencies, care service providers or welfare associations influence the way and extent how new labour is incorporated into national long-term care regimes.

Bringing together early-career and well-known scholars in the field, the international symposium seeks to explore the underlying mechanisms leading to the incorporation of new labour resources into long-term care arrangements for older people and to unravel the everyday care practices and relationships within them. It critically asks for the parameters and potential of this development to become a sustainable and equitable solution to the long-term care crisis faced by many modern welfare states. Related to this, it addresses questions about working conditions, social rights, care quality and the protection of those in need of long-term care in old age.

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Registration: Participants can register until February 22, 2019 by sending an e-mail to hornv@uni-mainz.de, including their name and place of Work.