
RESEARCHING AGE AND MULTIPLE DISCRIMINATION

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Across Europe, a rights-based agenda has dominated recent efforts to tackle inequality. Such an approach relies on identity categories, such as 'older people', and is governed by them. Yet, our everyday lives, including experiences of discrimination, rarely unfold according to neat categories of social difference. The question of who we are is a negotiated one: identities are fluid, contingent and multiple. Consequently, there is a need to engage with everyday experiences of discrimination and thereby to address the complexities of age-based inequalities.

This report considers some of the problems associated with certain categories that apply to later life. The papers contained here support thinking about how to undertake research into discrimination and ageing and how to involve older people as part of that process. A debate is pursued throughout on how best to engage with and reflect personal experience and so to explore what it means to live with discrimination as an everyday problem in later life.

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