Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The Special Issue will bring together selected papers presented at the Conference "Key Issues in Current Health Research: Ageing–Health–Equity", in Bremen, 29–30 June, 2017, as well as other papers fitting the scope of this Special Issue.

Demographic change and the evolving demands on healthcare systems, especially the provision of healthcare and nursing care for a growing number of older people, are among the greatest social challenges of the next decades. The one hand, there are persisting health inequities related to a social gradient in health. On the other hand, as resources are limited, social challenges to healthcare and the healthcare system will always entail questions of distributive justice.

The Special Issue aims to analyze current developments, and possible solutions and action strategies related to health equity issues. Papers are invited that focus on research obstacles, new methodological concepts, technological developments and innovative solutions.

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