



Social Interactions and Aging

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

A large body of literature documents the importance of social interactions throughout the life-course. A special emphasis should be placed on the role that social interactions (or a lack of them) play in midlife and older adulthood. Social interactions are an invaluable source of emotional and instrumental support and are associated with cognitive function, physical, and mental health. The global pandemic and the restrictions on social gatherings that followed have made the subject of social relationships stand out as a main pivot for both research and popular media, and loneliness was described as another ‘pandemic’.

This Special Issue sets to focus on innovative research focusing on the unique role of social interactions in the second half of life. These include exploration of the role that social interactions play in older adults’ lives, with a focus on physical, mental, and social health, family relationships, and friendships, on the one hand, and loneliness and social isolation on the other hand.

