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Short Curriculum Vitae (April 2024)

Professor for Interdisciplinary Ageing Research (IAW), Chair of the Frankfurt Forum for interdisciplinary Ageing Research (FFIA) at the Goethe University, Director of the “Center Aging” for Early Career Researcher at the Goethe Graduate Academy (GRADE)

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2009	Professor for Interdisciplinary Ageing Research	Goethe-Universität Frankfurt / Main
2008	Adjunct Professor for Psychology	University of Heidelberg
2005	Habilitation (postdoc lecture qualification) in Psychology	University of Heidelberg
1996	Dr. phil. in Psychology (equivalent to Ph.D.)	University of Heidelberg
1990	Diploma in Psychology (equivalent to M.A.)	University of Heidelberg

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Since 2014	Permanent Professorship for Interdisciplinary Ageing Research, Faculty of Educational Sciences and Chair of the Frankfurt Forum for Interdisciplinary Ageing Research (FFIA), Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany
2009 - 2014	Endowed Professorship for Interdisciplinary Ageing Research, Faculty of Educational Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt (BHF-BANK Foundation)
2006 - 2009	Senior Research Scientist and Deputy Chair of the Department of Psychological Ageing Research, Institute of Psychology, University of Heidelberg, Germany
1996 - 2005	Senior Research Scientist and Deputy Chair of the Department of Social and Environmental Gerontology at the German Centre for Research on Ageing
1994 - 1996	Scholarship holder from the University of Heidelberg and Doctoral Student
1990 - 1994	Research Assistant at the Institute of Gerontology, University of Heidelberg, Germany

ACADEMIC HONOURS

- Co-editor of the German Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics (Zeitschrift für Gerontologie und Geriatrie, ZGG) (since 2014), of the “Journal of Gerontopsychology and Geriatric Psychiatry” (GeroPsych) (since 2023)
- Member of the editorial boards of the “Journal of Aging and Environment” formerly “Journal of Housing for the Elderly” (since 2001), of the “Journal of Architectural and Planning Research” (JAPR) (since 2004), of the journal “Educational Gerontology” (since 2021)
- Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) (since 2007)

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- PI / Co-PI of several national and international research projects, funded by the European Commission (e.g., 5th Framework, HORIZON 2020, Joint Programme Initiative „More Years Better Lives“, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Doctoral Network), the Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (FORTE), the German Research Foundation (DFG), federal German Ministries, private research foundations (e.g., VW, Carl Zeiss, Robert Bosch), as well as cities and communities (e.g., Darmstadt, Heidelberg, Frankfurt)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Continuous academic exchange with several working groups, e.g., Susanne Iwarsson et al., Centre for Ageing and Supportive Environments (CASE), Dept. of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Lund University, Lund, Schweden; Habib Chaudhury & Atiya Mahmood, Dept. of Gerontology / Gerontology Research Center, Simon Fraser University (SFU), Vancouver, Canada; Johannes Doll et al., Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Porto Alegre, Brasil; Kieran Walsh et al., Irish Centre for Social Gerontology (ICSG), University of Galway, Ireland

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

- Supervised doctoral theses and habilitation (second doctoral thesis) since 2012: 10 theses as first supervisor, 22 as second supervisor

SELECTED SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

- Oswald, F., Wahl, H.-W., Wanka, A., & Chaudhury, H. (2024). Theorizing place and aging: Enduring and novel issues in Environmental Gerontology. In M. P. Cutchin & G. D. Rowles (Eds.). *Handbook of Aging and Place* (pp. 37-60). London, UK: Edward Elgar Publ.
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- Wanka, A., Schmidt, S. M., Iwarsson, S., Oswald, F., Wazinski, K., Slaug, B., & Kylén, M. (2023). Moving in together in later life: Making spaces into places as a joint endeavor. *Journal of Aging Studies*, 68, 101191, online ahead-of-print. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaging.2023.101191>
- Adams, A.-K., Oswald, F., & Pantel, J. (Hrsg.) (2022). *Museumsangebote für Menschen mit Demenz. Ein Praxishandbuch zur Förderung kultureller und sozialer Teilhabe*. [Museum programs for people with dementia. A handbook to foster cultural and social participation.] Stuttgart: Kohlhammer.

- Eriksson, E., Wazinski, K., Wanka, A., Kylén, M., Oswald, F., Slaug, B., Iwarsson, S., & Schmidt, S.M. (2022). Perceived housing in relation to retirement and relocation: A qualitative interview study among older adults. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19, 13314, <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph192013314>
- Freutel-Funke, T., Müller, H., Nägler, D., Wanka, A., & Oswald, F. (2022). Linking Ages – Reflexive Übergangsforschung in Kindheit und höherem Erwachsenenalter durch Interpretationen unter anderen Vorzeichen. [Linking Ages – Reflexive transitional research in childhood and later life by means of interpretation under different conditions.] *Zeitschrift für Pädagogik [Journal of Pedagogy]*, 68(Beiheft), 98-114. <https://doi.org/10.3262/ZPB2201098>
- Leontowitsch, M., Wolf, F., & Oswald, F. (2022). Digital (in)equalities and user emancipation: Examining the potential of Adorno's maxim of Mündigkeit for critical intergenerational learning. *Frontiers in Sociology*, 7, 983034, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2022.983034>
- Oswald, F. (2022). Leben mit Demenz aus ökogerontologischer Perspektive. [Life with dementia from an environmental gerontology perspective.] In A-K. Adams, F. Oswald, & J. Pantel (Hrsg.). *Museumsangebote für Menschen mit Demenz. Ein Praxishandbuch zur Förderung kultureller und sozialer Teilhabe*. [Museum programs for people with dementia. A handbook to foster cultural and social participation.] (S. 31-38). Stuttgart: Kohlhammer.
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- Oswald, F., Klinger, T., Conrad, K., Penger, S., & Siedentop, S. (2021). Das Recht auf Teilhabe am kulturellen und gesellschaftlichen Leben im Alter am Beispiel urbaner Mobilität - Eine interdisziplinäre Positionsbestimmung. [The right to participate in cultural and social life in old age through the example of urban mobility - An interdisciplinary exploration.] *Psychotherapie im Alter „Menschenrechte“ [Psychotherapy in Later Life „Human Rights“]*, 18(1), 43-55. <http://dx.doi.org/10.30820/1613-2637-2021-1-43>
- Urbaniak, A., Wanka, A., Walsh, K., & Oswald, F. (2021). The relationship between place and life-course transitions in old-age social exclusion: A cross-country analysis. In K. Walsh, T. Scharf, S. Van Regenmortel, & A. Wanka (eds.) *Social Exclusion in Later Life: Interdisciplinary and Policy Perspectives. International Perspective on Ageing*, 28 (pp. 209-222). New York, London: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-51406-8_16
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- Naumann, D., & Oswald, F. (2020). Wohnen im Alter. [Housing in old age.] In K. Aner & U. Karl (Hrsg.), *Handbuch Soziale Arbeit und Alter [Handbook of Social Work and Old Age]* (2. Auflage) (S. 369-377). Wiesbaden: Springer VS. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-26624-0_30
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