

Exhibition:

Stop! No Violence Against Older Persons!

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Fachbereichsbibliothek TFM, University of Vienna

In intersectional Cultural, Digital and Performance Studies, questions of visibility, power relations, aesthetical and/or productional biases, spatiality and representations of the human body all hold a central place in both canonical theoretical writings and vibrant current debates. When it comes to critically challenging conceptions of older age, practices of ageism and toxic narratives regarding dependence, care and demographic change, the abovementioned issues very much represent epistemological blind spots in academic contexts, as well as in our society as a whole. By bringing the traveling exhibition "Stop! No Violence Against Older Persons!" to the library of the department of Theater, Film and Media Studies, teacher and researcher Stefan Schweigler, in cooperation with librarian, Martina Cuba, aims at spatially bringing together the activities of researching and learning in Cultural Performativity Studies with practices of reflecting underrepresented, often invisible dimensions of violence against older adults, as well as with practices of unlearning ageism.

This nationwide traveling exhibition serves as an accessible campaign with dual objectives. It seeks to enhance awareness across all segments of society regarding the issue of violence against older persons while also highlighting possibilities for support and

prevention. Spanning a two-year duration, the traveling exhibition will make several week-long to month-long stops in numerous districts within each federal state of Austria. Organized by the „Pro Senectute Österreich“ association, in collaboration with support from the Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care, and Consumer Protection, this project engages relevant stakeholders throughout the country.

The exhibition is centered around the themes of physical, psychological, and financial violence. These three categories of violence are depicted within the context of locations where such offenses might occur: be it within homes, institutions, or public spaces.

**UZA II – Rotunde, Josef-Holaubek-Platz 2,
1090 Wien (Level 2)**

>>> Monday – Wednesday, Friday: 10 am – 4 pm

>>> Thursday: 10 am – 6 pm

>>> Admission free! Keep in mind that the exhibition is situated in the quiet zone of the library.

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