



# CARE: EXPLORING HIERARCHIES AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS

## Workshop 1: 08.-09. April 2019

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**08.04.2019** 3:30-6pm | Hörsaal A

**Sara Lei Sparre**  
(Aarhus University)

**Between care and contract: Ageing immigrants, self-appointed helpers and ambiguous belonging in the Danish welfare state**

In Denmark, a growing number of ethnic minority families utilize an option in the Service Act under which municipalities can contract a family member to take care of an elderly citizen at home. I argue that this complex intercalary role of the self-appointed helper at the threshold between the immigrant family and the state is also a grey zone in the otherwise strongly regulated elderly care sector in Denmark. In order for the arrangement to work, care managers and helpers enter into a form of "silence contract" where they end up disregarding rules and legislation.

**Petra Ezzeddine**  
(Charles University, Prague)

**The gender of guilt: diversity and ambivalence of transnational care trajectories within postsocialist migration experience**

I will analyse how specific transnational care practices are reflected in the personal life trajectories of women from former Yugoslavia with refugee experience in a post-socialist context in the Czech Republic. The focus will be on gendered norms and expectations on women's transnational care practices and their feelings of obligation, and explore specific coping strategies for dealing with practical and emotional challenges arising at the juncture of contradictory expectations.

**09.04.2019** 9-12am | Sitzungszimmer

Discussion with the speakers

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