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# **Handbook of Global Aging and Welfare Challenges**

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Dear Colleagues and Professors

We are seeking proposals for chapters for possible inclusion in the forthcoming 'Elgar's

Handbook of Global Aging and Welfare Challenges' under consideration with Edward Elgar (United

Kingdom). Elgar's Handbooks are intended to offer authoritative and up-to-date surveys of original

research in a particular subject area, with essays giving critical examinations of the progress and

direction of debates, as well as a foundation for future research.

Since the beginning of the twentieth century rapid demographic change has been experienced

by many industrialized countries. As a result, many countries across the globe are facing the

challenges in sustainability and effectiveness of existing welfare and social security

provisions. Neo-liberalism and globalization induced privatization. This limits the traditional

care provisions for the elderly in many countries across the globe. Rapid and constantly aging

population poses greater challenges to any society by that increased spending of the states on pension, health care and social benefit provisions for them. Further, economic crises experienced by many countries in the recent years that increased the demands for social protection and social security across the world. However, despite of commitment to social justice, equality and human dignity, many countries across the world are facing challenges of providing social security for rapidly graying population because of economic slowdown and public debt. On the one hand, along with the accelerated economic growth, many developed and developing countries such as China, United States, Germany, Japan and South Korea are facing threat of labor shortage because of a steep growth in the graying population.

Available literature in the field is showing its concern about the state's ability towards ensuring sustainable welfare for sharply growing elderly population in many Western countries. In addition, privatization and market based reforms in care and welfare is questioning the credibility and sustainability of the welfare system in these countries. On the other hand, population aging in developing and less developed countries has been considered as a threat to the economic growth and development. Hence, the investment and innovations in the welfare sector in these countries are said to be less.

Aging is one of the important stages of human life. This is true that aging brings uncertainty, illness, insecurity and loss of employment, and partners/care givers. The need for care, income security and conducive living conditions are the basic needs towards wellbeing of the elderly people. However, rapidly changing society and the value system brought greater changes in the social life of the people. Considerable change in family pattern and living arrangements in the societies across the world require more advanced and inclusive social policy and welfare administration. Further, social policy needs for the countries in the global south and global north are distinct based on their social, economic and cultural system.

This volume in the Edward Elgar's Handbook series will reflect on the present day challenges for elderly care and welfare in the light of neoliberalism and globalization with an international perspective. The volume will address themes, issues and topics from across the international boundaries and in comparative perspectives.

The volume will be interdisciplinary in scope and we are open to have contributions from across a range of theoretical or methodological approaches, including, Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, Social Policy, Gender Studies, Cultural Studies, and Public Policy studies. Although we envisage that many of the chapters will focus on the issues and challenges in the contemporary elderly care, we are particularly interested in contributions addressing policy issues related to elderly welfare.

Possible topics might include (but are not limited to):

- Globalization and Elderly issues
- Aging in Neo-liberal economies
- Rethinking Elderly welfare in time of global transformation
- Countries in transition and elderly welfare challenges
- Population Aging and employability challenges
- Health Aging and Care giving services
- Elderly and Human Rights issues
- Sustainable Development Goals and Elderly Care
- Learning from Western Welfare system
- Compression of Morbidity and Active Aging
- Aging, Health Care Spending, and Long-Term Care
- Welfare provisions at different levels
- Critical Evaluation of existing policies
- End of Life Care
- Poverty and Elderly
- Cross cultural case studies
- Aging and discrimination
- LGBTQ issues among aged population
- Policies and provisions for elderly across the globe
- Inclusive policy practices
- Psycho social issues and interventions
- Elderly issues in research and teaching programmes
- Creating aging friendly communities- challenges and issues

We envisage to commission chapters from across the international academic community and project the content of the volume from the following geographical regions. Population aging and welfare challenges in–

America

Europe

Middle East, West and South Asia

East Asia and Oceania

Africa

OECD countries

Middle Income Countries

Less Developed Countries

In addition to this the volume will also make an attempt to understand the welfare provision for graying population in different welfare regime types (Liberal, Social Democratic, Continental, and Authoritarian and other forms of governments)

Please send abstracts of 300–400 words, and a biography of 50–80 words, to Dr. Rajendra Baikady at [rajendra.baikady@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:rajendra.baikady@mail.huji.ac.il) by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Please give the subject header as ‘Elgar's Handbook Proposal’. Notifications of acceptance will be sent no later than 30 June 2020. Chapters of 8,000 to 10,000 words will be due by 30 December 2020.

## CHAPTER FORMATA

Standard format will help ensure coherence. Full chapter should be within 8000 -10000 words (approximately) including, reference, tables, figures etc.

Title	Clearly defined and relevant to the text
Abstract	250 words
Introduction to the chapter	1000 words ( approximately)
Context, state of the art, concepts and methods	2000 words (approximately)
Substantive analysis and discussion	3500words (approximately)
Conclusion: What next for research	500 word ( approximately)
Bibliography/references	Not more than 30
Key texts/words(references)	4 minimum – 6 maximum
Citation style:	APA 6 <sup>th</sup> edition