

Dr. Kim-Knauss, Yaeji

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Aging, Preparation, End-of-Life, Mortality, Widowhood, Psychogerontology, Thanatology, Social Sciences, Health Informatics, etc.

EDUCATION HISTORY

- 05.18 – 10.23 **INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOGERONTOLOGY, FRIEDRICH-ALEXANDER-UNIVERSITÄT ERLAGNEN-NÜRNBERG**, Nuremberg, Germany
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychogerontology, *summa cum laude*
(Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Lang, Frieder R.)
* Summer Semester 2021: Leave-of-absence due to maternity leave
- 09.14 – 08.16 **SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**, Seoul, Korea
Master of Arts in Social Welfare (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Ha, Jung-Hwa)
GPA 4.03/4.3
- 09.09 – 08.10 **UNIVERSITY OF GHANA**, Legon-Accra, Ghana
Exchange Semesters, School of Social Work
- 03.09 – 08.14 **SOOKMYUNG WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY**, Seoul, Korea
Bachelor of Arts in Child Welfare and Studies & Bachelor of International Development
GPA 3.70/4.3

WORK EXPERIENCES

- 01.24 – Current **Postdoc Researcher, Lecturer, & IT-Manager**
Institute of Psychogerontology, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
- 11.18 – 12.23 **Predoc Researcher & Lecturer**
Institute of Psychogerontology, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
* 02.21 – 06.21: Leave-of-absence due to maternity leave
Project Details:
 - *Aging as Future*, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation
- 08.16 – 04.17 **Research Associate**
Biomedical Research Institute, Seoul National University Hospital
Project Details:
 - *A Comparative Effectiveness Research on Integrated Early Palliative Care and Standard Care for Advanced Cancer Patients Expected to Be Terminal*, funded by the Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare
 - *Health and Social Contribute Activity Index Development Project*, funded by the Seoul National University
- 03.16 – 08.16 **Supervisor (Work-Study Program)**

Institute for Global Social Responsibility, Seoul National University

Program Details:

- *SNU Mentoring (Web-based Mentoring Program for Middle & High School Students from Low-Income Families)*

03.15 – 02.16 **Research Assistant**

Institute of Social Welfare, Department of Social Welfare, Seoul National University

Project Details:

- *Brain Korea 21 Plus: A Research Team for Developing Creative Convergence Social Service Models: A Life Cycle Approach, funded by the Korean Ministry of Education & National Research Foundation of Korea*

PUBLICATIONS

[Peer-Reviewed]

Kim-Knauss, Y., Degen, N. M., & Lang, F. R. (2024). The Paradox of Aging-Related Fears: Fear of Loneliness in Old Age as a Motivator for Loneliness Preventive Activities. *Gerontology* (Q2).

Kim-Knauss, Y., Lang, F. R., Rupprecht, F. S., Martin, K., & Fung, H. H. (2022). "COVID-19 Worries Induce Aging Preparation: Culture- and Domain-Specific Perspectives". *Journal of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences* (Q1).

Park, S., **Kim-Knauss, Y.,** & Sim, J. (2021). "Leveraging Text Mining Approach to Identify What People Want to Know about Mental Disorders from Online Inquiry Platforms". *Frontiers in Public Health* (Q1).

Kim, H., Shin, Y., Ha, J., & **Kim-Knauss, Y.** (2021). "Active Aging in Long-Term Care Facilities in Korea: Beyond the Lexical Meaning". *Journal of Gerontological Social Work* (Q1).

Kim-Knauss, Y., & Lang, F. R. (2021). "Late-Life Preparedness and its Correlates: A Behavioral Perspective on Preparatory Activities". *Journal of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences* (Q1).

Yun, Y.H., Sim, J., **Kim, Y.,** Kim, K., & Lee, S. (2020). "Consumers' Consciousness of Health-Friendly Products and Services and its Association with Sociodemographic Characteristics and Health Status: A Cross-Sectional Survey of the South Korean Population". *BMJ Open* (Q1).

Kim-Knauss, Y., Lang, F. R., Rohr, M. K., & Fung, H. H. (2020). "For a better me? Or for a better us? Perceived utilities of aging preparatory activities and positive future thinking in Germany, USA and Hong Kong". *European Journal of Ageing* (Q1).

Kim-Knauss, Y., Jeong, E., Sim, J., Lee J., Choo, J. Y., & Yun, Y. H. (2019). "Quantity over Quality?: Perception of Designating Long-term Care Hospitals as Providers of Hospice and Palliative Care". *Korean Journal of Hospice and Palliative Care* (KCI).

Yun, Y. H., **Kim, Y.,** Sim, J., Choi, S., Lim, C., & Kang, J. (2018). "Development and Validity Testing of the School Health Score Card (SHSC)". *Journal of School Health* (Q1).

Kim, Y., & Jeong, M. (2017) "중·고령 은퇴자 신체건강 변화궤적의 예측요인: 은퇴특성이 미치는 영향을 중심으로 [Predictors of the Psychological Health Trajectory among Middle- and Old Aged Retirees: Focusing on the Impacts of Retirement Characteristics]". 한국지역사회복지학 *Journal of Community Welfare* (KCI).

Yun, Y. H., Kang, E., Lee, J., Choo, J. Y., Ryu, H., Yun, H., Kang, J. H., Kim, T. Y., Sim, J., & **Kim, Y.** (2017). "Development and validation of the Quality Care Questionnaire -Palliative Care (QCQ-PC): Patient-reported assessment of quality of palliative care". *BMC Palliative Care* (Q1).

[Others]

Kim-Knauss, Y. (2023). "존엄한 죽음을 위한 독일의 사회보장제도 [The social security system in Germany for patients' autonomy at the end of life]". *Global Social Security Review*, Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs.

Kim, S., & **Kim, Y.** (2015). "The Level of Self-Determination of Older Service Recipients of Sungsan Community Welfare Center". Sungsan Community Welfare Center.

[Dissertation/Thesis]

Kim-Knauss, Y. (2023). "An Agentic Perspective on Aging Preparation". Doctorate Dissertation supervised by Prof. Dr. Lang, Frieder R., Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg.

Kim, Y. (2016). "A Study on Depression Level Following Different Retirement Types in Middle and Late life: The Mediating Role of Change in Self-esteem". Master's Thesis supervised by Prof. Dr. Ha, Jung-Hwa, Seoul National University.

[Working Papers]

Kim-Knauss, Y., Shin, Y., Ha, J-H., & Lang, F. R. (under review). Memento Mori? Differences in Translating Perceived Engagement into End-of-Life Preparatory Activities in Germany and South Korea. *Journals of Gerontology Series B*.

de Paula Couto, C.*, **Kim-Knauss, Y.***, Rothermund, K., Fung, H. H., Hess, T. M., & Lang, F. R. (under review). Time without You: Transition to Widowhood and Its Impacts on Future Time Perspectives. *European Journal of Ageing*. *shared first authorship

RECEIVED / WORKING GRANT PROPOSALS

Kim-Knauss, Y., Shin, Y., Ha, J., & Lang, F. R. "Normalization of End-of-Life Planning within Family in Germany and South Korea". Initiation of International Collaboration Programme (Amounts to ca. 17,078.00 Euros for 12 Months). Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft & Korean National Research Foundation.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

[Invited Speaker]

Kim-Knauss, Y. (2024). "When Humans Confront Mortality". Research Colloquium, Interdisciplinary Center for Aging Research (ICA), Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (April)

Kim-Knauss, Y. (2024). "When Humans Confront Mortality". Research Colloquium, Institute of Psychology, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena (April)

Kim-Knauss, Y. (2023). "Agentic Perspectives on Aging Preparation". Research Colloquium, Interdisciplinary Center for Aging Research (ICA), Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (April)

Kim-Knauss, Y. (2022). "Agentic Perspectives on Aging Preparation". Research Colloquium, Institute of Psychology, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena (November)

Kim-Knauss, Y. (2019). "The Role of Perceived Utility and Risk in Aging Preparation Across Cultures". Research Colloquium, Interdisciplinary Center for Aging Research (ICA), Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (November)

[Oral Presentation]

Kim-Knauss, Y. (2024). "End-of-Life Planning in Germany and South Korea: Perceived Engagement and Actual Behavior". The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting (November) – Symposium Chair & Presenter. Published in *Innovation in Aging*.

Kim-Knauss, Y. (2022). "Why Looking at the Future? From Psychological to Contextual Motivators". The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting (November) – Symposium Chair & Presenter. Published in *Innovation in Aging*.

Kim-Knauss, Y., & Lang, F. R. (2022). "Now I See the Clock Ticking: Pandemic-Related Social Restrictions Increased the Urgency and Engagement in Preparing for Social Connectedness in Old Age". 57. DGPs-Kongress (September).

Kim-Knauss, Y., & Lang, F. R. (2022). "COVID-19 Worries Induce Aging Preparation: Culture- and Domain-Specific Perspectives". 2nd Ageing as Future Conference (July).

Kim-Knauss, Y., & Lang, F. R. (2022). "Future Perceptions in Psychology". 17th European Congress of Psychology (July) – Symposium Chair & Presenter.

Kim-Knauss, Y., Lang, F. R., Tse, D. C. K., & Fung, H. H. (2021). "Action-Related Thoughts and Beliefs Regulate the Effects of Age Stereotypes on Aging Preparation". The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting (November). Published in *Innovation in Aging*.

Kim-Knauss, Y., Lang, F. R., Rohr, M. K., & Fung, H. H. (2019). "For a Better Me? Or for a Better Us?: Perceived Benefits of Aging Preparatory Activities and Optimistic Future Thinking in Western and Eastern Cultures". The International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics European Region Congress (May).

Jeong, E., Chung, E, & **Kim, Y.** (2014). "Care Services for Older Adults in Korea: The Role of Central and Local Government". Seoul National University and Renmin University of China Joint Seminar (November).

Kim, Y., Okem, H., & Baek, J. (2011). "Ugandan and Korean Women's Empowerment: Examining Gender Inequality within the Household in Uganda and Korea". 1st Asian African Women's Conference (October).

[Poster Presentation]

Kim-Knauss, Y. & Lang, F. R. (2023). "An Agentic Perspective on Aging Preparation". The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting (November)

Kim-Knauss, Y., Sim, J., Lee, J., & Park, S. (2019). "Machine Learning Techniques for Prediction of Adolescents' Life Satisfaction". The Korean Society of Medical Informatics Conference (November).

Kim-Knauss, Y., Sim, J., Lee, J., & Park, S. (2019). "What People Want to Know about Mental Disorders: A Text Mining Approach". The Korean Society of Medical Informatics Conference (November).

Kim, Y. (2016). "How Different Types of Retirement Impact on Korean Retirees' Self and Mental Health?: Application of a Stress Process Model". 11th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (August).

Kim, Y., Moon, N., & Jeong, E. (2016). "Divorce and Bereavement- Weight of Loss in Later Life: Results from Korea Welfare Panel Study (KoWePS)". 2nd International Conference on Loss, Bereavement & Human Resilience in Israel and the World: Facts, Insights & Implications (January).

FUNDED WORKSHOPS & RESEARCH STAY

The Germany-Israel Minerva School 2023, Dortmund, Germany; funded by the Minerva Stiftung
(September)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SS24: 201 – Grundlagen der Gerontologie: Intergenerationalität in verschiedenen Kontexten [English translation: Intergenerationality in different contexts] (2 SWS in German)

SS22; SS23; SS24: 202 – Grundlagen der Gerontologie: Death and Dying (1 SWS in English)

WS23/24; WS24/25: 202 – Grundlagen der Gerontologie: Social Inequalities in Aging Experiences (1 SWS in English)

WS24/25: 301 - Methoden der Datenerhebung [English translation: Data collection methods] (2 SWS in German)

SS24: 401 - Modelle und Methoden der Datenerhebung [English translation: Models and methods of data collection] (2 SWS in German)

SS23; SS24: 402 – Spezielle Fragestellungen der Datenanalyse: Übung und Vertiefung [English translation: Special issues in data analysis: Exercise and consolidation] (1 SWS in German)

WS22/23: 1201 - Modelle und Befunde kognitiven und emotionalen Alterns [English translation: Models and findings of cognitive and emotional aging] (2 SWS in German)

SS20: 1102 - Theorien und Befunde der Alternspsychologie [English translation: Theories and Findings of Aging Psychology] (1 SWS in German) (A joint seminar with Prof. Dr. Frieder R. Lang)

SS24: 1502C – Dyadische Interventionsansätze [English translation: Dyadic intervention approaches] (1 SWS in German)

WS21/22; WS23/24: 1702 - Academic English for Gerontologists (1 SWS in English)

AD HOC REVIEW

Psychology and Aging, *Frontiers in Psychology*, *Journal of Global Ageing*, *Epidemiology and Health*, *BMC*

Geriatrics, The Journal of Gerontopsychology and Geriatric Psychiatry (GeroPsych), Qualitative Health Research, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences

SUPERVISION

Master These at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg:

Shekhovtsova, E. (in preparation); Vierath, S. (in preparation); Hehl, D. (in preparation); Mielke, L. (2025); Choi-Braumann, J. (2024); Bisinger, L. (2023).

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES

2015	Field Placement	<i>Sungsan Community Welfare Center, Seoul, Korea</i>
2014	Field Placement	<i>Mokdong Community Welfare Center, Seoul, Korea</i>
2012	Internship Program	<i>Project Mercy, Yetebon, Ethiopia</i>
2012	Volunteer Service	<i>Eoulim Alternative School for North Korean Refugees, Seoul, Korea</i>
2011	Volunteer Service	<i>Good Neighbors (NGO), Seoul, Korea</i>
2010	Internship Program	<i>World Vision (NGO), Accra, Ghana</i>