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A Tuesday Morning Coffee Series
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Lisa Pope Fischer Social Science

Elderly Hungarian Women's Reinterpretation of Post-Socialist Change

From living in a socialist society to capitalist one, this presentation covers the stories of individual senior Hungarian women as they respond to, and as they understand the society around them. This qualitative ethnographic study uses person-centered life history interviews and participant observation to explore understandings of life experience, memory, and perception. Shared historical moments create a sort of structural continuity, yet how people interpret their own life in relation to these moments not only indicates self-determination and autonomy, but also social constructions of memory as told through the lens of present day society. One person's story overlaps with another's to show multifaceted perspectives of everyday practices and the lived experience. Living through World War II, the socialist, and post-socialist era, shows adaptation to change, and gives us insight into today's society as these senior women face economic strain, generational divisions, and issues related to the aging process.



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