

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 (highest = 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 (highest = 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., Shin, Y., Ha, J-H., & Lang, F. R. (2025). Memento Mori? Differences in Translating Perceived Engagement into End-of-Life Preparatory Activities in Germany and South Korea. *Journals of Gerontology Series B* (Q1).

de Paula Couto, C.*, **Kim-Knauss, Y.***, Rothermund, K., Fung, H. H., Hess, T. M., & Lang, F. R. (2025). Time without You: Transition to Widowhood and Its Impacts on Time Perspective and Attitudes toward the Future. *European Journal of Ageing* (Q1). *shared first authorship

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". Doctoral 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.

[Papers in Progress]

Kim-Knauss, Y., & Lang, F. R. (under review). Coping With Life's Finitude: The Protective Role of Death Preparation and Death Acceptance Amid Resource Loss. *Journals of Gerontology Series B* (Q1).

Jessee, L., **Kim-Knauss, Y.**, Nashef-Hamuda, R., Köttl, H., Schmitz, A., Cohn-Schwartz, E., & de Paula Couto, C. (invited for the second round). Widowhood across Europe: A Gendered Lens on Depressive Symptoms and the Buffering Effect of Social Support from Adult Children. Research on Aging (Q1).

RECEIVED / WORKING GRANT PROPOSALS

Kim-Knauss, Y. (under review). "Coping with Life's Finitude in Older Adulthood". Emerging Talent Initiatives. Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg.

Kim-Knauss, Y. & Shin, Y. "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. (2025). "Social Engagement of Older Adults in Germany: Academic Perspectives and Practical Approaches". Expert Interview as a Part of the International Case Study on Employment and Social Participation Support Programs for Older Adults, Ministry of Health and Welfare & Korea Labor Force Development Institute for the Aged (KORDI). (May)

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". 52. 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

Initiation of International Collaboration Programme (2025), Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea; funded by the *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (August)

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

WS24/25: 1302 Aktuelle Forschung in der Psychogerontologie: Master- und Forschungskolloquium [English translation: Current research in psychogerontology: Master's and research colloquium] (1 SWS in German)

SS24; SS25: 201 – Grundlagen der Gerontologie: Intergenerationalität in verschiedenen Kontexten [English translation: Intergenerationality in different contexts] (2 SWS in German)

SS22; SS23; SS24; SS25: 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)

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

Journal of Gerontology: Series B, Psychology and Aging, Innovation in Aging, International Journal of Behavioral Development, BMC Geriatrics, Population Health Metrics, BMC Public Health, Frontiers in Psychology, Journal of Global Ageing, Qualitative Health Research, Epidemiology and Health, The Journal of Gerontopsychology and Geriatric Psychiatry (GeroPsych), Lifespan Development and Mental Health

SUPERVISION

Master Theses Currently in Preparation:

Wu, Y.; Quaas, C.; Shekhovtsova, E.; Lange, L.

Master Theses Completed:

Hehl, D. (2025). *“Ageing preparation for housing in old age: How strong is it proceeded from people in the perceived right age?”*. Master Thesis, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Vierath, S. (2025). *“Quantitative Untersuchung der intergenerationalen Dynamik am Arbeitsplatz mit Fokus auf Erwerbstätigkeit im Ruhestand in Berlin und Brandenburg”*. Master Thesis, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Mielke, L. (2025). *“Auswirkungen des subjektiven Hörvermögens auf Musikhören und Wohlbefinden im Alter”*. Master Thesis, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Choi-Braumann, J. (2024). *“Systematische Literaturrecherche: Intervention zur Veränderung von Altersbildern”*. Master Thesis, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Bisinger, L. (2023). *“Einfluss des Altersselbstbildes auf das gesundheitsbezogene Vorsorgeverhalten junger Erwachsener”*. Master Thesis, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

12.24 – Current **Scientific External Advisory**

August-Meier-Haus

Project Details:

- *Improv-Theater for Nursing Home Residents - A Pilot Study*

04.22 – 08.22 **External Advisory**

The Korea Labor Institute

Project Details:

- *Employment Promotion Policies for Older Workers in Germany*

01.19 – 12.19 **Special Interest Group**

The Korean Society of Medical Informatics

Project Details:

- *Leveraging Machine Learning Methods for Health Data*

02.20 – 10.20 **External Advisory**

Yuhan University

Project Details:

- *The Active Aging Paradigm in Long-Term Care Facilities*

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>