

# **Minho's First International Advanced Seminar On Older Adults' Mistreatment**

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**SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

**UNIVERSITY OF MINHO, SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY**



# *Welcome!*

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Welcome to Minho's First International Advanced Seminar on Older Adults' Mistreatment!

This meeting aims to join in Portugal, at the University of Minho, for the first time, health professionals, social workers and other professionals, about the subject of older adults' mistreatment. Two main European projects (ABUEL E AVOW) pointed Portugal as the country with the highest prevalence of older adult mistreatment. In spite of this Portuguese professionals has the experience both of some insecurity and some lack of knowledge and lack of training and reflection regarding their identification and treatment. This is largely due to the lack of opportunities for dialogue and training with other colleagues and with more specialized people. This seminar wants to respond to this omission, offering the contact with professionals and experts, foreign and Portuguese.

## Aims:

- I. Reflect about the experience of the professional when she/he encounters older adults' abuse and neglect
- II. Have a first guided training on the possibility of use a validated measure to screen abuse
- III. Reflect on data about sexual abuse in later life
- IV. Create a brief opportunity to meet Portuguese professionals and students interested in the topic of older adults' mistreatment within the family and in the social and health services

# *Meeting information*

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## **LOCATION**

*School of Psychology  
University of Minho  
Campus de Gualtar  
Braga, Portugal*

## **REGISTRATION HOURS**

Monday, September 11, 2017                      8:30 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Psychologists, nurses, social workers, medical doctors and other graduates who deal with the elderly population. Students from the same fields.

## **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

José Ferreira-Alves

Tova Band-Winterstein

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In cooperation with: Association of Psychology of University of Minho (APsi), School of Psychology, University of Minho, Department of Gerontology, Faculty of Social Welfare & Health Sciences, University of Haifa and the Portuguese Association of Psychogerontology

# Agenda

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**8:30 am – 9:00 am**      **Registration**

**9:00 am – 9:30 am**      **Opening ceremony**

President of University of Minho's School of Psychology  
President of the Association of Psychology  
President of the Portuguese Association of Psychogerontology

**9:30 am – 9:45 am**      **Older adult's mistreatment: Beyond the basics**

Speaker: José Ferreira-Alves, PhD  
Assistant Professor, School of Psychology,  
University of Minho, Braga, Portugal

**9:45 am – 10:05 am**      **Portuguese adult protective services**

Speaker: Maria João Quintela, MD  
President of the Portuguese Association of Psychogerontology

**10:05 am – 10:35 am**      **Professionals' experience of the encounter with older adults' mistreatment**

Speaker: Hadass Goldblatt, PhD, MSW  
Associate Professor, Department of Nursing,  
Faculty of Social Welfare & Health Sciences,  
University of Haifa, Israel.

**10:35 am – 11:00 am**      **Coffee-break and networking**

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**11: 00 am – 11:25 am**    **Prevention and intervention programs for mistreatment in older persons**

Speaker: María Ángeles García Antón, MS, MSW  
Spanish Society for Geriatrics and Gerontology

**11:25 am – 11:50 am**    **Sexual abuse in late life**

Speaker: Tova Band-Winterstein, PhD, MSW  
Associate Professor, Gerontology department,  
Faculty of Social and Health Sciences, University  
of Haifa, Israel

**11:50 am – 11:55 am**    **Short break**

**11:55 am – 12:40 pm**    **Detecting older adults' mistreatment: A Verified screening tool**

Speaker: Sara Alon, PhD, MSW  
School of Social Work, Tel Aviv University,  
Israel

**12:40 pm – 12:55 pm**    **Closing remarks.**

## *Speakers*

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### **Sara Alon PhD, MSW**

*School of Social Work,  
Tel Aviv University,  
Israel*

Sara Alon PhD, MSW, is currently a lecturer at Tel Aviv University, School of Social Work.

In her background, she served as the head of a Welfare Department at a Municipality. Between 2000-2016 served as Senior Director, Elder abuse & Neglect at JDC- ESHEL (The Association for Planning and Development of Services for the Aged in Israel). In this position, she was involved in development of knowledge in the field of elders at risk in general and elder abuse and neglect in particular. She developed and implemented models for interventions for prevention and treatment in elder abuse which were accompanied by evaluation studies. At the same time, she developed training programs for professionals serving older adults. In addition, she has written and published training materials, manuals, 2 books and articles on the subject of prevention and treatment of elder abuse.

Her main field of research includes risk assessment for abuse; professionals' encounters with elder abuse, sexual abuse in late life and evaluation of training programs and their impact on professionals' work.

## Speakers

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**María Ángeles García Antón, MS, MSW**

*Spanish Society for Geriatrics and Gerontology*

M<sup>a</sup> Ángeles García Antón has a degree in Psychology and a Diploma in Social Work. Founder of the 1st Hospital Unit of Social Work in a Geriatrics Service in Spain (Red Cross Central Hospital, Madrid) Author of the Geriatric Assessment Scale "Red Cross". Professor and

Tutor of Social Work Practicum in the Faculty of Social Work of Complutense University of Madrid, and coordinates Erasmus students from the Portuguese Universities of Porto and Lisbon, and the Italian University of Florence. Professor in the courses of Mistreatment to Older People of the Agency Laín Entralgo of the Community of Madrid. (Centre for training and research of health professionals of the Community of Madrid).

Urged and implemented the need for Protocols for prevention, detection and intervention of elder abuse in various Spanish Autonomous Communities through courses and conferences to professionals in the Community and Hospital Social Services.

Co-author and coordinator of the Online Course for Professionals "Attention and Care for Elderly People in Dependency Situations". Co-author and coordinator of various documents: Guides and Manuals for training family caregivers and non-professional caregivers, and the "On-line Course for Caregivers of Dependent Elderly People", 1st, 2nd and 3rd Edition (2014- 2016) (SEGG) and the Online courses for Caregivers of Older People in Portugal 1st and 2nd Edition (2015-2016).

Currently general secretary of the Foundation "Aging and Health" of the Spanish Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology. (SEGG) and Honorary Member of the Portuguese Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology.

## Speakers

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### **Tova Band-Winterstein, PhD, MSW**

*Associate Professor,  
Gerontology department,  
Faculty of Social and Health Sciences,  
University of Haifa,  
Israel*

Tova Band-Winterstein PhD, MSW, is an associate professor at the University of Haifa, Gerontology department, Faculty of Social and Health Sciences, Israel. In her work, Band -Winterstein combines knowledge generated from qualitative research aimed towards development of theory in gerontology elder abuse and lifelong intimate partner violence. Her main field of research includes: professionals' encounters with self-neglect; perceptions of elder parents of their relationships with adult mentally ill children who abuse them; the experience of older abused women in therapeutic encounter; and sexual abuse in late life. In addition, she is working on various perspectives of family members on the aging family. Finally, she is trying to examine life experiences of aging weakened and marginalized populations such as, the schizophrenics, the disabled and older adults who choose to commit suicide.



## Speakers

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### **José Ferreira-Alves, PhD**

*Assistant Professor,  
School of Psychology,  
University of Minho,  
Braga, Portugal*

José Ferreira-Alves is an assistant professor in the school of psychology, University of Minho.

His interests encompass psycho-social developmental processes during adult life. He was the coordinator in Portugal of the Avow Study (2009-2011), a DAPHNE partnership between institutions and researchers from 5 countries that aimed to get prevalence rates for older adult mistreatment and associated factors. He also ran the first prevalence study in Portugal on the city of Braga in 2005. He was an instructor, in collaboration with other professionals, of a week training on the domain of older adult mistreatment directed toward health professionals in all regions of Portugal. He is author and co-author of several papers and a reviewer of several journals in the domains of psychology, health and human development.

## *Speakers*

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### **Hadass Goldblatt, PhD, MSW**

*Associate Professor,  
Department of Nursing,  
Faculty of Social Welfare & Health Sciences,  
University of Haifa,  
Israel*

Hadass Goldblatt, PhD, MSW, is currently a senior lecturer (US Associate Professor) at the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Social Welfare & Health Sciences, University of Haifa, Israel, and an associate adjunct professor at the Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. Her professional career and research have focused on domestic violence. Previously, she worked as a social worker and family therapist in a unit for intervention with family violence, as well as trained other professionals to intervene with this phenomenon. Her recent writings have dealt with the impact on professionals of the intervention with domestic violence and trauma issues, spousal violence, adolescents' exposure to interparental violence, and aggression against health care providers.

## Speakers

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### **Maria João Quintela, MD**

*President of the Portuguese Association of Psychogerontology*

Maria João Quintela, MD, has a graduation in Gerontology from the University of Social and Political Sciences of Grenoble, was responsible for launching and developing the concept of Active Aging and the Project of Friendly Cities for the Elderly in the Directorate-General for Health. She collaborated in several publications about ageing, particularly in the "Active Aging Manual", "Feelings of a Life" and "Management of Organizations and Entrepreneurship in Social Economy". She is currently a consultant to the General Health Administration, President of the Portuguese Association of Psychogerontology, Vice-President of the Portuguese Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Portuguese Association for Victim Support - APAV. She was awarded the "Nunes Correia Verdades de Faria" Prizes (2000) and the FEMINA 2016 Prize – for Notable Portuguese and Lusophone Women.