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Date of birth : 16.02.1966

Nationality : Swiss

Current position

University of Geneva : Research associate, Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Gerontology and Vulnerability (CIGEV).

Current and Recent Projects

PCMAT: Development of a Person-Centered Module-Based Assessment Tool in Dementia Care to Assess Cognitive, Affective, Sensory, and Social Capabilities in Persons with Cognitive Impairment (PCMAT).

SCP: Implementation of Person-Centred Care for patients with dementia in a transition unit at the Hospital of Loëx (HUG). Position: Principal investigator.

PACE: Palliative Care for Older People in care and nursing homes in Europe and Switzerland. Position: Senior researcher (2015-2018).

AGE-NT: Cluster Dementia, User-Centric Technology in the Care of People with Dementia Project. Position: Research associate (2018-).

VOLUNTEERS-MONTESSORI: Implementation of the Montessori personalized activities by volunteers for people with dementia living in nursing homes. Position: Principal investigator (2016-2018).

SHURP: Swiss Nursing Homes Human Resources Project. Position: Senior Researcher (2011-2013).

Education

2002-2008

PhD in Psychology.

Dissertation Research: « Structural analysis of nonverbal communication in Alzheimer disease patients in the context of animal assisted therapy”. Director: Professor Susanne Kaiser, *University of Geneva*.

1997-1998

MAS in Thanatology.

University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada

1994-1997

Master of Science in Psychology

University of Lausanne, Switzerland

1989-1990

One-year study abroad

American University in Cairo, Egypt

1990-1994

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Academic Positions

2018-

Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Gerontology and Vulnerability (CIGEV): Research associate.

2015-2018

Geneva University Hospital (HUG): Senior researcher in the PACE Project.

2006-2014

School of Health Sciences Fribourg, University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland (HES-SO)

Professor: Research and teaching in normal and pathological ageing. Current research

project in collaboration with University of Basel (INS, SHURP): "Role of the Work Environment on the Emotion Regulation of the Care Workers in Swiss nursing homes". The project was currently granted by the Swiss Alzheimer Society.

2004-2005 **Centre of Neuropsychology, University of Geneva and Geneva University Hospital**
Research assistant: Professor Nicole von Steinbüchel
Research on the QoL of patients suffering from Alzheimer-type dementia. Tasks: recruitment, data collection, and data analysis

1998-2004 **Department of Human Ethology* and Psychology of Emotion**, University of Geneva**
Research and teaching assistant: Professor Jacques de Lannoy* et Professor Susanne Kaiser**
Research projects and teaching in the domain of nonverbal communication, animal and human ethology, learning theories.

1999-2000 **Department of specialized pedagogy, University of Fribourg**
Senior lecturer : Responsible for a course in thanatology titled « Our relation to death »

Grant

2020 Research Project: Construction and evaluation of a Person-Centered Modular Assessment Tool (PCMAT) for persons with dementia, Hedwig Widmer Foundation.

2018 Research Project: Implementation of Person-Centred Care for patients with dementia in a transition unit at the Hospital of Loëx (HUG). Leenaards Foundation and Private Foundation of the Geneva University Hospital.

2016 Research Project: Pilot study Volunteers-Montessori, Direction générale de l'action sociale (DGAS - Genève).

2013 Research Project: The Role of Work Environment on Emotion Regulation of formal carers in Swiss Nursing Homes. Alzheimer Association Switzerland, Grant for research.

2007 University of Lausanne grant for postgraduate studies to University of Montreal in Quebec, Canada.

Reviewer

- Aging & Mental Health •Gerontology •European Journal of Ageing
- Revue Internationale Enfances Familles Générations

Last Publications & Communications

- Pautex, S., Schneider, M., Charmillot, P. A., Bassal, C., de Pauly É, M., Herrmann, F., . . . Fusi-Schmidhauser, T. (2021). Providing Medical Care at the End of Life - A Cross-Sectional Study of Long-Term Care Facilities in Switzerland. *Praxis (Bern 1994)*, 110(15), 831-838. <https://doi.org/10.1024/1661-8157/a003783>
- Van den Block, L., et al. (2020). Evaluation of a Palliative Care Program for Nursing Homes in 7 Countries. *Jama Internal Medicine*, 180(2), 233-242.
- Bassal, C., Kliegel, M., & Graf, C. (2019). Améliorer la qualité des soins des patients avec démence : l'approche centrée sur la personne. *Angewandte Gerontologie Appliquée*, 3(19), 18-20.
- Oosterveld-Vlug, M., et al. (2019). Evaluating the implementation of the PACE Steps to Success Programme in long-term care facilities in seven countries according to the RE-AIM framework. *Implement Science*, 14(1), 107.
- Smets, T., et al. (2018). Integrating palliative care in long-term care facilities across Europe (PACE): protocol of a cluster randomized controlled trial of the 'PACE Steps to Success' intervention in seven countries. *BMC Palliative Care*, 17(1), 47.
- Hirt, J., Bassal, C., Hering, A., Ballhausen, N., Kliegel, M., & Beer, T. (2018). *Person-centered robotics for people with dementia: a protocol for an integrative review*. Paper presented at the 11th International Scientific Conference. Inter-Professional Integration at Different Levels of Healthcare: Trends, Needs and Challenges, Bled, Slovenia.
- Bassal, C., & Erkes, J. (2017). Le projet "Bénévoles-Montessori": Une étude pilote réalisée à Genève. *Angewandte Gerontologie Appliquée*, 2(2), 35-36.
- Bassal, C. (2016). *Variables personnelles et de l'environnement de travail associées à la régulation émotionnelle des soignants de personnes avec démence*. Oral presentation at the SHURP Konferenz 2016, 3 February 2016, Bern, Switzerland.
- Bassal, C., Czellar, J., Kaiser, S., & Dan-Glauser, E. S. (2015). Relationship Between Emotions, Emotion Regulation, and Well-Being of Professional Caregivers of People With Dementia. *Research on Aging*, 38(4):477-503.
- Bassal, C., Schenkel, K., & Kaiser, S. (2012). Approche éthologique de la régulation émotionnelle. In M. Mikolajczak & M. Deseilles (Eds.), *Traité de régulation des émotions* (pp. 255-267). Bruxelles: De Boeck.

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