

## **Prof. Sandra Torres' bio-sketch ([sandra.torres@soc.uu.se](mailto:sandra.torres@soc.uu.se))**

Sandra Torres is a Professor in Sociology and the Chair in Social Gerontology at Uppsala University, Sweden. As a critical social gerontologist, her work problematizes old age-related constructs and deconstructs some of the taken for granted assumptions that inform research, policy and practice. Her main scholarly contributions come from studies that have used the sociology of migration and ethnicity to expand the social gerontological imagination. Sandra is the President of the *Research Committee on Aging of the Int'l. Sociological Association (ISAs RC-11)*, the Chair of the *Social-Behavioral Section of the Int'l. Association of Gerontology & Geriatrics – European Region (IAGG-ER)*, and as such a Member of the *Executive Committee of IAGG-ER*, as well as the member of both the Steering and the Management Committee of the *COST-Action ROSEnet (Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion: Collaborations in Research and Policy)*. She co-leads the Working Group on Civic Exclusion of that network as well as the *Gerontological Society of America's Interest Group on International Aging and Migration*. Sandra was elected into the (Swedish) *Royal Society of Sciences* in 2016, and was awarded the status of *Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America* in 2017 in recognition. Sandra is one of the Associate Editors for the *Int'l. Journal of Aging and Later Life* as well as an Editorial Board member of the *Journal of Aging Studies*; *Ethnicity & Health*; *Society, Health and Vulnerability* and *Socialvetenskaplig tidskrift*. She has also served on the boards of the *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* and *Social Policy & Society*. In 2016, she co-edited two anthologies for Routledge: *Ageing in Contexts of Migration*, and *Older People and Migration: Challenges for Social Work*. Her latest book - *Ethnicity & Old Age: Expanding our Imagination* –was published by Policy Press in 2019.

## **Relevant CV-related information**

### **Education**

- Ph.D. in Sociology (2001), Uppsala University, Sweden
- MS Major in Social Psychology (1996), Uppsala University, Sweden
- B.A. Major in Psychology (1991), New York University, USA
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### **Academic titles**

- Professor of Sociology & Chair of Social Gerontology (since 2010), Uppsala University, Sweden
- Guest Professor in Aging and Later Life (2010-2017), Linköping University, Sweden
- Professor in Social Work & Social Gerontology (2009-2010), Mälardalen University, Sweden
- Adjunct Professor in Rehabilitation and Aging (Professor II) (2008-2012), Oslo University College, Norway
- Associate Professorship (Docent) / Reader in Sociology (2005) Uppsala University, Sweden

### **Responsibilities in academic societies**

- (Swedish) Royal Society of Sciences (Elected into society in 2016)
- Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
  - *Fellow status awarded (2017)*
  - *Co-Chair of their Informal Interest Group on International Aging and Migration (2006-ongoing) (250+ members as of 2018)*
- Int'l. Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics: European Region (IAGG-ER)
  - *President/ Chair of the Socio-Behavioral Section of IAGG-ER (2019-2023)*
  - *Member of the Executive Committee (2019-2023)*
- Int'l. Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG-World)
  - *Council Member (2009-2015) as President of the Swedish Gerontological Society*
- Int'l. Sociological Association
  - *President Research Committee on Aging (RC-11) (2018-ongoing)*
  - *Officer at Large of the Board of Research Committee on Aging (RC-11)(2014-2018)*
- European Network of Gerontological Social Work
  - *Head of the visibility team (2017-ongoing)*
- Swedish Gerontological Society (SGS)

- *Member of the Board of Directors (2015-2017)*
- *President of the Board of Directors (2009-2015)*
- *Vice-President of the Board of Directors (2005-2008)*
- *Deputy Auditor (2002-2005)*

### **Responsibilities in int'l. & national scientific networks**

- Co-leader of the Working Group on the Civic Exclusion & Member of both the Steering and the Management Committee for the COST-financed network *Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion: Collaborations in Research and Policy (ROSEnet)*, (2016-2019)
- Member of the *European Scientific Foundation's Exploratory Workshop on Rethinking Old Age: Transnational Migration, Home and Cultures of Care*, (2012)
- Member of the international research network in *Contemporary Issues in Critical Gerontology: An International Initiative* funded by the *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council in Canada's International Opportunities Fund's*, (2009-2010)
- Member of the *Swedish Network for Social Research on Aging* funded by the *Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research*, (2008-ongoing)
- Member in the *Research Network on Foreign-born Elderly Persons' Situation in Health Care and Social Services* funded by the *Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research*, (2007-2010)
- Co-chair to the *Interest Group on International Aging and Migration* of the *Gerontological Society of America*, (2006-ongoing)
- Member (representing Sweden) of the *NORFACE-ERA NET Research Network on Migrant Labour in Eldercare Sector (MILES)*, (2007-2008)
- Member (representing Sweden) of the *European Scientific Foundation's Exploratory Workshop on Intergenerational Relationships, Migration and Aging: Policy and Behavior*, (2003)
- Member (representing Sweden) of the *European Scientific Foundation's (ESF) Research Network on International Migration in Europe: Welfare Policy and Practice Implications for Older People*, (2001-2003)

### **Publications**

As of the spring of 2019, Prof. Torres has authored 92 publications (including two sole-authored books and two edited collections), and 144 conference presentations.