

***Old Age, Everyday and Institutions in Molinos
(Valles Calchaquíes, Salta, Argentina)***

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Abstract:

The in-depth interviews with men and women of different ages about the perception of the aging and old age in the Calchaquíes valleys (Argentina), motivates the residents to tell about past and present circumstances of life. In this context stories appear that stand out intertwined itineraries, landscapes and specific situations in relation to limitations and facilities in the development of livelihood, education and health, among other aspects of their daily lives. The tales of the elderly mostly refers to different moments of their life paths. Particularly, women compared their biographies and contrast with the men biographies, also establishing differences with the representatives of the younger generation. In this comparison, the family, school and hospital are references important to understanding old age and intergenerational relations in the present, confronting them with the situation at other times of the local history. Within the framework of these institutions the old settlers highlight changes that emerged over time. From an ethnoagerontological perspective, this work intends to contribute to the knowledge on the variability of the aging process and the older different aging in the everyday life of the Valley, and in that way contribute to time to implement public policies.

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