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“Education of older adults in Europe - where do
we stand?”





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In 1984 six students over 60, one 32 years old mentor. Today 45 universities with 21000 students



(1) What is education of older adults/
education in later life?

(2) Where and when did it all begin; origins and
evolution of the concept and practice

(3) How are education in later life
and social contexts related?

(4) How does education of older adults differ over Europe?

(1) What is education of older adults/education in later life?

Peterson: educational gerontology

Third age education

Geragogik

Seniorenbildung

Education *for* the third Age

Education in later life

Education in later life and target groups according to their social status and social roles

- Education/ older workers (+employers, +staff managers +colleagues, +policy makers, general public)
- Pre-retirement education (older workers+ employers+ staff managers+ policy makers+ educators +general public)
- Third age education .“Time between work, education, old age” (retirees + educators + educational staff, +policy makers + general public)
- Fourth age education (people/advanced age, +staff, +relatives +educators)

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(2) Where and when did it all begin; origins and evolution of the concept and practice



Immanuel Kant: On Pedagogy

Nicolas de Condorcet: Plan for Public Instruction

Permanent/lifelong education

Gerontology and other reference disciplines

Psychology of ageing

Developmental psychology

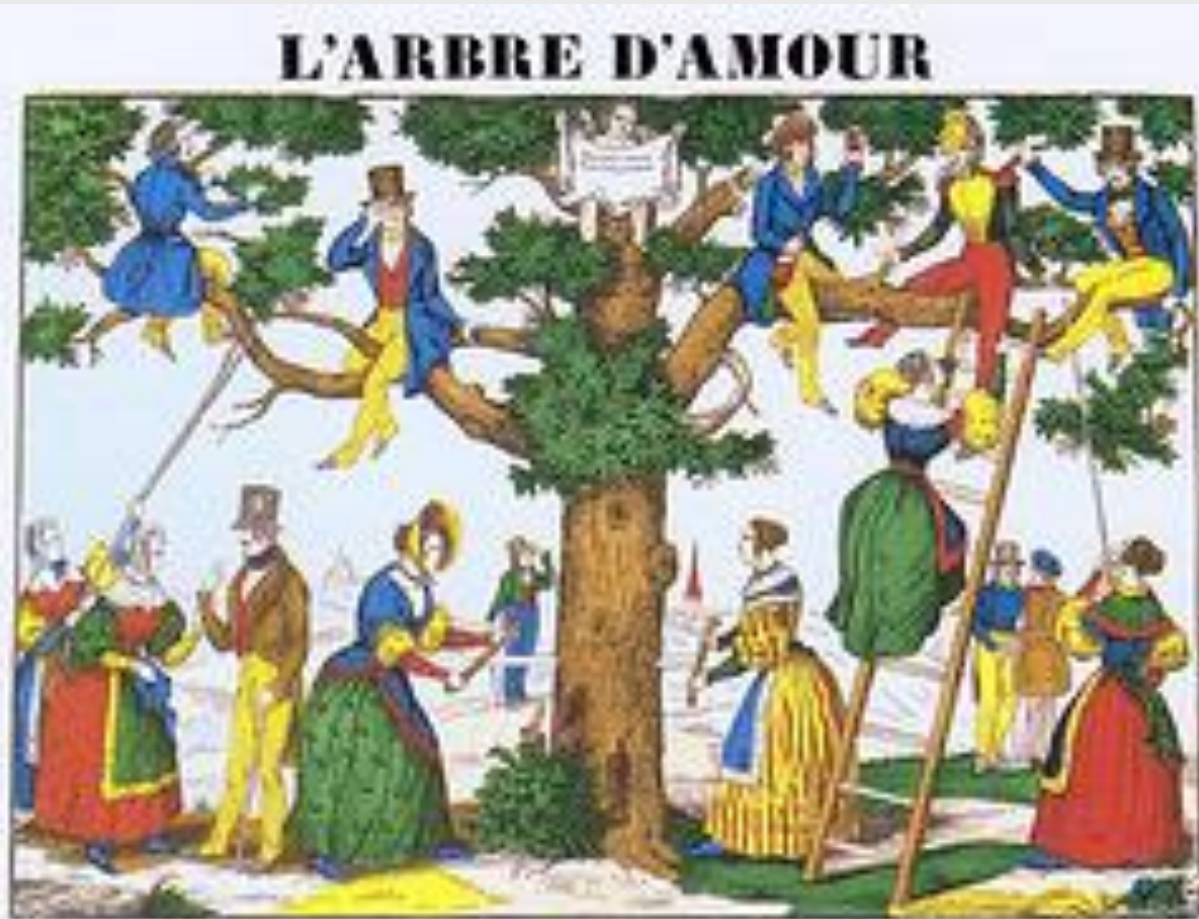
Andragogy

Community education

(3) How are education in later life and social contexts related?

- Social, historic conditions are important
- Which cultural needs should be met first → /older/ people might meet the needs /economy+ social needs
- Basic individual needs should be met + fundamental social conditions for autonomy have to be fulfilled first
- Social interruptions are not in favour of educ. in later life
- Major social changes: paid work/new technologies/the need to preserve human and social capital
- Demographic changes
- Change in social values
- Change in the cultural organisation of ages

The Stages of Life , bNf, Paris



Individual needs have to met simultaneously on different levels

- Cognitive
- Social
- Emotional
- Values

(4) How does education of older adults differ over Europe?



