TÜRKİYE’DE YAŞLILIK ÇALIŞMALARI- AGING STUDIES IN TURKEY

Old, old age, the concepts of the biological aging of the individual health, mental state, social function, such as changing meanings in terms of features it contains. Seniors in the community important and functional part formed in the history of humanity. Knowledge, experience, mental maturity, economic opportunities, tolerance capacity, customs and traditions, the status of Elders, has ensured the respectability of the reputation. After the modernization process of the industrial revolution has affected traditional, social things. Individuals-instead of being defined according to their descent- they started to gain in social status with their skills, their abilities, their achievements. Innovation, change is associated with this condition, the dependence between older people and young people-have reduced to the emotional- psychological dimension.

One of the results of development of societies, with the fall in the birth rate that becomes proportional to the inverse of the lifetime. This has brought an increase in the elderly population with the development of health care facilities. Social actors in the process of modernization of their status, edit roles, while many complex reasons for the aging process has made it problematic. The problems which are related to process of agedness in today's Society must be the subject of conscious and scientific interest. Detection of problems with the aging process and the solution, the reconstruction is important in terms of social permanence. Therefore, this study -was based on the determination that entered Turkish society through the detection of the aging process- in terms of the Turkish science community were paying attention to what extent the issue, taking into account scientific studies, aims to explore.

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