Dementia Prediction and Risk Reduction:
Socio-Cultural Insights, Ethical Reflections and Future Developments
International Online Symposium

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The shift from cure to prevention and prediction by the recent advancements in predictive medicine and biomarkers research provides a new perspective on dementia. The recent emphasis on potentially modifiable risk factors led to the possibility of reducing the risk of developing dementia through a public health approach. With this international and interdisciplinary symposium, we will revisit this new paradigm, which generates new perceptions of the disease and of the persons with the disease, and new recommendations for healthy ageing.

The symposium will bring together worldwide distinguished scholars, scientists and experts from various disciplines, such as gerontology, neurology, bioethics, public health, dementia research, dementia care, social sciences and law to share their knowledge, expertise and experience and to discuss wide-ranging issues capturing contemporary developments in dementia research, prediction and risk reduction. The symposium's aim is to examine how risk reduction and a very early diagnosis of dementia is currently conceptualized within three interlinked fields: Medical research, public health policy and the public discourse. More specifically, the symposium will address (a) new developments in dementia prediction and risk reduction, (b) ethical and social implications of dementia prediction and very early diagnosis, and (c) stigma, fear and discrimination concerning dementia prediction and diagnosis. We hope that these issues will stimulate legal, cultural and ethical considerations for future practice. It will provide an international platform for a wide range of networking opportunities for advancement of future collaborations. Following the symposium, we plan to write a position paper or a volume/special issue on how to have an ethical, cultural-sensitive, stakeholder-inclusive approach to the new developments in dementia research and prediction.

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The symposium will be held virtually on December 7-8, 2020. The attendance to the symposium is free, but registration is required. Since the number of participants is limited, we would like to ask you kindly to register in advance. If you would like to attend, please send e-mail to Zümrüt Alpınar Şencan (zuemruet.alpinar-sencan@med.uni-goettingen.de) with the subject title "online symposium registration" until **December 1, 2020**.