

# **"It's all in the eye of the beholder": Intergenerational experiences from the perspective of young adults in South Africa**

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## **STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENTATION**

Importance of intergenerational relations

Theoretical frameworks explaining intergenerational relations

Aim of presentation

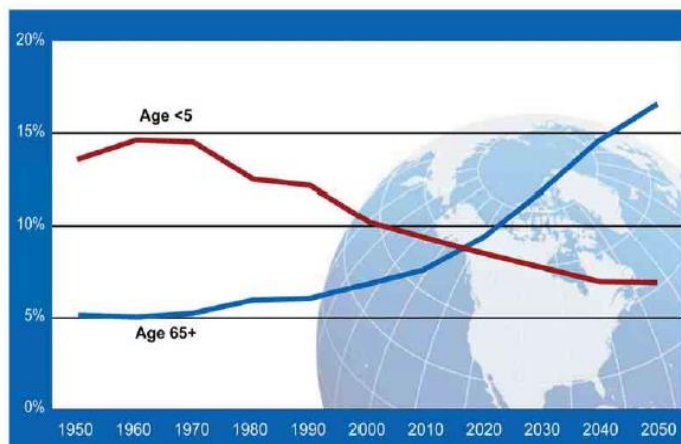
Research Method

Findings

Implications of findings

Recommendations

## YOUNG CHILDREN AND OLDER PEOPLE AS A PERCENTAGE OF GLOBAL POPULATION : 1950 - 2050



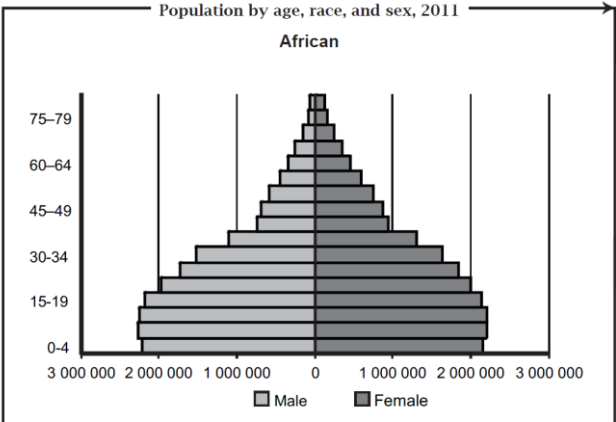
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## ABSOLUTE NUMBER (MILLIONS) OF OLDER PERSONS (60+): SSA AND OTHER WORLD REGIONS, 2010-2050

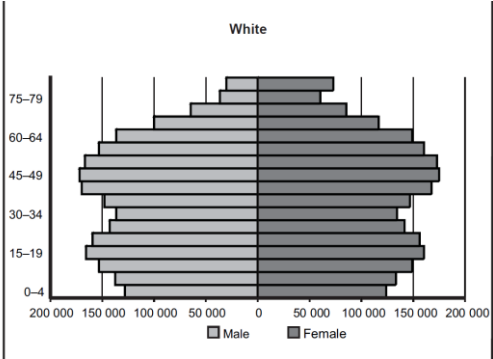
	2010	2050	% Rise
SSA	43	163	279
Asia	414	1,253	202
LA & Caribbean	59	188	218
North America	64	127	98
Europe	161	241	49

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AGEING OF BLACK POPULATIONS



AGEING OF WHITE POPULATIONS



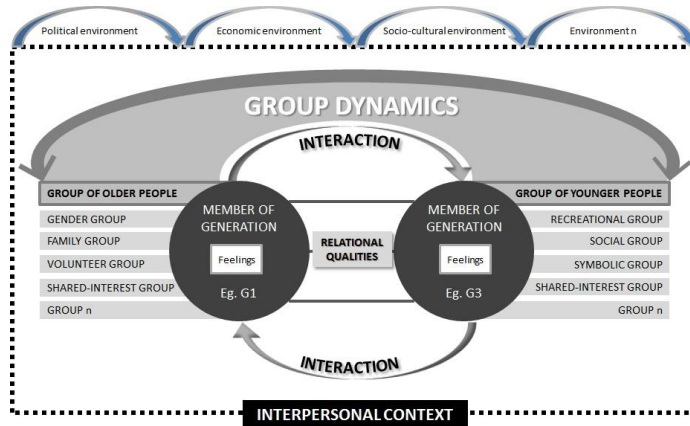
## MULTI-GENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLDS



## INTERGENERATIONAL RELATIONS AND WELL-BEING



## SELF-INTERACTIONAL GROUP THEORY



## AIM OF PRESENTATION

1. Emotional experiences of relationship with older people – young adult's perspective



2. Why?

- Intrapersonal level of analysis inform relational and group level of analyses
- Mainly international research, from perspective of older people



## CASE STUDY



Young white  
adults  
Postgraduate  
students in  
Psychology  
N= 19  
Age: 21-30

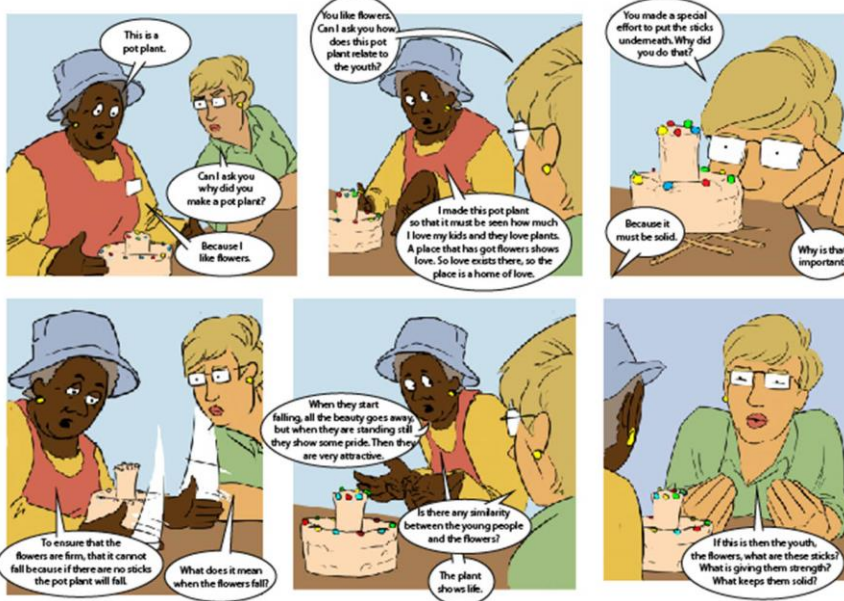
## THE MMOGO-METHOD ®



*Make anything that  
will tell us more of  
your experiences of  
the relationships  
with older people in  
your life*



# DATA ANALYSIS



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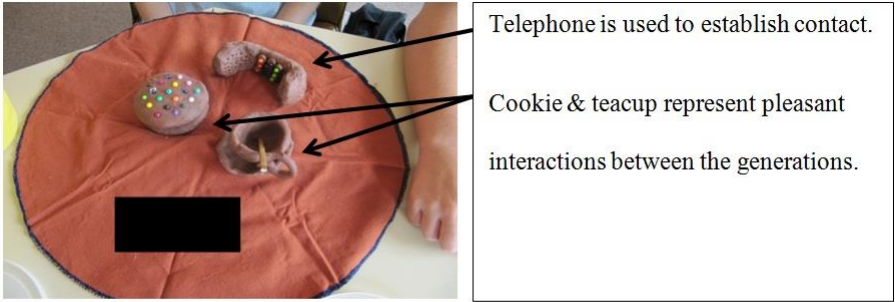


Figure 2: Visual illustration of Emotional Intimacy

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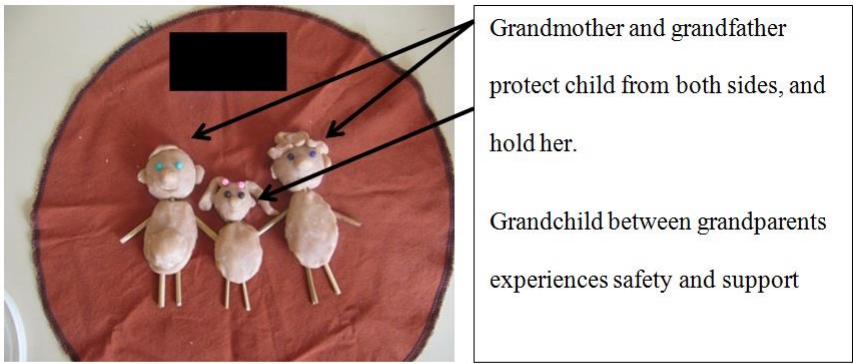
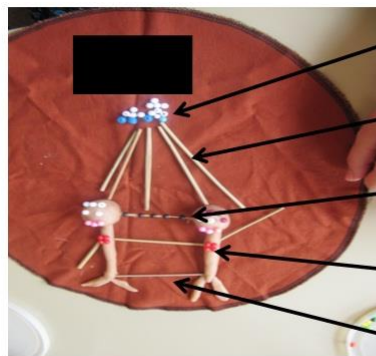


Figure 3: Visual illustration of Physical intimacy



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Beads represent her grandmother's dreams and struggles.

Sticks symbolise that she understands her grandmother's struggles.

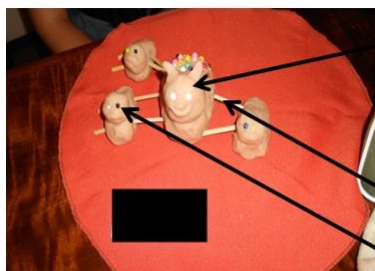
Black beads symbolise that they sometimes have different opinions.

Stick between hearts symbolise their love for each other.

Stick between two bodies symbolise that they have different physical abilities due to age.

**Figure 4: Visual illustration of Empathy**

## FINDINGS



Grandchild in the middle and grandparents on either side.

Sticks represent the support the granddaughter provides to her grandparents.

Beads in different colours represent eyes and symbolise grandparents' physical and/or emotional dependency on their grandchild.

**Figure 6: Visual illustration of Distance and Empathy**

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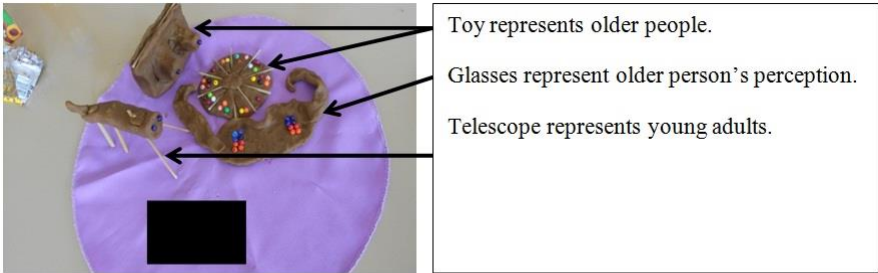
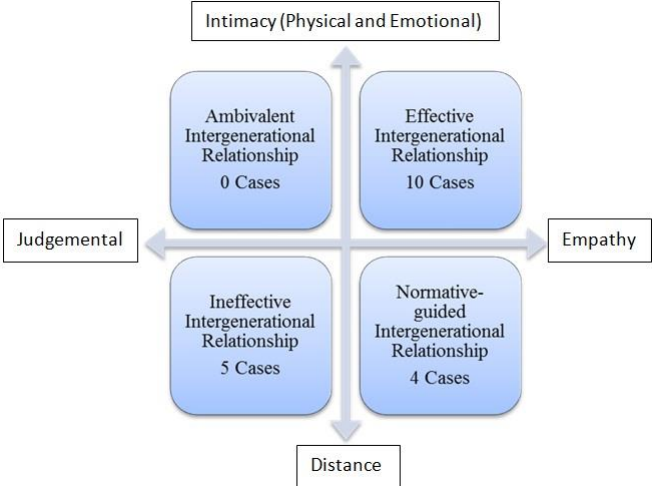
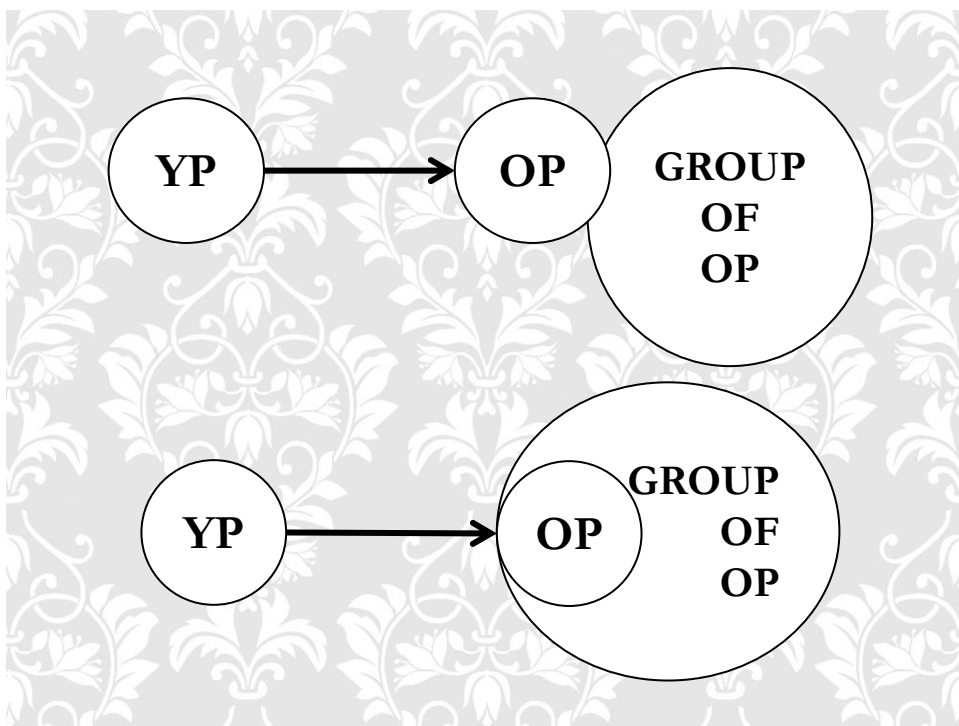


Figure 7: Visual illustration of Distance and Judgement

RELATIONAL TYPOLOGIES





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