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**Environments for ageing, assistive technology and  
self-determination: ethical perspectives**



# Topics

- Systematic approach: potentials and competences of the elderly
- Independence, self-determination and purpose in life
- Self-responsibility und moral obligations of society
- Equity of needs and the concept of “basic capabilities”
- Ethical evaluation of the use of assistive technologies
  - protection of privacy vs. security
  - public goods vs. private goods



## Basic capabilities

1. Capability of bodily health, for example through sufficient nutrition and shelter,
2. Capability for life as protection from premature death,
3. Capability of bodily integrity, being protected from restrictions or violence,
4. Capability of perception of the senses, thought, and being able to express one's self as in setting personal goals,
5. Capability of making emotional bonds.

**Thank you!**

