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Dr Melanie Lovatt is a senior lecturer in sociology at the University of Stirling. Her research interests focus on ageing and time. Her most recent project 'Reimagining the Future in Older Age' (<https://reimaginingthefutureinolderage.stir.ac.uk/>) used fiction and forum theatre techniques to explore the relationship between future time and later life. Key ideas that informed this project concerned what we *desire* and not just *need* as we age, the meaning that comes with increasing proximity to finitude, and the value of creative and arts-based methods to enhancing social scientists' understanding of older age. An

article from this project, *Understanding Nuance and Ambivalence in Intergenerational Relationships Through Fiction*, was published in *The Gerontologist* in 2023.