

Doctoral

Thesis Title:

Social Support und Kompetenzerwartung im Alter – Eine Kausalanalyse  
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The present report aims at exploring the causal relationships between social support and self-efficacy, enhancing the understanding of coping processes in later life. A LISREL-model representing the hypotheses tested here is depicted in a cross-lagged-panel model. The findings suggest that especially received social support affected changes in self-efficacy. The need for social competences trainings in order to enhance the received help in later life is discussed.