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In her PhD thesis, Merve explores the intricacies of ageing as a migrant woman by examining the experiences of Turkish-born women who migrated to Sweden when they were in their 20s and 30s and have lived in Sweden for an average of 40 years. Her thesis is a qualitative study composed of four articles and makes both empirical and theoretical contributions to the field of critical feminist gerontology. It focuses on the intersection of gender, age and migrancy over the course of Turkish-born women’s lives and investigates the temporal and fluid nature of their experiences. The thesis proposes incorporating an intersectional life course perspective to consider both agency and structure while studying ageing in a translocal context. The key findings of the thesis suggest that the women construct their sense of belonging to different localities through family and kin ties. The fluid and temporal nature of sense of belonging is manifested in affective and material dimensions in their narratives. Negotiation comes to the fore as a crucial concept to understand how the women do and undo gender and age throughout their lives.