

Swiss Sociological Association
Congress 2026

Communities & Societies IN MOVEMENT

September 2 to 4

University of Fribourg
School of Social Work – Fribourg – HES-SO



CONGRESS TOPIC & ORGANIZATION

The 2026 Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association will focus on current social developments that affect and are perpetuated by communities and individuals, revisiting a classical sociological perspective: how to understand the opposition between communities and societies defined by Tönnies (1887) and revisited by Max Weber (1921) more than one century ago. What are the theories, methodologies and tools we have developed to categorize social relations today?

As a basis for debating, the congress centers on the heavily discussed terms of society and community. Providing some definitory ideas as a starting point: While society often refers to an aggregate of individuals who live on a certain territory or belong to a certain large group (such as an ethnicity), the term community is mainly used to describe a sub-group of people who live together and are characterized by more frequent interindividual and intragroup interactions. Defining community may require a broad definition that includes place-based, interest-based and other forms of new and emerging communities, for example groups that traverse physical boundaries and relate with unknown people in diverse locations, but share a sense of belonging.

Beyond the debates about the relevance of the original conception of the concepts the different forms of social relations remain at the heart of the issues at stake in modern societies. The definition and, above all, the justification of what constitutes a social group, an entity, a community or a society (and who can belong to them) is at the heart of conflicts over boundaries (material or symbolic), determines legal rights and (in)equal access to economic, social and political resources.

All kinds of social organizations (within the spectrum between societies and communities) can be characterized by social cohesion and solidarity and – perhaps as a result – provide people with (subjective) well-being or, on the contrary, generate conflicts, come under threat and even dissolve, they may change their structures and characteristics over time, modifying the ways in which people identify with them.

During the last decades, contemporary societies are perceived to have become more diversified – although from a historical perspective migration and diversity are no new phenomena – but at the same time more polarized. The diverse sub-units or social groups have become more homogenized and cultivating stronger solidarities within the group, at the same time in terms of goals and world views, bearing

more and more conflict and less solidarity between sub-groups within societies. At the center of these developments are new populist movements – often of the new right – that counter long-standing movements, such as feminist, environmentalist or anti-racist movements, that have been perceived as progressive for decades. Catalysts of this process of fragmentation are social media – and to some extent even mass media – which are becoming more polarized and, paradoxically, more democratized. These tensions between diversification and homogenization may at the same time threaten societal cohesion and solidarity, increase exclusion, inequalities and stratification or strengthen communities and groups fitting for their legal rights.

At the heart of the tension is the sense of belonging, the recognition of the right to free expression and participation of those who are excluded. To belong also means to maintain a certain boundary between ‘us’ and ‘them’. Hence formation of attachment to a community to which a sense of belonging is developed can be both inclusive and exclusive. An inclusive sense of belonging occurs through the performative free expression and participation of those who belong and a recognition and acceptance by the community of those previously excluded.

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WELCOME

Dear Sociologist,

as I write these words, the Ice Hockey World Championship is underway in Fribourg. We will soon be meeting in Fribourg. As sociologists, we explain and understand, but we know we cannot predict the future. Despite this, I will venture two predictions: Switzerland will win its first gold medal, and our conference will be fantastic. Some predictions can have a formative power. I fear that the sociological power is close to zero when it comes to ice hockey. But we can influence the outcome of our conference. By, for example, participating in sessions we have no prior connection to and by talking with people we haven't met before, we can contribute to our community. The organizers have put a lot of work into making this conference a fantastic event, and I hope we will all help ensure that this becomes a reality.

Patrik Aspers (University of St. Gallen)
President of the Swiss Sociological Association



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DAY 1 - Wednesday, 2 September 2026

Venue: UNIFR, Campus Pérolles, Boulevard de Pérolles 90

09:30 – 11:00	City tour: Colonial history of Fribourg
11:00 – 12:00	Check-in, registration and welcome coffee
12:00 – 12:30	Greetings from: Sylvie Bonvin-Sansonnens (Vice-President of the Council of State, Director of Training and Cultural Affairs), Prof. Dr. Katharina Fromm (Rector, UNIFR) Young researcher prize ceremony
12:30 – 13:30	Keynote 1: Prof. Dr. Jan Delhey , University of Magdeburg, Germany <i>Social Cohesion Under Pressure – What We Know, and What We Don't</i>
13:30 – 13:45	<i>BREAK</i>
13:45 – 15:15	Workshops I
15:15 – 15:30	<i>BREAK</i>
15:30 – 17:00	Workshops II
17:15 – 17:30	<i>BREAK</i>
17:30 – 18:30	Round table: Contested Categories in Shifting Societies
18:30	Welcome reception, food and drinks

DAY 2 - Thursday, 3 September 2026

Venue: HETS-FR, Campus Mozaïk, Route des Arsenaux 16a

09:00 – 09:15	Greetings from: Joël Gapany (Director of the School of Social Work Fribourg)
09:15 – 10:15	Keynote 2: Prof. Dr. Maitrayee Chaudhuri , Jawaharlal Nehru University, India <i>Concepts in Contexts and Decolonizing Sociology</i>
10:15 – 10:45	<i>BREAK</i>
10:45 – 12:15	Semi-plenaries I
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch & General assembly of the SSA
13:30 – 15:00	Workshops III
15:00 – 15:15	<i>BREAK</i>
15:15 – 16:45	Workshops IV
16:45 – 17:00	<i>BREAK</i>
17:00 – 18:00	Keynote 3: Prof. Dr. Nicky Le Feuvre , University of Lausanne, Switzerland <i>The Multiple Faces of Academic Precarity</i>
18:30 – 00:00	Social event at the train station 'Ancienne Gare – Nouveau Monde' with greetings from: Elias Moussa (Mayor of the City of Fribourg)

DAY 3 - Friday, 4 September 2026

Venue: UNIFR, Campus Péroilles, Boulevard de Péroilles 90

09:00 – 10:30	Workshop V
10:30 – 11:00	<i>BREAK</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Keynote 4: Prof. Dr. Antonio A. Casilli, Institut Polytechnique de Paris, France <i>Who Produces Artificial Intelligence? The Making of a Data Working Class.</i>
12:00 – 13:15	Lunch & SSA research committees
13:15 – 14:45	Semi-plenaries II
14:45 – 15:00	<i>BREAK</i>
15:00 – 16:30	Workshops VI
16:30	Conclusion

SSA Young Researcher Prize 2026

The Swiss Sociological Association awards a prize for the best scientific article during its congress. The aim is to recognize the next generation of sociologists by taking into account articles published in a national or international social science journal (peer-reviewed).

The winner will be announced during the conference opening.

The prize consists of:

- CHF 2,000
- Free participation in the congress

ROUND TABLE

Contested Categories in Shifting Societies: How can we still address social issues?

Contemporary public debates are marked by profound tensions around how we name, analyze, and politically engage with social divisions. On the one hand, public debates increasingly problematize the very terms through which sociologists have traditionally described inequalities and collectivities (class, gender, race, disability, community). When debates around these categories are becoming increasingly polarized and made contentious in political and public arenas, the capacity of social sciences to document structural disparities and collective experiences becomes more complex. How can we study societies if the language for expressing inequality, belonging, and difference is contested or even suppressed? This raises fundamental questions about the epistemic tools required to understand social worlds and about the political stakes of naming.

At the same time, societies are often described as being “in movement”, yet the direction and meaning of these movements are far from clear, as foundational societal values are being questioned. Claims of progress coexist with visible backlashes; emancipatory struggles are met with counter-mobilizations; and narratives of societal advancement clash with fears of fragmentation or decline. Social sciences are thus confronted with the dual challenge of interpreting contradictory processes (progressivism, reaction, transformation, and resistance) while maintaining analytical clarity amid polarized discourses.

This round table seeks to bring these two debates together by exploring how controversies around naming inequalities intersect with broader societal shifts. How do difficulties in speaking about communities and inequalities emerge based on political and cultural backlashes? How can sociologists navigate these contested terrains without losing analytical precision and public relevance and engagement? By engaging speakers from academia and beyond, the discussion aims to revisit the role of sociology in times when categories are disputed, norms are renegotiated, and societies move in multiple and sometimes opposing directions.

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Muriel Surdez (UNIFR)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Prof. Dr. Jan Delhey

Jan Delhey is Professor for general sociology and macro sociology at the Otto-von-Guericke University of Magdeburg, Germany. He earned a diploma in sociology from Bamberg University and received his Ph.D. from Freie Universität Berlin.

After holding positions at the Berlin Social Science Center and Jacobs University, he has been a Professor of Macrosociology at the University of Magdeburg since 2015. Building upon a strong background in quantitative comparative sociology, he engages in research on societal and individual quality-of-life and on Europeanization.

His latest project focused on changing attitudes toward life and the question of what comes after the experience-oriented society. He has widely published on issues of trust, social cohesion, subjective well-being and Europeanization in leading journals and is an expert advisor for the EU's European Quality of Life Survey.

He received the Research Fellow Award from the International Society for Quality of Life Studies and, on two occasions, the Thyssen Prize for the best German-language paper in the field of social sciences.



Social Cohesion Under Pressure – What We Know, and What We Don't

Most sociologists regard social cohesion as crucial for the functioning of society. Despite its theoretical significance, empirically studying social cohesion proves challenging. This presentation summarizes key findings and insights gained from the multidimensional Social Cohesion Radar. Developed in the early 2010s, the radar concept distinguishes three main dimensions of cohesion: social relations, connectedness to the community, and orientation towards the common good (each of which further unfold into three subdimensions). This concept has been employed in a series of studies by a multi-member research team with varying composition. These studies include international comparisons of Western OECD and Asian societies, as well as analyses within Germany, comparing federal states, spatial planning regions, and city districts. Through repeated application in varied contexts and territorial levels, significant insights on the strength and development of social cohesion, influencing factors, and its relevance to individuals' subjective quality of life have been accumulated.

The presentation begins with a brief summary of quite dramatic survey results concerning the extent to which the populations of Western societies express concern about social cohesion and the state of society. Following this, I position empirical research on social cohesion within the broader landscape of welfare research and succinctly introduce the concept of the Social Cohesion Radar. I proceed to highlight the main findings obtained with the radar regarding the following thematic focuses: (1) Which countries exhibit stronger or weaker cohesion? (2) Which country characteristics are conducive to or impede social cohesion? (3) How important is cohesion for the subjective well-being of individuals? (4) What impact has the current poly-crisis left on social cohesion? (5) Do intra-societal differences exist in the experience of social cohesion? The concluding part of the presentation outlines areas where our knowledge is still insufficient, such as neglected aspects of social cohesion and normative models of social cohesion.

Prof. Dr. Maitrayee Chaudhuri

Maitrayee Chaudhuri taught at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) from 1990 to 2021. She served as President of the Indian Sociological Society (2024–2025).

At JNU, she held several leadership positions, including Coordinator of the Centre for Advanced Studies (CAS, CSSS) (2012–2014), Director of the Women's Studies Programme (WSP) (2006–2008), and Coordinator of the Global Studies Programme (GSP) (2004–2005; 2018).

Her scholarly work has focused primarily on feminism, media, academia, and pedagogy. Her key publications include *The Women's Movement in India: Reform and Revival*; *The Practice of Sociology* (ed.); *Feminism in India* (ed.); *Sociology in India: Intellectual and Institutional Trends* (ed.); *Refashioning India: Gender, Media, and a Transformed Public Discourse*; and *Doing Theory: Locations, Hierarchies and Disjunctions* (co-ed.).

She is a co-founder of the blog <https://doingsociology2020blogspot.com>. Both the blog and her lectures on YouTube reflect her commitment to bridging the gap between academic knowledge and public discourse.



Concepts in Contexts and Decolonizing Sociology: Lessons from India, Questions for a Globalised World

There has been a buzz around decoloniality in recent years. Sociology has been no exception. Concepts travel swiftly in a globalized world. Decolonizing has been no exception. What is curious however that in erstwhile colonized societies such as India, the buzz reached late. This raises a set of linked issues that may offer productive ways to engage with decolonizing sociology. (i) These issues stem from the core sociological understanding: that concepts are constitutive of contexts; and that comparative studies offer us insights into the commonalities and differences in the way we practice and proceed with the project of decolonizing in a globalized world. (ii) The vantage point or context from where I speak is India. Being colonized by the British meant that the 'west' has been a hegemonic presence in our imaginary. The obverse is not true. Absurd as it may seem, in the hot, dusty plains of India we dreamt of magical mountains and snowy valleys. And Heidi and William Tell were not unknown names. This larger context and matter of uneven knowledge is central to understanding that decolonizing cannot play out in the same way. (iii) Western textbooks entered our classrooms and ensured that all students of sociology learnt not just about the west, but learnt how to see the world from the eyes of the west. Notwithstanding the purported provincializing of Europe, it is therefore not surprising that we learnt about 'decolonizing' as a term and project from the west. It is this matter of location, knowledge gap, cognitive visibility and invisibility that I argue is fundamental to the decolonial project. There are five related points that I seek to flag off.

1. The rhetoric and intent of "decolonising sociology" is strong. But our knowledge about the practice of sociology to build is still thin. How do we address this? It is important therefore to examine:
2. The specific historical context within which decoloniality emerged in the west.
3. Look back at Indian sociology's long unease about the fit between alien concepts and its social realities. And ask whether this can be read as 'decolonizing' sans the term?
4. Explore the implications to retrieve 'authentic' and 'indigenous' knowledge as part of the decolonizing project, particularly in unequal societies.
5. Examine the essential malleability of the term decoloniality and its use by authoritarian nationalists.

Prof. Dr. Nicky Le Feuvre

Born and trained in the UK, Nicky Le Feuvre worked for almost 20 years at the University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès, before joining the University of Lausanne as Full Professor of sociology, in 2008 (Institute of Social Sciences). She is a former Dean of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences and an active member of the LIVES Centre of Expertise in Life-course Research.

Her research centres on gender dynamics in contemporary societies, using mostly qualitative or 'mixed' methods. She has published extensively on the feminization of higher-level occupations and on gendered ageing at work. She recently led the NORFACE *Dynamics of Accumulated Inequality for Seniors in Employment* (DAISIE) project, on the implications of extending working lives in five European countries. She is currently co-lead, with Isabelle Zinn, of the *Health & Ageing at Work* (HAWK) project, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation.



The Multiple Faces of Academic Precarity. Career Structures, Funding Models & Gender Regimes

This conference seeks to shed some light on the implications of the global increase in the share of 'precarious' jobs within Higher Education and Research institutions (HEIs). With the objective of decreasing 'academic precarity' now firmly on the international policy agenda (OECD, 2021), we explore how national academic career structures and research funding models, influence (gendered) configurations of academic precarity and shape particular forms of academic professionalism in different (European) countries.

Academic institutions have long depended on temporary staff to carry out part of their teaching and research tasks. However, the massive expansion in the number of PhD holders in academic jobs without long-term secure employment prospects appears to mark a watershed. Within the global shift towards 'academic capitalism' and the rise of the 'entrepreneurial university', HEIs are facing increased competition for research funding, widespread adoption of 'performance' indicators for career progression, intensive competition for permanent academic jobs and the casualisation of the academic labour force, to the potential detriment of academic's mental health.

Although intense competition for permanent academic positions appears to be a shared experience for early career researchers (ECRs) across Europe, the proportion of the academic labour force who is employed on temporary contracts varies substantially within and across countries, as does the gender distribution of such positions. We propose that a multilevel understanding of gendered academic citizenship is particularly useful for analysing the political and personal implications of these variations, both from the point of view of the 'academic precariat' and from that of their tenured counterparts.

Prof. Dr. Antonio A. Casilli

Antonio A. Casilli is a sociologist specializing in digital labor, social networks, and the collective dimensions of automation and AI. He is a professor at the Institut Polytechnique de Paris and an associate researcher at the University of Cambridge's Minderoo Centre for Technology and Democracy. He co-directs the DiPLab (Digital Platform Labor) research program and co-founded the International Network on Digital Labor (INDL).

Among his publications, his award-winning book *Waiting for Robots: The Hired Hands of Automation* (University of Chicago Press, 2025). His research formed the basis for two documentaries directed by Henry Poulain and produced by France Télévisions: *Invisibles: The Clickworkers* (2022) and *In the Belly of AI* (2025).



Who Produces Artificial Intelligence? The Making of a Data Working Class.

The question of how artificial intelligence is produced is fundamental to any study of contemporary technological change. As we move away from entrepreneurship as a dominant force in public discourse, we will focus on two social groups prominent in the current debate. The former comprises skilled “tech workers” (data scientists, engineers, and machine-learning researchers) frequently characterised as a “digital middle class.” The latter, much larger and far less visible, consists of digital blue-collar “data workers” who annotate text, label images, moderate content, and evaluate model outputs. Numbering in the tens of millions and concentrated in the Majority World, these data workers occupy a subordinate position in the global AI supply chains, concealed by the ideological framing of AI as fully automated. Based upon an understanding of class as a historical process rather than a structural characteristic, a global data working class is currently being formed. Three intertwined dynamics contribute to this process: the proliferation of competing academic concepts (microwork, crowdwork, digital labour, ghost work, data work); the heterogeneous ways in which workers and civil-society organisations name themselves (from platform-branded identities that reproduce fragmentation to the collective identities forged by international initiatives); and a longer historical perspective in which terminological instability recurrently accompanies the emergence of new labour classes. The central claim is that the purported divide between skilled tech workers and allegedly unskilled data workers reflects not differences in competence but in social and political positioning. The systematic characterisation of data workers as unskilled functions as a mechanism of political disqualification that forecloses solidarity across the North/South AI supply chains. As a final consideration, we will examine the transnational conditions that could result in the development of such solidarity.

SEMI-PLENARY SESSIONS

Semi-plenary session I

Time: Thursday, 3 September 2026 10:45 - 12:15

Venue: HETS-FR, Campus Mozaïc, Route des Arsenaux 16a

1. *Boundaries, Belonging and Beyond: Investigating Identities, Shared Values and Senses of Communities in the Context of Organizations in Switzerland*
Judith Nyfeler (University of St. Gallen), Nadine Arnold (University of Lucerne), Mathilde Bourier (University of Geneva) and Roman Gibel (University of Zurich)
2. *Negotiating Belonging: Muslim Social Participation in Plural Societies*
Barbara Schmoutz (University of Fribourg), Baptiste Brodard (University of Fribourg) and Noemi Trucco (University of Luxembourg; University of Fribourg)
3. *Social Justice in the City? Contesting Access to Urban Services and Infrastructures in Switzerland*
Peter Streckeisen (ZHAW), Sarah Schilliger (ETH Zurich) and Jacob Geuder (University of Neuchâtel; ETH Zurich)
4. *Se mobiliser en contexte répressif : perspectives comparées*
Aysen Uysal (Izmir 9 Eylul Universitesi) and Isil Erdinc (Université libre de Bruxelles)
5. *Instrumentation numérique du travail administratif ordinaire : quelle(s) reconfiguration(s) du rapport à l'État ?*
Béatrice Vatron-Steiner (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Périne Brotcorne (Université catholique de Louvain) and Jean-François Bickel (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)
6. *Challenges to Sociology in Central Europe: Discussions by the Presidents of the Sociological Associations in Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy and Austria*
Patrik Aspers (University of St. Gallen) and Jörg Rössel (University of Zurich)

Semi-plenary session II

Time: Friday, 4 September 2026 13:15 - 14:45

Venue: UNIFR, Campus Pérolles, Boulevard de Pérolles 90

7. *Quelle(s) communauté(s) pour la santé mentale ? Éclairages sociologiques à partir de terrains en Suisse et en Belgique*
Audrey Linder (Haute École de Santé - Vaud, HES-SO), Sophie Thunus (Institut de recherche santé et société, UCLouvain) and Nicolas Marquis (UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles; ERC)
8. *Gendered Bodies at Work. The Impact of Menstruation, Maternity, Motherhood and Menopause on Women's Working Lives Across the Life Course*
Nicky Le Feuvre (University of Lausanne), Isabelle Zinn (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Marion Braizaz (University of Lausanne) and Nathalie Neeser (Bern University of Applied Sciences)
9. *In Motion: How Digitalization Transforms Religious Communities and Organizations*
Rebekka Rieser (University of Zurich)
10. *Controversies in the City: Analysing Sociological Dynamics through Housing-related Debates*
Luca Pattaroni (EPFL) and Maxime Felder (EPFL)
11. *« Troubled Identities » in Zwangskontexten Sozialer Arbeit – Selbst- und Fremdzuschreibungsprozesse in institutionellen Settings sozialer Kontrolle*
Martina Koch (Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz) and Julia Emprechtinger (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO)
12. *Investment Communities, Cultures and Gamification*
Fabrice Plomb (Université de Fribourg), Philip Balsiger (Université de Neuchâtel), Lena Pellandini-Simányi (Università de la Svizzera italiana) and Gaël Curty (Université de Fribourg)
13. *Ungleichheit/en und Resonanz in Bildungsgemeinschaften: Relationale Dynamiken, Entfremdung und Teilhabechancen*
Dietmar J. Wetzel (MSH Medical School Hamburg; University of Basel)

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Workshop session I

Time: Wednesday, 2 September 2026 13:45 - 15:15

Venue: UNIFR, Campus Pérolles, Boulevard de Pérolles 90

1. *New and Continuing Forms of (Gendered) Boundary Making Towards Ethnic Minorities and Refugees*
Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel) and Milena Chimienti (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO)
2. *Micro-Communities of Shared Vulnerability: Belief, Belonging and Health in Movement*
Irene Becci (Université de Lausanne), Diletta Guidi (Université de Lausanne) and Marion Wagnières (Université de Lausanne)
3. *COVID-19 and Its Long-Term Impact on Communities, Societies and Social Policy: A Critical Perspective* (session 1)
Emilie Rosenstein (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Oliver Hümbelin (Bern University of Applied Sciences) and Matthias Drilling (Zurich University of Applied Sciences ZHAW)
4. *Inclusive or Punitive? Competing Logics in Contemporary Social Policy* (session 1)
Yann Bochsler (Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz)
5. *Artistic Communities and Societies in Movement. Organization, Belonging, and Attachment*
Olivier Moeschler (University of Lausanne), Nuné Nikoghosyan (University of Geneva) and Loïc Riom (University of Lausanne)
6. *Sport, Physical Activity and Health in Societies in Movement* (session 1)
Monica Aceti (University of Strasbourg; University of Fribourg), Siegfried Nagel (University of Bern) and Markus Lamprecht (L&S; Schweizer Sportobservatorium)
7. *Aborder les enjeux de santé et sécurité au travail au travers des cultures de métier* (session 1)
Nadia Lamamra (Haute école fédérale en formation professionnelle) and Duc Barbara (Haute école fédérale en formation professionnelle)
8. *Citizenship, Social Work and Actions Against Non-Take-Up: Rethinking Access to Welfare* (session 1)
Oliver Hümbelin (BFH Bern), Barbara Lucas (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO) and Jean-Michel Bonvin (University of Geneva)
9. *Research(ing) Methods in Movement*
Léonie Bisang (University of Lucerne), Rainer Diaz-Bone (University of Lucerne) and Guy Schwegler (University of Lucerne)

Workshop session II

Time: Wednesday, 2 September 2026 15:30 - 17:00

Venue: UNIFR, Campus Pérolles, Boulevard de Pérolles 90

10. *Institutional Inclusion and Exclusion of Immigrants and Their Descendants in Times of Polarizing Societies*
Milena Chimienti (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO) and Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel)
11. *COVID-19 and Its Long-Term Impact on Communities, Societies and Social Policy: A Critical Perspective* (session 2)
Emilie Rosenstein (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Oliver Hümbelin (Bern University of Applied Sciences) and Matthias Drilling (Zurich University of Applied Sciences ZHAW)
12. *Collective Improvisation: Performing and Analysing Dance as a Social and Inclusive Practice* (session 1)
Alain Bovet (HES-SO HEG Arc), Sara Keel (University of Zurich), Jakub Mlynar (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO) and Marc Relieu (Télécom Paris)
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Workshop session III

Time: Thursday, 3 September 2026 13:30 - 15:00

Venue: HETS, Campus Mozaïc, Route des Arsenaux 16a

18. *Circulating between Languages. The Role of Language Intermediaries in the Contacts between Migrant Persons and National Institutions*
Maxime Maréchal (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) and Naoual Mahroug (Université Le Havre Normandie)
19. *Societies and Communities in Climate Change: Between Cohesion and Fragmentation* (session 1)
Andrea Glauser (University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna), Chantal Magnin (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences) and Dominic Zimmermann (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts)
20. *(Non-)Access to Welfare and the Shifting Boundaries of Inclusion* (session 1)
Oliver Hümbelin (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Barbara Lucas (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO) and Jean-Michel Bonvin (Université de Genève)
21. *Research on Social Inequalities Using Administrative Data in Switzerland*
Richard Nennstiel (University of Lausanne), Michael Grätz (University of Lausanne), Annatina Aerne (University of Lausanne) and David Glauser (Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz)
22. *Spaces and Scales in Elite Studies: Rethinking the Territorialities of Power* (session 1)
Anne-Sophie Delval (Université de Lausanne) and André Mach (Université de Lausanne)
23. *Méthodes participatives et visuelles dans les enquêtes sur les masculinités contemporaines / Participatory and Visual Methods in Research on Contemporary Masculinities*
Michela Villani (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO) and Cristina Oddone (University of Lyon)
24. *Working Spaces, Living Spaces: Remote Work, Environment, and Emerging Inequalities* (session 1)
Sofia Gonzalez Jimenez (EPFL), Nicola Cianferoni (SECO; University of Geneva) and Mattia Vachiano (University of Geneva)
25. *Classification, Boundary Work and the Making of Inequalities in Healthcare* (session 1)
Michael Gemperle (Zurich University of Applied Sciences), Gianni d'Amato (University of Neuchâtel) and Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel)
26. *Health, Medicine, and Social Belonging: Communities and Societies in Transformation*
Stephane Cullati (University of Fribourg) and Raphaël Hammer (Haute École de Santé - Vaud)

Workshop session IV

Time: Thursday, 3 September 2026 15:15 - 16:45

Venue: HETS, Campus Mozaïc, Route des Arsenaux 16a

27. *Societies and Communities in Climate Change: Between Cohesion and Fragmentation* (session 2)
Andrea Glauser (University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna), Chantal Magnin (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences) and Dominic Zimmermann (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts)
28. *(Non-)Access to Welfare and the Shifting Boundaries of Inclusion* (session 2)
Oliver Hümbelin (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Barbara Lucas (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO) and Jean-Michel Bonvin (Université de Genève)
29. *Spaces and Scales in Elite Studies: Rethinking the Territorialities of Power* (session 2)
Anne-Sophie Delval (Université de Lausanne) and André Mach (Université de Lausanne)
30. *Queering Migration: Belonging Beyond Borders*
Morgane Jomini (Université de Fribourg), Laura Mellini (Université de Fribourg) and Marie Sigrist (Université de Fribourg)
31. *Des images qui font "nous". Sur les usages de la photographie en institutions*
Benjamin Tremblay (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO) and Alexandre Lambelet (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO)
32. *Worlds of Food in Movement*
Rainer Diaz-Bone (University of Lucerne)
33. *Between Structures and Practices: Negotiating Work and Life in the Era of Hybrid Work* (session 2)
Sofia Gonzalez Jimenez (EPFL), Nicola Cianferoni (SECO; University of Geneva) and Mattia Vachiano (University of Geneva)
34. *Classification, Boundary Work and the Making of Inequalities in Healthcare* (session 2)
Michael Gemperle (Zurich University of Applied Sciences), Gianni d'Amato (University of Neuchâtel) and Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel)
35. *Relations and Practices of Care in Markets and Beyond*
Philip Balsiger (University of Neuchâtel) and Lena Pellandini-Simányi (Università della Svizzera Italiana)

Workshop session V

Time: Friday, 4 September 2026 09:00 - 10:30

Venue: UNIFR, Campus Pérolles, Boulevard de Pérolles 90

36. *Gemeinschaften in Bewegung: Interpretative Perspektiven auf Zusammenhalt, Zugehörigkeit und soziale Beziehungen* (session 1)
Florian Elliker (Universität St.Gallen), Noemi Trucco (University of Luxembourg; University of Fribourg) and Stefan Röhrer (Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung IAB)
37. *A Productive Rivalry? Sociological Analysis Facing Societal Interpretations On the Move*
Guy Schwegler (University of Lucerne) and Florian Elliker (University of St.Gallen)
38. *Penser la cohabitation sociale dans l'espace public à l'ère du numérique* (session 1)
Marianna Colella (University of Geneva) and Annamaria Colombo (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)
39. *Family Dynamics and Life Courses: Reconfigurations Across Time and Space* (session 1)
Julia Sauter (University of Lausanne), Benjamin Moles (University of Lausanne) and Laura Bernardi (University of Lausanne)
40. *Au-delà de la justice pénale ? La gestion des violences sexuelles dans les Églises par les commissions de reconnaissance et de réparation*
Marine Delaunay (Université de Lausanne), Maya Bodenmann (Université de Lausanne), Damien Scalia (Université Libre de Bruxelles) and Camille Perrier-Depeursinge (Université de Lausanne)

41. *Les mondes de l'insertion en mouvement: activation des publics, nouvelles professionnalités et régulation publique* (session 1)
Maël Dif-Pradalier (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Joseph Hivert (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Thomas Jammet (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO) and Muriel Surdez (Université de Fribourg)
42. *Collective Improvisation: Performing and Analysing Dance as a Social and Inclusive Practice* (session 2)
Alain Bovet (HES-SO HEG Arc), Sara Keel (University of Zurich), Jakub Mlynar (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO) and Marc Relieu (Télécom Paris)
43. *Agricultural Transitions in Motion: Actors, Policies, and Professional Communities – Working Spaces, Living Spaces: Remote Work, Environment, and Emerging Inequalities* (session 1)
Andrea Farioli (University of Fribourg), Emile Spahr (Agroscope) and Loïc Mazenc (University of Fribourg)

Workshop session VI

Time: Friday, 4 September 2026 15:00 - 16:30

Venue: UNIFR, Campus Pérolles, Boulevard de Pérolles 90

44. *Gemeinschaften in Bewegung: Interpretative Perspektiven auf Zusammenhalt, Zugehörigkeit und soziale Beziehungen* (session 2)
Florian Elliker (Universität St.Gallen), Noemi Trucco (University of Luxembourg; University of Fribourg) and Stefan Röhrer (Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung IAB)
45. *Governing Futures in Movement: Aspirations, Moral Dilemmas, and the Institutional Making of Belonging*
Ihssane Otmani (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)
46. *Penser la cohabitation sociale dans l'espace public à l'ère du numérique* (session 2)
Marianna Colella (University of Geneva) and Annamaria Colombo (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)
47. *Family Dynamics and Life Courses: Reconfigurations Across Time and Space* (session 2)
Julia Sauter (University of Lausanne), Benjamin Moles (University of Lausanne) and Laura Bernardi (University of Lausanne)
48. *Diversity and Inclusion in Social Movements and Alternative Organizations*
Victoria Becerril Nito (University of Neuchatel)
49. *Les mondes de l'insertion en mouvement : activation des publics, nouvelles professionnalités et régulation publique* (session 2)
Maël Dif-Pradalier (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Joseph Hivert (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Thomas Jammet (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO) and Muriel Surdez (Université de Fribourg)
50. *Les métiers du care au prisme d'une sociologie des médiations techniques*
Benjamin Tremblay (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO) and Julie Tiberghien (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO)
51. *Between Openness and Protection: The Challenges of Anonymising and Sharing Qualitative Data in the Social Sciences*
Pedro Araujo (Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences FORS) and Alexandra Stam (Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences FORS)
52. *Transformation of Memories and Belonging in Contemporary Cities: An Approach through Urban Difference and Connected Sociologies*
Olivier Waeber (University of Geneva) and Rüstü Demirkaya (University of Geneva)
53. *Agricultural Transitions in Motion: Actors, Policies, and Professional Communities – Between Structures and Practices: Negotiating Work and Life in the Era of Hybrid Work* (session 2)
Andrea Farioli (University of Fribourg), Emile Spahr (Agroscope) and Loïc Mazenc (University of Fribourg)

SEMI-PLENARIES - DETAILS

Semi-plenary session I

Time: Thursday, 3 September 2026 10:45 - 12:15

Venue: HETS-FR, Campus Mozaïc, Route des Arsenaux 16a

1. *Boundaries, Belonging and Beyond: Investigating Identities, Shared Values and Senses of Communities in the Context of Organizations in Switzerland*

Organisers

Judith Nyfeler (University of St. Gallen), Nadine Arnold (University of Lucerne), Mathilde Bourier (University of Geneva) and Roman Gibel (University of Zurich)

Abstract

Naturally, we live in a society of organizations—one saturated with, and in many ways over-structured by, organizational forms, to the point of generating unprecedented levels of complexity. Contrary to earlier expectations, organizations have not been weakened or dissolved by decentralization, digitalization, platformization, or the rise of digital capitalism with its promises of governance through networks and communities. If anything, their presence and influence appear stronger than ever. Switzerland offers an exceptionally fertile context for studying the organizational boundaries of belonging. Its geographic position and diverse landscapes, linguistic plurality, high degree of international integration, and rich economic and cultural production all contribute to a remarkable and diverse organizational ecosystem. In this semi-plenary, we aim to foster a dialogue with three speakers who will offer their perspectives on how organizations shape and structure identities and processes of identification, shared values and sensemaking, and experiences of belonging and community. The three contributions examine how remote work (Mattia Vacchiano), monastic organizations (Jan Danko), and NGOs (Leah Kimber) both respond to and are reshaped by shifting organizational boundaries in the face of environmental, structural, and cultural change — spanning the political, financial, and technological landscapes these organizations inhabit.

Speakers

- (a) *Eight Lessons About Remote Working*
Mattia Vacchiano (University of Geneva)
- (b) *Democratic Governance and Digital Dynamics: The Case of Monastic Organizations*
Jan Danko (University of Zurich)
- (c) *The End of NGOs as We Knew Them? Assessing the role of Civil Society at the UN in a Disordered World*
Leah Kimber (University of Geneva)

2. *Negotiating Belonging: Muslim Social Participation in Plural Societies*

Organisers

Barbara Schmoutz (University of Fribourg), Baptiste Brodard (University of Fribourg) and Noemi Trucco (University of Luxembourg; University of Fribourg)

Abstract

Across Europe, Muslim communities face persistent structural discrimination and anti-Muslim racism, documented in recent studies on labor market exclusion, public space stigmatization, and biased interactions with authorities (Trucco et al., 2025). These dynamics intersect with restrictive migration and welfare regimes, reinforcing deficit-oriented narratives that frame Muslims as outsiders to plural societies. Such discourses often obscure the complex realities of Muslim actors' involvement in welfare and social participation. Empirical evidence shows that Muslim-led initiatives in Switzerland, including welfare provision, chaplaincy, and interreligious dialogue, play a role in addressing social needs and fostering cohesion, yet these practices unfold under conditions of contested legitimacy and asymmetrical power (Brodard, 2023; Banfi et Gianni, 2023; Banfi, 2018). In some cases, participation reflects proactive strategies, challenging exclusionary discourses and offering alternative models of solidarity, while negotiating legitimacy; in others, it responds to strong normative expectations and regulatory pressures. This evolving landscape raises critical sociological questions: How do minority actors negotiate belonging and visibility within plural welfare systems? How do agency and constraint intersect in shaping forms of civic engagement? By situating these questions within debates on decoloniality, communitarianism,

and the diversification of social actors, this proposal examines how Muslim engagement contributes to reconfiguring welfare ecologies in European societies marked by pluralization and contested trust.

Speakers

- (a) *Muslim Welfare Organizations in Post-Migrant Switzerland: Networks, Agency, and Legitimacy*
Barbara Schmoutz (University of Fribourg)
- (b) *The Subjectivation of Imams in Switzerland*
Noemi Trucco (University of Luxembourg; University of Fribourg)
- (c) *Communitarianism as a Framework for Ethical Pluralism and Muslim Social Participation*
Baptiste Brodard (University of Fribourg)

3. *Social Justice in the City? Contesting Access to Urban Services and Infrastructures in Switzerland*

Organisers

Peter Streckeisen (ZHAW), Sarah Schilliger (ETH Zurich) and Jacob Geuder (University of Neuchâtel; ETH Zurich)

Abstract

In this semi-plenary session, we focus on the city's potential for solidarity and social justice against a dynamic context shaped by neoliberal globalization, new public management, and growing inequalities. Are cities able to develop new forms of community and belonging today? Urban services and social infrastructures deeply shape how city residents live and relate to one another. They condition belonging, solidarity, and everyday practices while mediating power relations through unequal access to essential resources and services. The semi-plenary explores how social infrastructures — such as housing, care, and social services — become sites of contestation and political negotiation. Amid rising living costs, housing crisis, and restrictive migration regimes, struggles over every day needs have intensified. They reveal not only intersectional inequalities but also shifting boundaries of citizenship and solidarity in urban life. Bringing together empirical cases focusing the city of Zurich, this session asks: • How do conflicts/negotiations over access to essential urban infrastructures reshape relationships between local authorities and civil society actors? • How might urban infrastructures function as laboratories for reimagining a «just city»? • How do these Swiss cases speak to broader sociological debates on infrastructures, (urban) citizenship, and justice in times of multiple crises?

Speakers

- (a) *Testing Services: Bridging the Gaps Between the Distant Worlds of People and City Administration*
Peter Streckeisen (ZHAW)
- (b) *Controversial Responsibilities: Negotiating Urban Planning Under Socio-Ecological Crisis*
Jacob Geuder (University of Neuchâtel; ETH Zurich)
- (c) *Who Cares for Those Who Care? Infrastructural Violence and Care Struggles in Zurich*
Sarah Schilliger (ETH Zurich)

4. *Se mobiliser en contexte répressif : perspectives comparées*

Organisers

Aysen Uysal (Izmir 9 Eylul Universitesi) and Isil Erdinc (Université libre de Bruxelles)

Abstract

Cette session semi-plénière entend interroger les modes et les stratégies d'action individuels (quitter le pays, actions protestataires individuelles, etc.) et collectifs, ouverts et secrets/invisibles, en contexte autoritaire tant dans les pays dits de Sud que dans les pays dits du Nord. L'objectif est de discuter non seulement les conditions d'émergence et le déroulement des mobilisations anti-pouvoir politique (Uysal, 2019) mais aussi l'organisation et la participation des mobilisations visant à protéger le pouvoir politique en place (Delcourt, 2018 ; Türkmen, 2019 ; Uysal 2022). La démarche privilégiée de cette session dans l'analyse des formes de mobilisation sera une démarche sur plusieurs échelles. La variation des échelles d'analyse permet notamment de montrer comment les espaces de résistance sont observables au niveau local. Poser le problème en ces termes vient à refuser de le penser en termes simples : force/faiblesse, centre/périphérie et à déplacer l'analyse sur les phénomènes de circulation, de négociation, d'appropriation à tous les niveaux (Revel, 1996). L'international est un autre espace de coopération et de lutte pour les acteurs protestataires (Tarrow, 2000). Tarrow parle des organisations internationales ou supranationales comme des « récifs de corail » pour les

organisations non gouvernementales et les groupes d'intérêts. Keck et Sikkink insiste également sur l'« effet boomerang » (Keck et Sikkink, 1998). Cependant, cet usage de l'international commence à perdre de son efficacité dans des régimes autoritaires (Erding, 2016). Cette session vise également à discuter les mécanismes par lesquels une cause s'internationalise et les effets du recours à l'international et l'action collective transnationale sur les droits et les libertés. Les discussions s'articulent autour de deux axes, tirés de la sociologie de l'engagement d'Albert Hirschmann (1970).

Speakers

- (a) *Du champ de bataille à l'international : Les espaces d'action des luttes à distance*
Lola Guyot (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)
- (b) *Répertoires en mouvement dans les globalisations*
Pénélope Larzillière (Université Paris Cité, IRD, Ceped)
- (c) *Reconceptualising Exile Through the Lived Experiences of Human Rights Defenders*
Sarah Sheikh Ali (Université libre de Bruxelles)

5. *Instrumentation numérique du travail administratif ordinaire : quelle(s) reconfiguration(s) du rapport à l'État ?*

Organisers

Béatrice Vatron-Steiner (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Périne Brotcorne (Université catholique de Louvain) and Jean-François Bickel (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)

Abstract

La numérisation de la relation aux usagers et usagères (front office) constitue un volet récent d'un vaste programme de réformes des bureaucraties publiques, engagé depuis les années 1990 dans la plupart des pays européens (Granjon, 2025a). Les discours politiques et les réformes de l'État appellent désormais à accélérer la « transformation numérique », devenue un mot d'ordre central de l'action publique (Bellon, 2022). Dans la continuité du New Public Management (NPM), ces politiques visent à améliorer l'efficacité des agents de première ligne grâce à des outils d'aide à la décision. Elles cherchent aussi à standardiser la relation avec les usagers, tout en augmentant la qualité des services et en réduisant les coûts, notamment par le recours à l'auto-service (Shou & Pors, 2019). Elles ambitionnent enfin de simplifier les démarches administratives afin de lutter contre le non-recours aux droits sociaux (Deville, 2023). Cependant, à rebours de cette vision d'une dématérialisation pensée au service du citoyen-usager, de nombreux travaux ont mis en évidence ses effets négatifs sur l'accès aux droits et aux prestations sociales. Ces effets touchent particulièrement les publics les plus vulnérables, souvent très dépendants de leurs interactions avec l'administration et les services publics (Alberola et al., 2017 ; Granjon, 2025b ; Kesteman, 2020 ; Mazet, 2017). Ces évolutions s'inscrivent plus largement dans des transformations contemporaines des sociétés marquées par la numérisation et les fractures qui y sont associées, lesquelles reconfigurent les conditions d'accès aux ressources et participent à la redéfinition des inégalités sociales et des formes d'appartenance.

Sans abandonner cette perspective centrée sur les droits, cette session semi-plénière propose d'élargir l'analyse en s'intéressant au rapport ordinaire à l'État. Elle s'appuie sur le constat formulé par Pierre Mazet, qui invite à interroger les effets de la disparition de la dimension humaine et incarnée du rapport à l'État dans le cadre de l'État plateforme. Dans un contexte de relation entièrement dématérialisée, cette évolution conduit à reconsidérer la manière dont se construit le rapport à l'offre publique, ainsi que les modalités de compréhension des droits et des devoirs. Elle amène également à questionner la relation de réciprocité, souvent mobilisée pour justifier les logiques de contrepartie (Bec, 2008), désormais inscrite dans un lien exclusivement à distance avec les institutions (Mazet, 2019 : 10-11).

Ces interrogations invitent ainsi à déplacer le regard, en inscrivant les transformations contemporaines du travail administratif dans une temporalité plus longue et dans l'épaisseur des relations ordinaires à l'État. C'est dans cette perspective que Pharabod et Borelle proposent de mobiliser l'approche des policy feedbacks afin de replacer la numérisation du travail administratif des individus dans l'histoire de leur relation à l'État (2025 : 324). Cette approche souligne le rôle structurant des politiques publiques dans la formation des comportements et des perceptions politiques des citoyen·nes (Mesnel, 2017 : 37), lesquels se construisent notamment à travers les expériences concrètes accumulées dans les interactions avec les institutions et leurs agent·es (Spire, 2020, p. 39). Le travail administratif, qui incarne la dimension ordinaire de l'expérience du rapport à l'État, constitue à ce titre un maillon essentiel des policy feedbacks (Mesnel, 2021 : 122).

Or, si ce travail administratif est un espace important d'apprentissage et de rencontre avec l'État, ses conditions de réalisation sont actuellement profondément transformées par l'instrumentation numérique de l'action publique. Ces transformations concernent les dispositions désormais requises pour faire face à une nouvelle conditionnalité numérique (Mazet, 2019), notamment la nécessité d'adopter une posture d'enquêteur capable de naviguer dans un environnement administratif instable (Pharabod et Borelle, 2025). Elles touchent également la spatialité (Dewille, 2018, 2023), la temporalité, l'organisation des tâches (Bickel et Vatton-Steiner, 2023) et, plus largement, les réseaux de médiations et de solidarités administratives dans lesquels s'inscrit ce travail (Aouci et Peyrache, 2021 ; Delias, 2021). Ces reconfigurations participent plus largement à des dynamiques de recomposition de la cohésion sociale, mais aussi de fragmentation, en affectant les modalités concrètes d'accès aux institutions et les expériences différenciées du rapport à l'État.

Dans ce cadre, les communications de cette session se proposent d'interroger la manière dont l'instrumentation numérique reconfigure le travail administratif ordinaire et, par là même, le rapport des citoyen·nes à l'État. Analyser ce rapport implique de saisir la diversité des relations, à la fois pratiques et symboliques, qui se déploient dans le champ bureaucratique (Bourdieu, 1997 ; Spire, 2020), ainsi que les dynamiques qui les traversent.

Speakers

- (a) *Penser les logiques sociotechniques de l'action publique*
Fabien Granjon (Université Paris-VIII)
- (b) *La numérisation du travail administratif ordinaire : vers une horizontalisation de la relation que les individus entretiennent avec l'État ?*
Céline Borelle (SENSE)
- (c) *Gouverner à distance. Le numérique comme force de désencastrement des pratiques administratives populaires*
Clara Dewille (Institut national de recherche pour l'agriculture, l'alimentation et l'environnement INRAE)

6. *Challenges to Sociology in Central Europe: Discussions by the Presidents of the Sociological Associations in Switzerland, Germany, France, Italy and Austria*

Organisers

Patrik Aspers (University of St. Gallen) and Jörg Rössel (University of Zurich)

Abstract

This session is organized to address the challenges and solutions that sociology and sociological associations face today. The presidents of the sociological associations of the 4 large neighbouring countries to Switzerland identify and discuss these issues in the form of a conversation. The themes covered range from substantive issues to organizational concerns.

Speakers

Jörg Rössel (The Swiss Sociological Association), Stefani Stefanizzi (The Italian Sociological Association), Deborah Ridet (The French Sociological Association AFS), Bettina Mählert (The Austrian Sociological Association), Monika Wohlrab-Sahr (The German Sociological Association)

Semi-plenary session II

Time: Friday, 4 September 2026 13:15 - 14:45

Venue: UNIFR, Campus Pérolles, Boulevard de Pérolles 90

7. *Quelle(s) communauté(s) pour la santé mentale ? Éclairages sociologiques à partir de terrains en Suisse et en Belgique*

Organisers

Audrey Linder (Haute École de Santé - Vaud, HES-SO), Sophie Thunus (Institut de recherche santé et société, UCLouvain) and Nicolas Marquis (UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles; ERC)

Abstract

La notion de communauté est centrale dans la définition des normes qui séparent le normal du pathologique, et dans l'organisation des soins de santé mentale. En interrogeant les utilisations contemporaines de cette notion, cette semi-plénière met en discussion les enjeux et les tensions de l'inclusion sociale pour les personnes ayant des difficultés psychiques. D'un point de vue organisationnel, la communauté est présentée comme support organisationnel et vecteur de soins, en particulier dans les politiques de désinstitutionalisation. Elle se matérialise dans de nombreux dispositifs tels que les groupes de pairs, les prises en charge ambulatoires, à domicile ou dans l'espace public. Dans ces dispositifs, le sens de la notion de communauté demeure incertain : que signifie soigner « dans » ou « par » la communauté ? quels types de communautés ces dispositifs présupposent-ils ? et à partir de quand est-on « dans » la communauté ? D'un point de vue normatif, la communauté constitue un pivot dans la définition des attentes et des objectifs qui prévalent dans les soins en santé mentale. De nombreux dispositifs visent à l'autonomie, une attente sociale largement partagée dans les sociétés individualistes. Quels modèles normatifs de l'être ensemble, des bonnes façons d'être au monde, prévalent-ils dans les lieux de soins qui promeuvent la réinsertion sociale ? Dans la promotion d'un retour à la cité, comment les risques de stigmatisation et de discrimination sont-ils pris en compte ? Trois terrains en santé mentale, qui ont en commun de mobiliser l'idéal communautaire, permettront de discuter ces questions.

Speakers

- (a) *Lieux de liens : société, communauté et café?*
Sophie Thunus (Institut de recherche santé et société, UCLouvain)
- (b) *Aller mieux avec ou par rapport aux autres ? Une unité psychiatrique de réhabilitation comme communauté de transition*
Audrey Linder (Haute École de Santé - Vaud, HES-SO)
- (c) *Être différents ou comme les autres ? Les communautés d'Entendeurs de voix et hypersensibles*
Nicolas Marquis (UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles; ERC)

8. *Gendered Bodies at Work. The Impact of Menstruation, Maternity, Motherhood and Menopause on Women's Working Lives Across the Life Course*

Organisers

Nicky Le Feuvre (University of Lausanne), Isabelle Zinn (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Marion Braizaz (University of Lausanne) and Nathalie Neeser (Bern University of Applied Sciences)

Abstract

In this semi-plenary session, we propose to focus on a series of bodily transformations that can be seen as markers of distinct phases in women's lives. Research has recently coined the term the "three Ms" (menstruation, maternity and menopause) to designate events that are associated with major hormonal and physiological changes in women's bodies (Juillet, Le Tinier, Streuli & Ponte, 2024). We could also include experiences such as fertility treatments (Girard & Streuli, 2018), miscarriages and motherhood to this list. These events reflect shared beliefs and stereotypes that have a significant impact on women's health (Amacker, Büchler, et al., 2024) and their personal and professional lives (Grandey et al., 2020).

A focus on the experience and management of these events at work enables a re-examination of the normative expectations surrounding the gendered division of paid and unpaid labour in contemporary, formally 'egalitarian' societies. With rising expectations for women to conform to the 'ideal worker' norm (Steffen & Loretto, 2025), and to 'silence' their bodies (Atkinson et al., 2021), we can expect physiological and bodily manifestations to remain largely taboo in the workplace (Amacker, Bigler, et al., 2024; Le Feuvre et al., 2026; Steffan & Loretto, 2025). And yet, some organizations have

recently recognized these events as a persistent barrier to gender equality and have adopted specific policies (e.g. menstruation leave) to address this issue. In such a transient context, it is interesting to analyse how women navigate the space between disclosure and concealment (Steffan, 2021, 2025), how their strategies vary by context (e.g. occupational sex ratio) or according to their socio-economic circumstances (e.g. qualifications, marital status, sexual orientation, economic precarity), and to seize the repercussions these experiences may have on their employment patterns and long-term health.

This semi-plenary session will provide an opportunity to consider the tension between supporting women through these life transitions and the risk of stigmatization and discrimination (Caron-Thérage, 2025; Hertzog, 2014).

Speakers

- (a) *Menstrual Health in Everyday Working Life: Focus on the City of Zurich's Findings on Menstrual Discomfort*
Michèle Amacker (University of Bern), Christine Bigler (University of Bern)
- (b) *The FERTIPRO Study: Infertility and the Workplace in French-Speaking Switzerland*
Isabelle Streuli (University of Geneva; FertiGenève)
- (c) *Presentation title not provided*
Nicky Le Feuvre (University of Lausanne), Isabelle Zinn (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Marion Braizaz (University of Lausanne), Nathalie Neeser (Bern University of Applied Sciences)

9. *In Motion: How Digitalization Transforms Religious Communities and Organizations*

Organisers

Rebekka Rieser (University of Zurich)

Abstract

As classical sociologists have emphasized, religion has always mirrored the moral, institutional, and relational transformations of society. However, religion occupies an ambivalent position, particularly when viewed through the lens of community formation and belonging vis-à-vis the societal mainstream. In today's digitalizing societal landscape, the central question emerges how digitalization transforms religious communities and organizations, and how religious institutions in turn integrate digital media with religious belonging, authority, and visibility. Although still significant, institutionalized religion is no longer the primary or exclusive reference point for debates about religious communities and belonging. New actors, infrastructures, and practices emerge, altering who may speak for or against religion, how religious knowledge and practice circulate, and how individuals and groups position themselves not only within the religious landscape but also within broader publics. Contemporary religiosity unfolds not only as a theological or spiritual domain but also as a communicative, political, and social process. Digitalization intensifies these shifts by redrawing boundaries between community and society—echoing classical sociological debates on *Vergemeinschaftung* and *Vergesellschaftung*—while challenging established norms of belonging, cohesion, and authority. Across diverse contexts, these transformations manifest in three interrelated dynamics: • Organizational adaptation: Religious institutions must decide how to engage with digitalization—integrating, resisting, or selectively adopting digital tools. • Fragmented and hybrid public spheres: Digital environments create new expectations of legitimacy and transparency, prompting religious actors to renegotiate their public role. • New forms of communication and visibility: Influencers, apps, and online platforms diversify religious expression, generating fluid and networked forms of belonging that transcend traditional boundaries. Our panel examines how religious communities and institutions navigate these movements and how Swiss society observes and evaluates them by focusing on how digitalization reconfigures belonging, authority, and community formation. Bringing together perspectives from the sociology of religion, communication and media studies, law, and theology, the panel sheds light on the tensions and opportunities that emerge as religion becomes digitally reconfigured.

Speakers

- (a) *Digital Transformation in Monastic Communities*
Jan Danko (University of Zurich; URPP Digital Religion(s))
- (b) *Digitalization and the Dual Transformation of Law: Normative Adaptation and Communicative Change in Church Law*
Ramazan Özgü (University of Zurich)

- (c) *Postdigital Ecospirituality: A Way of Staying with Ecological Trouble*
Tobias Adam (University of Zurich; URPP Digital Religion(s); University of Bonn)
- (d) *Religious Information Repertoires in a Hybrid Media Environment*
Rebekka Rieser (University of Zurich; Communication and Media Research; URPP Digital Religion(s))

10. *Controversies in the City: Analysing Sociological Dynamics through Housing-related Debates*

Organisers

Luca Pattaroni (EPFL) and Maxime Felder (EPFL)

Abstract

This semi-plenary session proposes to revisit the political question of coexistence in contemporary cities through the lens of housing-related controversies. By drawing together urban sociology and Science and Technology Studies (STS), it aims to shed new light on key sociological debates around how we live together. Housing controversies crystallize central social issues of our time: inequality, climate and environmental change, and questions of belonging and migration. First, housing is simultaneously framed as a tool to reduce socioeconomic inequalities – through welfare subsidies, social mixing policies, and social housing – and as a major generator of inequality, through the role of real estate as a financial asset in contemporary capitalism. Second, housing debates are deeply entwined with climate politics. They revolve around land use, the environmental footprint of construction, and the energy consumption of buildings. Third, these controversies engage questions of citizenship and belonging, around who is entitled to housing in a given city or country, and in what ways migration is implicated in the housing crisis. In this semi-plenary, we propose to understand ongoing social transformations in our Communities and Societies in Movement through the prism of these housing controversies, analysed as practical arenas in which the social order of our societies is debated, contested, and reconfigured.

Speakers

- (a) *Controversy Mapping : The Temptations and Risks of Closing the Debate Too Soon*
Tommaso Venturini (University of Geneva - CNRS)
- (b) *The Politics of Contentious Implementation : Housing Conflicts Accross European Metropolises*
Julie Pollard (University of Lausanne)
- (c) *Rethinking Controversies Through Planning Conflicts*
Luca Piddiu (University of Geneva)

11. *«Troubled Identities» in Zwangskontexten Sozialer Arbeit – Selbst- und Fremdzuschreibungsprozesse in institutionellen Settings sozialer Kontrolle*

Organisers

Martina Koch (Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz) and Julia Emprechtinger (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO)

Abstract

Moderne Gesellschaften sind durch vielfältige Prozesse von Wandel und von Mobilität geprägt – räumlich, sozial und normativ. Diese Bewegungen erzeugen neue Formen der Gemeinschafts- und Gesellschaftsbildung sowie Konflikte um Zugehörigkeit und Anerkennung. In Kontexten sozialer Kontrolle, die für betroffene Menschen in der Regel unfreiwillige Massnahmen mit sich bringen, treten Aushandlungen von Zugehörigkeit, Anerkennung und sozialer Positionierung in besonders verdichteter Form auf. Solche Kontexte, die auch als Zwangskontexte Sozialer Arbeit bezeichnet werden können, sind beispielsweise der Kindes- und Erwachsenenschutz oder das Justizvollzugssystem. In solche Zwangskontexte gelangen Individuen, wenn ihre Verhaltensweisen oder ihre Lebenslage als von gesellschaftlichen Normen abweichend kodiert werden, wobei die entsprechenden Institutionen charakterisiert sind durch Hilfe unter Zwang und damit durch asymmetrische Aushandlungsprozesse zwischen Professionellen, Organisationen und Adressat:innen. Institutionen der Sozialen Kontrolle wirken dabei als Orte, an denen materielle und symbolische Grenzen gezogen, verhandelt oder – im günstigen Fall – geöffnet werden. Die Adressat:innen dieser Institutionen und deren Massnahmen entwickeln eigene Strategien des Umgangs: Sie akzeptieren, transformieren oder widersetzen sich solchen Identitätsangeboten. Vor diesem Hintergrund untersucht die Semi-Plenary-Session, wie in Zwangskontexten «institutional selves» (Gubrium & Holstein 2000) und daran anschliessende «troubled identities» (ebd.) hervorgebracht, ausgehandelt, transformiert oder zurückgewiesen werden. Gubrium und Holstein verstehen Identität nicht als festes, inneres Wesen, sondern als ein Produkt sozialer Interaktion und narrativer Konstruktion. Das Konzept

der institutional selves verweist auf Fremd- und Selbstzuschreibungsprozesse innerhalb von Institutionen, in denen betroffene Personen spezifische Identitätsangebote erhalten, die an organisationalen Normen und Erwartungen ausgerichtet sind. Diese Identitäten entstehen nicht einfach individuell, sondern werden massgeblich durch die Strukturen, Erwartungen und Diskurse der jeweiligen Institution geprägt. Institutionen bieten dabei sowohl Ressourcen als auch Einschränkungen für die Konstruktion des Selbst an. Troubled identities entstehen, wenn Individuen mit widersprüchlichen, konkurrierenden oder gesellschaftlich marginalisierten Identitätskategorien konfrontiert werden. In solchen Situationen wird Identität zu einem aktiven Prozess, bei dem Menschen ihre Zugehörigkeit, Legitimität und Selbstdefinition immer wieder neu aushandeln müssen. Empirische Forschung zeigt, dass Zugehörigkeit und gesellschaftliche Integration wesentlich von Anerkennung abhängen. Für Menschen in prekären Lebenslagen, mit als deviant definierten Verhaltensweisen oder mit Erfahrungen sozialer Ausgrenzung kann das Einwirken institutioneller Zuschreibungen ein erodierendes Zugehörigkeitsgefühl verstärken oder neue Formen sozialer Positionierung hervorbringen. Identitätsangebote von Institutionen – etwa als «gefährdet», «entwicklungsbedürftig», «gefährlich», «deviant» oder «schutzbedürftig» – können für Betroffene im Widerspruch zu ihrer eigenen Selbstbeschreibung stehen und Prozesse des Stigma-Managements (Goffman 1975) in Gang setzen. Die drei Beiträge der Session beleuchten die Mikropraxis institutioneller Identitätsarbeit in Zwangskontexten anhand empirischer Studien in unterschiedlichen Feldern eingreifender Sozialer Arbeit, namentlich im Kontext von Jugendstrafuntersuchungen, des Justizvollzug und des Erwachsenenschutzes. Während in der Jugendstrafuntersuchung auf entwicklungsfördernde, erzieherische, resozialisierende Ziele und im Justizvollzug auf die Resozialisierung und Wiedereingliederung der Personen gesetzt wird, ist im Erwachsenenschutz der Schutz der Person und die Förderung ihrer Selbstbestimmung leitendes Prinzip. Die jeweils davon betroffenen Personen werden dementsprechend auf ein selbstbestimmtes, den gesellschaftlichen Normen angepasstes und deliktfreies Verhalten hin als abweichend beschrieben und diesen Normen entgegenstehende Charakteristika und Verhaltensweisen als bearbeitungswürdig kategorisiert. Für die betroffenen Personen können diese Zuschreibungen durch die Institutionen eine (grosse) Differenz zur Selbstbeschreibung bedeuten, welche in irgendeiner Form überbrückt bzw. sinnhaft bearbeitet werden muss. Im Fokus der Semi-Plenary-Session stehen dabei a) institutionelle Praktiken der Kategorisierung, Normalisierung und Zuschreibung, b) subjektive Erfahrungen der Betroffenen im Spannungsfeld von Anerkennung, Kontrolle und Zugehörigkeit sowie c) Aushandlungsprozesse über Grenzen, Selbstverantwortung, Identität und (Wieder-)Eingliederung. In der abschliessenden Diskussion werden Gemeinsamkeiten und Unterschiede zwischen den untersuchten Feldern herausgearbeitet. Unser Interesse richtet sich dabei sowohl auf die in den beschriebenen Handlungsfeldern tätigen Fachpersonen, insbesondere aus der Sozialen Arbeit, und ihre Praktiken des Einwirkens auf Selbstbilder im institutionellen Kontext als auch auf die (Aus)Wirkungen dieser Zuschreibungen auf die davon betroffenen Personen und auf deren Identitäts- und Stigma-Management.

Speakers

- (a) *Gefährlich, gefährdet oder einfach nur leichtsinnig? Jugendstrafuntersuchungen als Orte der Hervorbringung von Problemfigurationen*
Simone Brauchli (Berner Fachhochschule), Delia Sciallo (Berner Fachhochschule), Loretta Walther (Berner Fachhochschule)
- (b) *Als gefangene Person (re)sozialisiert werden? «Troubled identities» in «troubled institutions» des Justizvollzugs*
Martin Böhnel (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Marina Richter (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO)
- (c) *«Dann brauche ich gar niemanden mehr» – Aushandlung von Schutzbedarf bei älteren Menschen im Schweizer Erwachsenenschutz*
Philomina Bloch-Chakkalakal (Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz), Fabienne Rotzetter (Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz)

12. *Investment Communities, Cultures and Gamification*

Organisers

Fabrice Plomb (Université de Fribourg), Philip Balsiger (Université de Neuchâtel), Lena Pellandini-Simányi (Università de la Svizzera italiana) and Gaël Curty (Université de Fribourg)

Abstract

The issue of communities seems, at first glance, to be very distant from finance, which is often seen

as the very embodiment of economic rationality and homo economicus driven by individual interests. However, the platformization of financial practices over the past twenty years has profoundly transformed the way finance is practiced and how financial skills are acquired. These shifts have been furthered by gamification and lower access costs to financial platforms and the emergence of new financial products (among which cryptocurrencies feature prominently) that enabled the entry of new social groups into low finance investment. The growth in financial practices is most evident among young people. As a result, today, social networks and financial influencers (finfluencers) are playing an important role in shaping lay conceptions of finance as well as individual investment practices. Online financial communities develop their own (sub-)cultural codes, languages, symbolic meanings and narratives that underpin financial calculations, decisions, and community engagement. Between gaming and sharing risky practices, these online communities constitute their own status hierarchies, diversify the forms of financial practices, and transform the meaning of finance. This semi-plenary session aims to explore these new forms of community participation in the financial market.

Speakers

- (a) *Doing Hype Finance: Meme Coin Trading, Online Community Building, and Hype Practices*
Kobe de Keere (University of Amsterdam)
- (b) *Crypto Activists or Rookie Investors? How Cryptocurrencies Are Shaping New Forms of Participation in Finance Among Young Argentines*
Mariana Luzzi (Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Argentina)
- (c) *The Role of Symbolic Motives in Everyday Stock Choices*
Adam Hayes (University of Lucerne)

13. *Ungleichheit/en und Resonanz in Bildungsgemeinschaften: Relationale Dynamiken, Entfremdung und Teilhabechancen*

Organisers

Dietmar J. Wetzel (MSH Medical School Hamburg; University of Basel)

Abstract

Diese Semi-Plenary Session untersucht, wie Resonanz- und Entfremdungsdynamiken Ungleichheiten in Bildungsgemeinschaften prägen und verstärken. Sie geht davon aus, dass Benachteiligungen im Bildungssystem nicht allein auf Kompetenzen oder ungleiche Ressourcenverteilungen zurückzuführen sind, sondern wesentlich auf relationale Bedingungen der Welt- und Lernbeziehung. Aufbauend auf Rosas Resonanztheorie wird Bildung als Prozess der Affizierbarkeit, Selbstwirksamkeit und Anverwandlung verstanden, dessen Gelingen von sozialen Positionierungen und habituellen Passungen abhängt. Unter Bedingungen sozialer Ungleichheit entstehen systematische Hürden für resonante pädagogische Beziehungen. Empirische Studien zeigen, dass benachteiligte Schüler:innen häufig Distanz, Beschämung und Abwertungen erfahren, die Lernbeziehungen erschweren. Forschung zur sozialen Reproduktion verdeutlicht, wie habituelle Nicht-Passungen und ungleiche Erwartungen Bildungslaufbahnen strukturieren. Bildungsbenachteiligung lässt sich daher als Resonanzbenachteiligung fassen: Chancen, Affizierbarkeit, Selbstwirksamkeit und eigene Stimme zu entwickeln, sind ungleich verteilt. Resonanz fungiert als Mechanismus sozialer Teilhabe. Dominieren Erwartungsasymmetrien und prekäre Zugehörigkeit, entstehen entfremdungsanfällige Lernumgebungen. Die Session analysiert diese Dynamiken entlang der Dimensionen Affizierbarkeit, Selbstwirksamkeit, Anverwandlung und Unverfügbarkeit. So werden Mechanismen sichtbar, die Resonanz fördern oder blockieren. Dialogische Unterrichtsformen, geteilte Bedeutungsproduktion und Vertrauen ermöglichen Resonanz, während selektionsorientierte Leistungspraxen und kulturelle Nicht-Passung Barrieren darstellen. Ziel ist, Resonanz als heuristisches Instrument der Ungleichheitsforschung zu profilieren und relationale Qualitäten pädagogischer Praxis hervorzuheben. Dadurch lassen sich Prozesse sozialer Reproduktion differenzierter analysieren und transformativ neu denken.

Speakers

- (a) *Bildungsteilhabe im Licht der Entfremdungs-Resonanz-Dynamik: Konzeptualisierungen, empirische Explorationen und Forschungsdesiderata*
Carola Mantel (PH Zug)
- (b) *Resonanz im Schatten der Ungleichheit: Relationale Dynamiken zwischen Entfremdung, Teilhabe und Partizipation in der Weiterbildung*
Jana Wienberg (University of Labour Frankfurt am Main)

- (c) «*Neben einem sind die ganzen Hochleistungssportler*» – Eine empirische Studie zur (Musik)Schulkultur
Christine Löbbert (Musikhochschule Freiburg im Breisgau)

WORKSHOPS - DETAILS

Workshop session I

Time: Wednesday, 2 September 2026 13:45 - 15:15

Venue: UNIFR, Campus Pérolles, Boulevard de Pérolles 90

1. *New and Continuing Forms of (Gendered) Boundary Making Towards Ethnic Minorities and Refugees*

Organisers

Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel) and Milena Chimienti (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO)

Abstract

The papers in this workshop examine solidarities with and exclusion of ethnic minorities and refugees at a time of global uncertainty and increasing polarization over protection. Questions of belonging, inclusion, and exclusion are explored with a focus on refugee populations and minorized groups. A particular focus lies on gendered boundary making. The contributions are united in their depth of analysis, paying attention to the intersection of minority statuses and the diversity of reactions in policy and the population. With this, the contributions recognize that differences are diverse and multiple and are not simply based on national differences. Prospects of successful long-term inclusion require innovative approaches that are explored in this workshop. Working language of the workshop is English.

Speakers

(a) *Draft Evasion, Masculinity and Asylum: Exclusion and Recognition in Wartime-Adjacent Migration*
Dina Bolokan (University of Coventry)

(b) *Intersectionality in the Impact of Parenthood Among Immigrants in Switzerland: Unmet Migration Expectations Among Highly Educated Women and Less-Educated Men*
Andreas Genoni (Federal Institute for Population Research BiB), Natalie Nitsche (Australian National University)

(c) *Resistance and Co-Construction: Rural Migrants' Everyday Practices in a Poverty Alleviation Resettlement Community in Southwest China*
Yuan Huang (University of Geneva)

(d) *Unpacking Paradoxes in Times of Crisis: How Civil Society Organizations Shape Processes of Vulnerabilization*
Rulla Sutter (University of applied science Bern), Christina Mittmasser (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO), Livia Schambron (FHNW Murttenz), Andrea Friedli (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO)

2. *Micro-Communities of Shared Vulnerability: Belief, Belonging and Health in Movement*

Organisers

Irene Becci (Université de Lausanne), Diletta Guidi (Université de Lausanne) and Marion Wagnières (Université de Lausanne)

Abstract

This workshop examines the creation and mobilization of micro-communities that emerge around fertility and reproductive health issues such as infertility, endometriosis, and assisted reproductive technologies (ART). These small-scale collectives, situated at the intersection of medicine, activism, and spirituality, exemplify contemporary forms of *Vergemeinschaftung* (Weber, 1913). Micro-communities are understood here as dynamic constellations of belonging grounded in affect, shared belief, or lived experience rather than institutional ties. They arise in contexts of vulnerability, moral tension, and reproductive uncertainty, where individuals collectively negotiate meaning, recognition, and legitimacy. We invite contributions analyzing how people facing fertility-related challenges create networks of support in medical spaces, spiritual or alternative practices, religious settings, and advocacy groups. These hybrid and mobile communities cross institutional, linguistic, and digital boundaries, extending through medical tourism, cross-border therapeutic networks, and online platforms. As Fassin (2009) argues, moral economies of health shape experiences of vulnerability and care; similarly, Becci, Burchardt and Casanova (2013) show how religious and spiritual networks generate new forms of belonging in transnational contexts. Building on these insights, this workshop explores how micro-communities craft recognition, legitimacy, and collective agency amid social and moral taboos surrounding reproductive difficulties.

Speakers

- (a) *« Les gardiennes » : mauvais œil, désir de maternité et micro-solidarités féminines en contexte migratoire*
Diletta Guidi (Université de Lausanne)
- (b) *De la vulnérabilité à la souveraineté corporelle : légitimités contestées et modèles communautaires et individuels de transmission en gestion de la fertilité*
Florence Pasche Guignard (Université de Laval)
- (c) *Parcours entre solitude et multitude : Cartographie des micro-communautés se formant lors de la PMA*
Marion Wagnières (Université de Lausanne)

3. *COVID-19 and Its Long-Term Impact on Communities, Societies and Social Policy: A Critical Perspective* (session 1)

Organisers

Emilie Rosenstein (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Oliver Hümbelin (Bern University of Applied Sciences) and Matthias Drilling (Zurich University of Applied Sciences ZHAW)

Abstract

The COVID-19 pandemic profoundly disrupted social structures while increasing socio-economic inequalities. A substantial body of research has documented these dynamics in the short term, in Switzerland and at the international level. But what are the lasting consequences of the pandemic on communities, societies and social cohesion? As a key instrument of solidarity, what has been the role of social policies and the organizations shaping or implementing them in the response to the pandemic? To what extent have they contributed to reducing, renegotiating, or even increasing inequalities in times of crisis and beyond? This workshop aims to critically address the social consequences of the pandemic and its long-term effects on communities, inequalities and social policy, including (but not exclusively) vulnerable groups, state and non-state welfare services and frontline workers. We welcome both empirical research (qualitative and quantitative or mixed methods) and theoretical contributions that highlight lessons for the future of social policy and the practice of social work. This call for contributions originates from researchers involved in the National research program (NRP) 80 "COVID in Society" (SNF 2023-2026) but is open to all scholars working on the impact of the pandemic with a sociological perspective. Keywords : COVID-19 pandemic ; inequality ; social policy ; social work

Speakers

- (a) *Pandemic Governance and Everyday Resistance in Rural Switzerland: A Comparative Ethnography of Contentious Non-Compliance and Common Sense*
Lucas Güetli (University of Basel), Johannes Truffer (University of Basel), Nadine Frei (University of Basel), Oliver Nachtwey (University of Basel), Robert Schäfer (University of Basel)
- (b) *"Crimes of Solidarity": Kinning Practices and Legal Ambivalence of Civil Society Organizations in Switzerland*
Livia Schambron (FHNW), Stefanie Kurt (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO)
- (c) *Reconfiguring Solidarity at the Local Level: Social Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Crisis in Switzerland*
Maëlle Meigniez (Observatoire des précarités, Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Naël Froehlich (Observatoire des précarités, Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Anja Tamò Gafner (Department of Business Economics, Health and Social Care, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland SUPSI), Julien Fakhoury (Observatoire des précarités, Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Emilie Rosenstein (Observatoire des précarités, Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Nicolas Pons-Vignon (Department of Business Economics, Health and Social Care, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland SUPSI)
- (d) *The Evolution of 'Working Poverty' During the COVID Pandemic: A Swiss Case Study*
Eric Crettaz (Haute école de travail social, Genève), Lukas Schlittler (University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Northwestern Switzerland), Rudolf Farys (Universität Bern), Olivier Lehmann (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Oliver Hümbelin (Bern University of Applied Sciences)

4. *Inclusive or Punitive? Competing Logics in Contemporary Social Policy* (session 1)

Organisers

Yann Bochler (Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz)

Abstract

In the current context of rising inequality, growing political polarization and new forms of economic precarity, social policies display competing and sometimes contradictory logics. Inclusive and social investment-oriented approaches expand access and support participation, while welfare cuts and punitive measures – such as sanctions, fraud investigations, reporting obligations or other forms of administrative coercion – gain traction. These developments raise questions about the legitimacy of social policy, the boundaries of state intervention and how trust and mistrust in institutions evolve. This workshop invites contributions that examine these variations and tensions and their consequences for inequality, access to rights and institutional trust. We welcome studies analyzing how different policy instruments – such as activation programmes, housing interventions, inclusive service expansions, benefits control and sanctions, or algorithmic tools – shape perceptions of fairness, willingness to claim benefits and everyday interactions with institutions. We also encourage research on public support for different approaches (inclusive vs. punitive measures) and how such attitudes reflect broader societal change. Equally relevant are analyses of frontline practice and professional dilemmas, including contexts in which social services face heightened expectations to verify eligibility, enforce compliance or fulfil reporting obligations. How do professionals cope with such demands in hindsight of their professional ethos? How do they interpret ambiguous mandates, and how do they build or rebuild trust under shifting conditions?

Speakers

- (a) *Bridging Systems: The Role of Street-Level Bureaucrats in Linking Social Assistance to the Criminal Justice System*
Martina Ambruso (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO)
- (b) *Inclusive or Punitive? Gendered Logics of Access, Support and Sanction in Swiss Social Assistance*
Lucia Lanfranconi (Berner Fachhochschule), Joanna Kvale (Berner Fachhochschule)
- (c) *Unpacking Paradoxes in Times of Crisis: How Civil Society Organizations Shape Processes of Vulnerabilization*
Rulla Sutter (Berner Fachhochschule), Andrea Friedli (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Livia Schambron (Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz), Christina Mittmasser (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO)

5. *Artistic Communities and Societies in Movement. Organization, Belonging, and Attachment*

Organisers

Olivier Moeschler (University of Lausanne), Nuné Nikoghosyan (University of Geneva) and Loïc Riom (University of Lausanne)

Abstract

This workshop contributes to the SSA 2026 Congress Communities and Societies in Movement by exploring how arts and culture organize social life and forge attachments across shifting boundaries of community and society. The sociology of arts and culture has long examined the relational forms underpinning cultural and artistic processes. Canonical works – from Norbert Elias's configurations to Pierre Bourdieu's cultural field and Howard Becker's art worlds – have analyzed production as embedded in networks and structures. Beyond creation, research on cultural consumption, subcultures, and lifestyles has highlighted how culture shapes identities, belonging, and, more broadly, "what holds us together" (Antoine Hennion). Contemporary challenges – conflict, political polarization, the digitalization of societies, change of leisure habits, decline in public funding, and environmental crises – put these understandings to the test. This workshop asks how the sociology of arts and culture can contribute conceptually and empirically to theorizing social forms at the intersection of social movements, economic processes, public policy, and technologies. How is the association between culture and democracy being questioned? What do transformations in cultural consumption, often diverging from democratic ideals, reveal about these shifts? How are artistic labor and organization reconfigured through new community logics, power, precarity, and invisibility? How do digital technologies (platforms, DAOs, generative AI) reshape attachment, organization, and belonging? Which methodological tools allow us to trace these transformations? Contributions will analyze artistic and cultural production, distribution, reception and audiences, or all of these and should be grounded in empirical enquiry to clarify the forms of sociality involved in the entanglements of arts and culture.

Speakers

- (a) *The Paradox of Archiving: Precarity, Invisibility, and Solidarity in Iran's Socially Engaged Art*
Bahman Iranpour (Zeppelin University)
- (b) *Les usages et les usagers du CENTQUATRE*
Clara Levy (Université Paris 8)
- (c) *Transfers and Reconfigurations of Centralities in Contemporary Ceramics and Contemporary Art*
Elisa Ullauri Llore (Aix Marseille Université)
- (d) *De la marge au centre : La Grande aventure du Cirque Plume*
Olivier Thévenin (Université Sorbonne-Nouvelle)

6. *Sport, Physical Activity and Health in Societies in Movement* (session 1)

Organisers

Monica Aceti (University of Strasbourg; University of Fribourg), Siegfried Nagel (University of Bern) and Markus Lamprecht (L&S; Schweizer Sportobservatorium)

Abstract

Contemporary societies are in constant motion. Social, economic, technological, and environmental transformations are reshaping how sport communities form, connect, and act—Locally and globally. How do today's globalized and digitalized forms of social life redefine what constitutes community and belonging in sport. How do sporting groups emerge, persist, or dissolve in changing societies? How do institutions, associations, and individuals respond to ecological, migratory, or sedentary challenges? Sport, wellbeing and health are increasingly intertwined. From wellness programs to the expanding health industry, physical activity is promoted as a remedy for obesity, chronic disease, cancer, and mental health issues. Yet this trend reveals deeper transformations: new markets, professions such as adapted physical activity (APA), shifting identities, and contested meanings of health and performance. Do these developments reinforce a "market of bodies", moral duties to stay healthy or foster new solidarities, creativity, and inclusion? We welcome proposals that: • Analyze emerging forms of sport communities, solidarity, and belonging; • Investigate cohesion, well-being, and conflict in changing social structures; • Examine how inclusion, access, and recognition are negotiated in sport–health fields; • Explore digitalization, social and ecological sustainability, and mobility in sport practices; • Study transformations of traditional sports systems/organisations and the rise of e-sports, techno-enhanced performances, emerging body practices or neo-patrimonial sporty trends; • Analyze professions and initiatives or forms of recognition in sport–health fields (healthy cities, active design at school, at work) Contributions addressing sport and physical activity in Switzerland or abroad are welcome.

Keywords: physical activity, sport, health, community

Speakers

- (a) *S'engager dans l'activité physique ou sportive après un cancer du sein ou de la prostate : diversité des raisons d'agir dans une perspective intersectionnelle*
Monica Aceti (Université de Strasbourg)
- (b) *Dire le corps après le cancer : activité physique et mise en récit de soi sur Instagram*
Elissa Azzi (Université de Strasbourg)
- (c) *Le sport-santé face à la maladie chronique : une promesse parmi d'autres ?*
Sylvain Ferez (Université de Lausanne), Cyriac Bouchet-Mayer (Université de Montpellier)

7. *Aborder les enjeux de santé et sécurité au travail au travers des cultures de métier* (session 1)

Organisers

Nadia Lamamra (Haute école fédérale en formation professionnelle) and Duc Barbara (Haute école fédérale en formation professionnelle)

Abstract

Travailler sur les enjeux de santé et sécurité au travail conduit à interroger les cultures de métier (Jacquot & Volery, 2019 ; Lamamra et al., 2019 ; Le Feuvre et al., 2012). Celles-ci participent, en particulier pour les apprenti-e-s, d'une socialisation au métier, à ses codes, valeurs, normes. Cette socialisation peut s'inscrire dans la continuité ou au contraire en opposition à une socialisation primaire, les normes de l'environnement de travail s'ajustant ou se mettant en tension avec les dispositions individuelles (Denave & Renard, 2019 ; Depoilly, 2020 ; Pichonnaz & Toffel, 2018). Ainsi, les cultures viriles à l'œuvre

dans certains métiers de l'automobile ou du bâtiment renforcent les ethos des jeunes populaires masculines (Denave & Renard, 2015), quand les cultures des métiers de service, adossées aux normes de féminité traditionnelle et calquées sur les ethos corporels des classes intermédiaires, prolongent et confrontent les cultures adolescentes des jeunes femmes de milieux populaires (Kergoat, 2022 ; Molinier, 2011 ; Rollin, 2024). En matière de santé au travail, les cultures de métier ont en commun de forger et de marquer les corps et de participer à des mises en danger de la santé physique ou mentale (Dejours, 2000 ; Legrand et Darbus, 2023 ; Molinier, 2000). Ce workshop vise à partager des réflexions sur la façon d'appréhender les cultures de métier. Au niveau méthodologique, les approches qualitatives, en particulier les méthodes ethnographiques, suffisent-elles à cerner ces dimensions largement symboliques ? L'entrée par les cultures de métier comme obstacles à la transmission des savoirs de sécurité et de prudence, est-elle opérante ? Faut-il l'articuler à une approche dispositionnelle pour mieux cerner la façon dont les individus adhèrent ou résistent à ces environnements et à leurs normes ? Ce workshop se veut donc à la fois un lieu de discussion et d'élaboration, et un espace de présentation de résultats empiriques issus de divers terrains.

Speakers

- (a) *Quand les cultures de métiers s'invitent dans la santé au travail des apprenti-e-s*
Nadia Lamamra (Haute école fédérale en formation professionnelle), Barbara Duc (Haute école fédérale en formation professionnelle), Mathilde Romanens (Haute école fédérale en formation professionnelle), Gilles Descloux (Haute école fédérale en formation professionnelle)
- (b) « *Cultures de métier* » ou « *dispositions professionnelles* » ? *Propositions de renversement théorique à partir du cas du travail social*
Pichonnaz David (Haute école et Ecole supérieure de Travail social)
- (c) *Entre culture professionnelle et contraintes organisationnelles : les tensions du métier de conducteur/trice de poids lourds*
Patrick Ischer (Haute école de gestion Arc, HES-SO)

8. *Citizenship, Social Work and Actions Against Non-Take-Up: Rethinking Access to Welfare* (session 1)

Organisers

Oliver Hümbelin (BFH Bern), Barbara Lucas (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO) and Jean-Michel Bonvin (University of Geneva)

Abstract

Welfare states have historically played a central role in shaping social citizenship and promoting social cohesion. By guaranteeing social rights and protecting individuals against social risks, they contribute to reducing inequalities and fostering participation in society. Yet, contemporary transformations—including austerity measures, demographic shifts, migration, administrative digitalisation, and increasing political polarisation—Challenge both the accessibility and legitimacy of welfare systems. In this context, non-Take-Up and non-access to social rights raise crucial questions about citizenship and social inclusion. Although formal entitlements exist, many individuals do not claim or access to the benefits and services for which they are eligible. This gap between rights on paper and rights in practice calls attention to the institutional, relational, but also symbolic barriers that shape access to welfare. At the same time, a growing number of initiatives seek to prevent non-Take-Up through outreach actions, mediation practices, simplification measures, digital support, and community-based interventions This workshop invites theoretical and empirical contributions examining the relationships between welfare institutions, citizenship, and actions aimed at preventing non-Take-Up. We welcome qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods approaches from sociology and related disciplines.

Speakers

- (a) *(Non) recours aux droits et aux services de l'Etat: quelle citoyenneté pour les résident.es du camping ?*
Lorenzo Navone (Hetsl), Greg Ceppi (Master HES-SO), Hélène Martin (Hetsl)
- (b) *Care, Work and Welfare: Everyday Negotiation in Families in In-Work Poverty*
Melodie Burri (BFH Bern)
- (c) *Enquête sur les dispositifs de prévention du non-recours : enjeux et défis méthodologiques*
Eric Moachon (and cie) (Hetsl)

- (d) *Numérisation des administrations et services d'intérêt général, (non-)accès aux droits et prestations sociales et travail d'intermédiation des professionnel·les du travail social*

Jean-François Bickel (Haute école travail social de Fribourg), Beatrice Vatron-Steiner (Hefr)

9. *Research(ing) Methods in Movement*

Organisers

Léonie Bisang (University of Lucerne), Rainer Diaz-Bone (University of Lucerne) and Guy Schwegler (University of Lucerne)

Abstract

Methods are regarded as a reliable foundation of the empirical social sciences. Once developed and institutionalized in research and education, they are seen as stable and as representing objective practices. Thus, research methods may appear “not to move at all.” Such lack of movement can stem from ignorance of methodological debates. For instance, despite lively discussions around significance testing, few changes in research practice have followed. Other movements may prove superficial. Surveys, the dominant technique for producing data for such tests, face declining response rates, with no sustainable solution in sight. Meanwhile, the turn toward computational social science has contributed little to core sociological questions such as inequality—And where it has, survey data still plays a central role. Methods may also move in the wrong direction. The “crisis of representation,” for example, has not resolved the debate over positivist quality criteria in interpretative research. Instead, renewed emphasis on descriptive methods, disputes over case numbers, and considerations of efficiency through artificial intelligence have reemerged. At the same time, when interpretative research is criticized from nomological perspectives, century-old arguments about logics of validity resurface. Finally, there are substantial movements in methods. One example is the emergence of new forms of experience in social research, such as autoethnography, games, or performative social research. Another one would be the impact of social movements on epistemological scientific values, like the request to integrate citizens participation into scientific practices. The workshop intends to sketch, understand, and explain methodological issues and debates through their social relations and their embeddedness in scientific communities and societies in movement.

Speakers

- (a) *“Choice” as a Situational Process. Analyzing Register Transitions with a Game-Based Design*
Léonie Bisang (University of Lucerne)
- (b) *Embedding Participatory Experimental Research in the Contemporary Movement of Methods*
Lorena Molnar (University of Fribourg), Yuji Zocatelli Hashimoto (University of Fribourg)
- (c) *Paradigmatic Reaction or Epistemological Drift? AI Interventions in Survey Research*
Sandra Jaworeck (University of Bamberg), Maud Reveilhac (LUT University), Guy Schwegler (University of Lucerne)

Workshop session II

Time: Wednesday, 2 September 2026 15:30 - 17:00

Venue: UNIFR, Campus Pérolles, Boulevard de Pérolles 90

10. *Institutional Inclusion and Exclusion of Immigrants and Their Descendants in Times of Polarizing Societies*

Organisers

Milena Chimienti (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO) and Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel)

Abstract

The papers in this workshop focus on institutional aspects of the inclusion and exclusion of minorized groups in times of increasing political polarization and global uncertainty. The contributions explore the changing role of institutions and their interaction with communities and societies in the context of international migration, including minorized and racialized descendants of immigrants. With this, the workshop captures structural aspects of inequalities, but also innovative means by which inequalities and polarization are countered by institutional actors, working towards a more inclusive society. The papers will provide insights into changing institutional forms of exclusion or solidarity, as well as their role in creating new types of stratification and inclusion. Working language of the workshop is English.

Speakers

- (a) *Institutional Ethnography: Differences in the Implementation of the Swiss Integration Agenda in the French-Speaking Cantons*
Zelal Karatas (University of Geneva)
- (b) *Sorting Solidarity: Comparing Institutional Logics of Inclusion in Housing and Healthcare in Switzerland*
Manon Chollet (University of Lausanne)
- (c) *Linguistic Marginalization and Ethnic Boundary (Un-)Making among Minority-Origin Migrants: A Mixed-Method Analysis*
Irem Karacay (University of Mannheim)
- (d) *Education as a Site of Racialisation: Migrant Descendants and Their Experiences in Switzerland*
Dilyara Müller-Suleymanova (Zurich University of Applied Sciences), Andrés Gomensoro (University of Geneva), Valérie Baggi (University of Geneva), Milena Chimienti (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO)

11. *COVID-19 and Its Long-Term Impact on Communities, Societies and Social Policy: A Critical Perspective* (session 2)

Organisers

Emilie Rosenstein (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Oliver Hümbelin (Bern University of Applied Sciences) and Matthias Drilling (Zurich University of Applied Sciences ZHAW)

Speakers

- (a) *Youth Mental Health Policy During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons Learnt from the Swiss Multi-Level Governance*
Teuta Mehmeti (University of Neuchâtel), Núria Sánchez-Mira (University of Neuchâtel)
- (b) *Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Maternity Healthcare Providers: A Qualitative Systematic Review*
Raphaël Hammer (Haute École de Santé - Vaud, HES-SO), Alessia Abderhalden (Haute École de Santé - Vaud, HES-SO), Claire de Labrusse (Haute École de Santé - Vaud, HES-SO), Anouck Pfund (Haute École de Santé - Vaud, HES-SO), Harriet Thorn (Independent midwife)
- (c) *Digital Tools as Lifelines? Navigating Long Covid Between Systemic Gaps and Everyday Constraints*
Chantal Britt (Berner Fachhochschule — Gesundheit), Karin van Holten (Berner Fachhochschule — Gesundheit), Maya Zumstein-Shaha (Berner Fachhochschule — Gesundheit), Tanja Siegenthaler (Berner Fachhochschule — Gesundheit), Mirjam Körner (Berner Fachhochschule — Gesundheit)
- (d) *Renegotiating Inequalities in Swiss Family Justice : Institutional Change and Continuity After COVID-19*

Marina Sucari (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Gaëlle Aeby (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Sabrina Roduit (University of Geneva)

12. *Collective Improvisation: Performing and Analysing Dance as a Social and Inclusive Practice* (session 1)

Organisers

Alain Bovet (HES-SO HEG Arc), Sara Keel (University of Zurich), Jakub Mlynar (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO) and Marc Relieu (Télécom Paris)

Abstract

Collective improvisation happens when people address indeterminacy in collaboration, in other words when people work out how to deal with what is undetermined in interaction with others. These others can provide help, support and opportunities, or, on the contrary, make things harder. Supportive or detrimental, the inclusion of others constitutes a decisive component in the process of working out how to proceed without exactly knowing how in advance. This workshop will address how we carry out a course of action while confronted with indeterminacy, and what we make of others in improvisation. As a tutorial exercise for an exploration of this fundamental sociological theme, we propose an innovative procedure focused on the performance and analysis of improvised dance. The workshop will take place in two distinct sessions on two different days of the conference. The first session will be devoted to a collective performance of improvised dance by the workshop participants, led by Brigitte Meuwly, an experienced dancer and founder of the DA MOTUS! Company. The performance will be improvised in that some of its components will be deliberately not determined in advance in order to enable unexpected things to happen. The performance will be videorecorded by the workshop organizers to enable later collaborative analysis. The second session will take the form of a data session where, according to the research tradition of embodied conversation analysis, workshop participants, organizers and the experienced dancer engage in a collective analysis of selected short video sequences of the performance. Led by the workshop organizers, the collective analysis will be focused on the theme of improvising through inclusive collaboration and is expected to invite reflections on dance as a social practice. Workshop participants commit to participate in the collective process of performance and analysis.

Speakers

- (a) *Collective Improvisation: Performing Dance as a Social and Inclusive Practice I*
Simon Henein (EPFL), Simona Ferrar (EPFL), Fabienne Malbois (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Loanne Janin (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Tanja Ulrich (EPFL), Angeliki Balantani (-)
- (b) *Collective Improvisation: Performing Dance as a Social and Inclusive Practice II*
Philippe Sormani (Zurich University of Arts), Clemens Eisenmann (University of Konstanz), Alain Bovet (HES-SO HEG Arc), Sara Keel (University of Zurich)
- (c) *Collective Improvisation: Performing Dance as a Social and Inclusive Practice III*
Jakub Mlynar (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Marc Relieu (Télécom Paris)

13. *Inclusive or Punitive? Competing Logics in Contemporary Social Policy* (session 2)

Organisers

Yann Bochsler (Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz)

Speakers

- (a) *Protection Through Coercion? Negotiating Vulnerability and Case Constitution in Swiss Adult Protection*
Martina Koch (Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz), Philomina Bloch-Chakkalakal (Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz), Fabienne Rotzetter (Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz)
- (b) *Balancing Inclusion and Control: Housing Support for Older Tenants Experiencing Accumulation and Self-Neglect*
Pauline Mesnard (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Audrey Rosset (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Valérie Hugentobler (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO)
- (c) *Vers un régime de responsabilisation des mineurs placés en foyer de protection de l'enfance ?*
Oscar Waltz (Université de Genève)

14. *Artistic Communities and Societies in Movement. Organization, Belonging, and Attachment* (session 2)

Organisers

Olivier Moeschler (University of Lausanne), Nuné Nikoghosyan (University of Geneva) and Loïc Riom (University of Lausanne)

Speakers

- (a) *Cultural Filter Bubbles? The Effect of Personalized Recommendations on Cultural Diversity and in Equalities on a Music Streaming Platform*
Samuel Coavoux (ENSAE)
- (b) *Teaching Classical Guitar Online: Exploring Three Styles of Music Entrepreneurship on Digital Platforms*
Philippe Gonzalez (University of Lausanne), Marc Perrenoud (University of Lausanne), Loïc Riom (University of Lausanne)
- (c) *Paradox of Visibility: An Ethnographic Study of Invisible Labor at French Film Festivals*
Jérémy Vachet (Audencia)
- (d) *Collectivity as Infrastructure: A Fieldstudy of Cultural Scenes in Tunis and Cairo*
Bahman Iranpour (Zeppelin University), Julian Kraemer (Zeppelin University), Lilli Kim Schreiber (Zeppelin University)

15. *Sport, Physical Activity and Health in Societies in Movement* (session 2)

Organisers

Monica Aceti (University of Strasbourg; University of Fribourg), Siegfried Nagel (University of Bern) and Markus Lamprecht (L&S; Schweizer Sportobservatorium)

Speakers

- (a) *Dynamiques d'évolutions et d'ajustements des applications d'activités physiques et sportives à visée sanitaire*
Julien Pierre (Université de Strasbourg), Lilian Pichot (Université de Strasbourg), Sandrine Knobé (Université de Strasbourg)
- (b) *Exploring Individual and Structural Factors Predicting Member Commitment in Wheelchair Sport Groups*
Christoffe Klenk (University of Bern), Florence Epiney (University of Bern), Siegfried Nagel (University of Bern)
- (c) *Le sport-handicap à l'épreuve des politiques inclusives*
Justine Scheidegger (Université de lausanne), Laurent Paccaud (Université de Lausanne)

16. *Aborder les enjeux de santé et sécurité au travail au travers des cultures de métier* (session 2)

Organisers

Nadia Lamamra (Haute école fédérale en formation professionnelle) and Duc Barbara (Haute école fédérale en formation professionnelle)

Speakers

- (a) *Des informaticiens-nes en proie aux cultures de métier*
Eléonore Robinson (Université de Namur), Amélie Pierre (Université de Namur)
- (b) *Les cultures de métier et la santé au travail en contexte d'économie informelle*
Saadeddine Igamane (Université Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah), Sanae Saadani (Institut National de l'Action Sociale), Mohamed Echtioui (Université Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah)
- (c) *La santé au travail dans le secteur professionnel des musiques actuelles*
Marc Perrenoud (Université de Lausanne)

17. *Citizenship, Social Work and Actions Against Non-Take-Up: Rethinking Access to Welfare* (session 2)

Organisers

Oliver Hümbelin (BFH Bern), Barbara Lucas (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO) and Jean-Michel Bonvin (University of Geneva)

Speakers

- (a) *(Non-)inclusion to Welfare? A Gender Perspective On access, Support and Treatment Within Social Assistance in Federal Switzerland*
Lucia Lanfranconi (and al) (BFH)
- (b) *Non-Take-Up of Disability Insurance Benefits by Families of Children with Chronic Illnesses or Disabilities*
Yaelle Koller (UZH)
- (c) *Subjektives Erleben und Bewältigen von Altersarmut bei Nichtbezug von Ergänzungsleistungen in der Schweiz: Eine qualitative Studie*
Gisela Meier (ZHAW)
- (d) *Accéder aux droits dans un système fragmenté : usages et limites d'un dispositif généraliste*
Nathalie Blanchet (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO), Barbara Lucas (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO)

Workshop session III

Time: Thursday, 3 September 2026 13:30 - 15:00

Venue: HETS, Campus Mozaïc, Route des Arsenaux 16a

18. *Circulating between Languages. The Role of Language Intermediaries in the Contacts between Migrant Persons and National Institutions*

Organisers

Maxime Maréchal (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) and Naoual Mahroug (Université Le Havre Normandie)

Abstract

Far from being a mere technical issue, translation and interpreting practices are as daily as central in the interactions between immigrants and the receiving country institutions. Recently, sociological research has become more aware of the importance of language intermediaries in different settings (camps, associations, administrations, courts). Still, their multiple trajectories and forms of involvement must be further analysed as a lens on relations of power and resistance between foreigners and the state.

In line with the general theme of the congress, we wish to explore the movements and circulations of languages and their intermediaries within migration and asylum institutions. The workshop aims to discuss their role and to elaborate common ground for language-oriented sociological research on migration. It also aims to foster reflexive interrogations on the implications on the use of language(s) on the researcher's position in the field.

We are therefore particularly (but not exclusively) interested in two main directions. Communications may, on the one hand, apprehend the role of different intermediaries, in particular professional as well as informal interpreters. For example, social workers and security agents, who often have migration background, can intervene to translate without a formal mandate or training to do so. By analysing their social position and their participation to the encounters between migrant persons and institutional representatives, participants could document the multiplicity of translating intermediaries and their interactional influence. On the other hand, papers may provide methodological reflections on the linguistic implications of conducting research in migration settings. Authors are thus invited to address issues such as the relevant methodology to deal with linguistically diverse practices during fieldwork, or the ways to analyse them in a sociological perspective.

Speakers

- (a) *De l'expérience vécue à la pratique professionnelle : former des médiateurs-interprètes dans le champ du soin*
Ada-Luz Duque (Orspere-Samdarra)
- (b) *Societal Participation Between a Multilingual Reality, Monolingual Structures, and Inclusiveness. Comparing Language Regimes in Not-For-Profit Organisations*
Clara Holzinger (Vienna University of Economics and Business)
- (c) *Language Mediation in the Contact Between Refugees and Receiving Country Institutions. the Example of German Job Centres*
Franziska Schreyer (Institute for Employment Research)

19. *Societies and Communities in Climate Change: Between Cohesion and Fragmentation* (session 1)

Organisers

Andrea Glauser (University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna), Chantal Magnin (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences) and Dominic Zimmermann (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts)

Abstract

In light of the climate crisis, communities and societies are 'in motion'. Local communities, whether urban or rural, are confronted with environmental changes and risks that challenge their social structures. Research on natural disasters and climate risks shows that crises have the potential to strengthen solidarity, but also to deepen existing lines of conflict and fuel social fragmentation. Questions of environmental justice are central to this: how are burdens and risks, as well as access to resources, negotiated? Adjustment processes that are perceived as unfair undermine trust and thus the basis of 'community formation'. This touches on fundamental questions of classical sociology: Coping with climate risks requires both a rational balancing of interests (in the sense of Tönnies' 'Kürwille' or Weber's 'society formation' (Vergesellschaftung) – for example, in the distribution of costs for

protective structures) and a subjective sense of belonging (Tönnies' 'Wesenwille' or Weber's 'community formation' (Vergemeinschaftung). This workshop therefore asks to what extent such classical distinctions still constitute helpful analytical tools for analysing current processes of understanding, interpretation and learning in social relations and structures. The workshop presents contributions that examine negotiation processes in dealing with the climate crisis in relation to questions of social belonging and inequalities: • Analyses of the (re)formation of community, belonging, social inequality and socio-spatial boundaries in the face of ecological risks. • Perspectives from the sociology of space that shed light on the interplay between social structures, changing physical environmental factors and their social evaluation, for example with regard to land use conflicts and the social production of (un)safe

Speakers

- (a) *Faire voisinage autour d'un problème commun : inondations et écoulements d'eau dans un quartier informel de Bujumbura*
Emmanuelle Lenel (Université catholique de Louvain), Abel Nshimirimana (Université catholique de Louvain)
- (b) *Social Cohesion in the French Low-Tech Movement: Tensions Between Community and Autarky*
Simon Vuille (University of Neuchâtel), Philip Balsiger (University of Neuchâtel)

20. *(Non-)Access to Welfare and the Shifting Boundaries of Inclusion* (session 1)

Organisers

Oliver Hümbelin (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Barbara Lucas (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO) and Jean-Michel Bonvin (Université de Genève)

Abstract

Since their establishment, welfare states in Western societies have been key institutions of social cohesion. By protecting individuals from adverse life events and modern social risks, they reduce inequalities and foster inclusive societies. Yet, the fundamental question of who gets what, and why remains as pressing as ever. Today, global trends such as budget constraints, demographic change, migration, welfarechauvinist movements, political polarisation, and growing mistrust of democratic institutions pose major challenges to welfare systems and question their role in social cohesion. These developments not only undermine confidence in their capacity to promote cohesion but also raise concerns about the accessibility and legitimacy of social rights. While legal entitlements exist on paper, access is often constrained in practice. Furthermore, integration policies may erode the foundations of universal, enforceable rights by introducing conditionality and selectivity. Against this background, (non-)access and non-Take-Up of social benefits provide a rich entry point to study the relationship between individuals, communities, and societies (Lucas, Bonvin, Hümbelin, 2021). At the macro level, welfare institutions can be seen as manifestations of socially negotiated agreements regarding deservingness and inclusion. At the meso level, public or private street-level organisations mediate between social norms, individual rights, and community belonging. At the micro level, patterns of non-Take-Up and non-access reflect how individuals navigate, internalise, or resist both societal and communitarian expectations. Exploring these dynamics around (non-)access and non-Take-Up offers crucial insights into how welfare states are transforming—And how they continue, or fail, to shape inclusive communities and societies. We welcome theoretical and empirical contributions from sociology and related disciplines, employing qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-methods approaches.

Speakers

- (a) *Rendering Vulnerabilities Invisible: Institutional Gatekeeping and the Margins of Deservingness in the Swiss Disability Insurance*
Elisa Begnis (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO)
- (b) *La spatialité du « non-recours » : motilité et territorialités dans l'accès aux droits sociaux*
Julien Debonneville (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO)
- (c) *Access to Healthcare in a Swiss Borderland: The Paradoxical Role of Health Professionals in Cross-Border Mobility*
Sabrina Roduit (University of Fribourg), Nicolas Charpentier (University of Geneva)
- (d) *Grand-âge et (non)-recours : un rapport pluriel et critique aux droits et services de soutien à l'autonomie*
Hélène Revil (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO)

21. *Research on Social Inequalities Using Administrative Data in Switzerland*

Organisers

Richard Nennstiel (University of Lausanne), Michael Grätz (University of Lausanne), Annatina Aerne (University of Lausanne) and David Glauser (Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz)

Abstract

The aim of our workshop is to bring together researchers using Swiss administrative data to study social inequalities. In contemporary sociological research, administrative datasets allow mapping disparities with respect to socio-economic situations, migration background, and gender. By leveraging large-scale, population-level data, researchers can generate more precise estimates and insights into marginalized groups often difficult to capture through survey methods. The workshop is open regarding the specific dimension of inequality analyzed. The focus is on showing the potential of administrative data for empirical research by covering a large variety of different topics.

Themes and Data Sources

We welcome empirical papers addressing various forms of social inequality using, but not limited to, a wide range of administrative data sources and methodological approaches. We welcome research using datasets such as the Swiss National Cohort, the LABB (Longitudinal Analyses in the Field of Education), Checks Data, Swiss Structural Surveys, Social Security Earnings Records, or tax data. We also highly encourage contributions that explore methodological innovations through data linkages, such as connecting administrative registers to cross-sectional and panel studies, or integrating them with large-scale assessments like PISA.

Arenas in which inequalities manifest include but are not limited to education, health and the labor market. In the educational domain, gender, socio-economic origin, and migration background shape both educational aspirations and academic achievement structuring individuals' educational trajectories. The importance of equitable access to health care has become particularly evident in light of the recent pandemic and the ongoing mental health crisis. In the labour market, socio-economic and migrant background influence individuals' employment opportunities. Despite substantial increases in women's labour force participation, labour market outcomes remain strongly gendered: women and men are concentrated in different occupations and sectors. These patterns contribute to persistent gender and social inequalities in employment and earnings over the life course. Contributions on all other domains are equally welcome.

Speakers

- (a) *LABB as a Backbone for Analyses of Social Inequalities Related to Education*
Jacques Babel (Federal Statistical Office FSO)
- (b) *Socioeconomic Gaps in the Allocation of Curriculum Modifications in Inclusive Mainstream Classrooms: Evidence from Linked Administrative Data*
Robin Benz (Pädagogische Hochschule Bern)
- (c) *Higher Education, Social Origin, Gender, and Social Inequality—changing Prospects in Switzerland*
Rolf Becker (University of Bern)
- (d) *Trends in the Role of the Partner's Income on Work Hours in Switzerland*
Leen Vandecasteele (University of Lausanne)
- (e) *Labor Earnings of Native and Foreign Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Switzerland.*
Maurizio Strazzeri (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Oliver Hümbelin (Bern University of Applied Sciences)

22. *Spaces and Scales in Elite Studies: Rethinking the Territorialities of Power* (session 1)

Organisers

Anne-Sophie Delval (Université de Lausanne) and André Mach (Université de Lausanne)

Abstract

Elite studies have long operated under the implicit assumption that the nation-state constitutes the natural container of elite power. Yet this methodological nationalism obscures the multiple territorialities through which elites are formed, reproduced, and exercise influence — from local institutional embeddedness to transnational circulations. This workshop proposes a systematic and reflexive engagement with the spatial and scalar dimensions of elite research, treating territory not merely as a backdrop but as an analytical object in its own right.

Organized in two sessions, it brings together empirical and theoretical contributions examining how elites are anchored in place, how they circulate across scales, and where their influence is effectively exercised. The first session focuses on transnational mobilities and the geographies of capital, with papers tracing the spatial organization of financial elites across European countries, analyzing the role of state capitalism in elite internationalization, and mapping the globalized spaces of golden passport buyers. The second session turns to local roots and institutional anchorings in historical and regional perspective, examining how chambers of commerce, football clubs, opposition networks, and regional political fields serve as crucibles for national elite formation — from Switzerland to Morocco and Brazil.

Contributions mobilize diverse methodological approaches - prosopography, network analysis, quantitative and qualitative methods — across cases from Europe, Latin America and Africa. Together, they address core questions: How do elites circulate across scales through careers and organizational memberships? How do institutions anchor power locally while projecting it nationally? How does spatial position relate to social position in elite reproduction? By bringing these perspectives into dialogue, the workshop aims to advance a multi-scalar and reflexive sociology of elites.

Speakers

- (a) *The Geography of Financial Elites in Three Countries*
Christian Schneickert (University of Heidelberg)
- (b) *Elite Internationalization and State Capitalism*
Felix Bühlmann (University of Lausanne)
- (c) *Golden Passports Buyers or the Alter-Globalization of Transnational Elites: Evidence from the Maltese Leaks*
Lucas Puygrenier (Université libre de Bruxelles), Théotime Chabre (Mesopolhis, AMU CNRS)

23. *Méthodes participatives et visuelles dans les enquêtes sur les masculinités contemporaines / Participatory and Visual Methods in Research on Contemporary Masculinities*

Organisers

Michela Villani (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO) and Cristina Oddone (University of Lyon)

Abstract

Cet atelier propose d'interroger les masculinités contemporaines à partir de méthodologies participatives, visuelles et sensorielles en sciences sociales. Dans le prolongement des études critiques sur les masculinités, il s'agit d'explorer la manière dont les normes de genre, les rapports de pouvoir et les expériences masculines se construisent, se négocient et se transforment dans différents contextes sociaux. En prenant distance avec les approches essentialistes, les recherches sur les masculinités ont montré la pluralité des expériences masculines ainsi que leur articulation avec d'autres rapports sociaux tels que la classe, la race, l'âge, la migration ou l'orientation sexuelle.

L'atelier met l'accent sur l'usage de dispositifs méthodologiques permettant de saisir les dimensions incarnées, affectives et souvent peu verbalisées des expériences masculines. Une attention particulière sera portée aux approches relevant de la sociologie visuelle, de l'ethnographie sensorielle, de la vidéo participative, de la photo-élicitation ou encore des ateliers créatifs. Ces méthodes permettent d'explorer les pratiques, représentations et imaginaires masculins en contournant partiellement les limites des dispositifs d'enquête exclusivement discursifs.

Les contributions pourront notamment porter sur les représentations visuelles des masculinités, les processus d'appartenance et d'exclusion, les espaces fermés ou traversés par des mobilités, les discours contemporains autour du masculin, ainsi que les pratiques éducatives, artistiques ou professionnelles visant la transformation des normes de genre. Une importance particulière sera accordée aux recherches articulant production collective de matériaux, réflexivité située et formes plurielles de restitution des savoirs. En favorisant des démarches collaboratives et interdisciplinaires, cet atelier entend ouvrir un espace de discussion sur le potentiel heuristique, analytique et politique des méthodes participatives et visuelle

Speakers

- (a) *Saisir les masculinités par l'image : apports du film sociologique à l'analyse de collectifs d'hommes se revendiquant proféministes*
Emilie Fernandez Montoya (LISST-Cers Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès)

- (b) *Une enquête documentaire sur les travailleurs de la logistique fluviale, une ethnographie filmée et embarquée des masculinités au travail*
Manon Marguerit (laboratoire AME-SPLOTT et LMT, Université Gustave Eiffel)
- (c) *Des hommes qui se donnent à voir. Vers une ethnographie visuelle des pratiques de mises en scènes érotique de soi*
Morgane Tocco (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, CERLIS)
- (d) *Inscribing Masculinity: Tattoos and Gender Norms in the Post-Yugoslav Space*
Nermina Trbonja (Researcher, Masculinities, Militarisation & Radicalism), Jeanne Frank (photographer freelancer)

24. *Working Spaces, Living Spaces: Remote Work, Environment, and Emerging Inequalities* (session 1)

Organisers

Sofia Gonzalez Jimenez (EPFL), Nicola Cianferoni (SECO; University of Geneva) and Mattia Vachiano (University of Geneva)

Abstract

As part of a socio-economic landscape undergoing transformation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, teleworking is profoundly influencing one of the most significant reorganizations of the world of work in recent history. Practiced since the 1990s, it remained a discreet phenomenon for decades until 2020, when it was adopted out of necessity allowing businesses to sustain operations during lockdown and social distancing measures. Today, this mode of work has persisted, bringing both opportunities and contradictions. On one hand, remote work offers flexibility and autonomy, liberating workers from rigid schedules and long commutes. On the other hand, it raises questions about employee's relationship to their workplace fabric, leading to feelings of isolation and disconnection. In this workshop, we propose to reflect collectively on how remote work reshapes the relationships between work, place, and society. We invite contributions that address this question from various disciplinary and methodological perspectives, exploring how remote work affects the quality of social relations, well-being, and the negotiation of roles and boundaries within organizations and households. We also welcome papers examining mobility and commuting dynamics, or the evolving connections between private, professional, and institutional spaces. Bringing together diverse empirical and conceptual approaches, the workshop aims to advance our understanding of how remote work is transforming the organization of social and spatial life in contemporary societies. Ultimately, we invite contributions that explore whether new forms of social relations are emerging in response to the evolving boundaries shaped by the digitalization of labor and the transformations induced by teleworking. Key words: Remote Work, Wellbeing, Work-Life Balance

Speakers

- (a) *The Dedicated Room: Telework and the Reinforcement of Inequalities*
Nicola Cianferoni (SECO; University of Geneva)
- (b) *When the Work Environment Doesn't Fit: Daily Misfit Experiences in Relation to Work and Personal Life*
Anne Kelenter (UNINE)
- (c) *"Work from Home and Work-life Conflicts in Switzerland: How Reasons for Working at Home Matter"*
Susanne Edler (Université de Fribourg), Florence Lebert (Swiss Foundation for Research in Social Sciences FORS), Ivo Staub (Université de Fribourg)

25. *Classification, Boundary Work and the Making of Inequalities in Healthcare* (session 1)

Organisers

Michael Gemperle (Zurich University of Applied Sciences), Gianni d'Amato (University of Neuchâtel) and Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel)

Abstract

In the context of economic instability, austerity politics and increasingly mobile, reconfigured communities, healthcare has become a key arena in which the boundaries of belonging and access to society's resources are contested (cf. Bloemraad et al. 2019; Cassidy et al. 2018). Research on health inequalities often focuses on formal criteria, such as insurance or residency status, or broader social determinants that significantly impact medical service access (e.g., Marmot et al. 2014). However, less attention has been paid to the work of classification through which professionals and organisations

determine who is a legitimate patient or client, what constitutes treatable suffering, and when care is considered appropriate, necessary or "deserved" (cf. Fassin 2008; Mol 2008). This workshop examines classification and boundary work within healthcare provision (Bourdieu 2015; Lamont & Molnar 2002) and seeks to contribute to emerging research on the making of inequalities in healthcare (e.g., Baute & Bellani 2025; Foster et al. 2023). It focuses on how classifications are enacted at institutional and professional practice levels, the social conditions that favor them, how they express struggles over resources and legitimacy, and how they sustain, intensify or reduce social inequalities in health (e.g., Belorgey 2021). Healthcare is approached as an arena in which broader social relations and group dynamics become visible, for example in trajectories of care and forms of belonging and exclusion.

Speakers

- (a) *From Institutional Complexity to Health Inequalities: The Impact of Swiss Disability Insurance on Quality of Life*
Alia Charif (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO)
- (b) *Classification administrative et hiérarchies thérapeutiques : la testostérone comme révélateur des inégalités d'accès aux soins en France*
Matthieu Piau (University of Geneva; EHESS)
- (c) *What Is a Legitimate Abortion ? A Qualitative Study of the Swiss Case*
Marlyse Debergh (University of Fribourg)
- (d) *From Social Difference to Clinical Distinction: Classificatory Practices in Swiss Maternity Care*
Michael Gemperle (Zurich University of Applied Sciences), Irina Radu (Zurich University of Applied Sciences), Alessandra Polidori (University of Neuchâtel), Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel), Gianni D'Amato (University of Neuchâtel), Lisa Stalder (University of Neuchâtel)

26. *Health, Medicine, and Social Belonging: Communities and Societies in Transformation*

Organisers

Stephane Cullati (University of Fribourg) and Raphaël Hammer (Haute École de Santé - Vaud)

Abstract

This workshop invites contributions that explore the dynamic intersections between health and medicine, and the evolving structures of communities and societies. In line with the SSA 2026 theme "Communities and Societies in Movement", we aim to examine how health-related practices, institutions, and discourses both reflect and shape social transformations, solidarities, and exclusions.

Health and medicine are deeply embedded in social relations. They influence and are influenced by how individuals and groups form attachments, build their sense of belonging and social identity, and navigate social and cultural boundaries, and the institutions in their country. They also influence and are influenced by the working conditions and occupational psycho-social exposures. From the rise of patient communities, bio-citizenship and digital health networks to the restructuring of healthcare systems and professional roles, the sociology of health and medicine offers rich insights into how societies and communities are reconfigured.

We welcome theoretical, empirical, and methodological contributions that address topics such as (but are not limited to):

- Health inequalities and social cohesion
- Community-based health initiatives and interventions
- Migration and displacement
- Access to care and healthcare services
- Digital health and virtual communities
- Mental health and social fragmentation
- Public health responses to crises and their impact on social trust
- Interprofessional dynamics and evolving roles in healthcare
- Health movements and ideologies

Contributions in French and German are possible, but English is encouraged.

Speakers

- (a) *Young Men and Women Personal Networks and Loneliness Feeling: Which Gender Differences in the Mediating Role of Stress ?*
Myriam Girardin (Swiss Centre of Expertise in Life Course Research)
- (b) *Negotiating Food, Risk, and Bodily Norms: A Qualitative Typology of Dietary Anxiety During Pregnancy*
Raphaël Hammer (Haute École de Santé - Vaud)
- (c) *Mental Health, Primary Care, and Community Ecosystems: Insights from the PRIME Project*
Sara Vallerani (University of Geneva)
- (d) *Cancer Screening and Migration: A Systemic Analysis of Access Inequalities*
Stéphane Cullati (University of Fribourg)

Workshop session IV

Time: Thursday, 3 September 2026 15:15 - 16:45

Venue: HETS, Campus Mozaïc, Route des Arsenaux 16a

27. *Societies and Communities in Climate Change: Between Cohesion and Fragmentation* (session 2)

Organisers

Andrea Glauser (University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna), Chantal Magnin (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences) and Dominic Zimmermann (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts)

Speakers

- (a) *Sustainable Mobility: Positionings of Apprentices Spatial Planning Draftspersons and Automotive Mechanics*
Kerstin Duemmler (Swiss federal university of vocational education and training SFUVET), Agathe Delanoë (Swiss federal university of vocational education and training SFUVET), Lona Widmer (Swiss federal university of vocational education and training SFUVET)
- (b) *Climate Change as Environmental Dispossession. an Ethnography of Drought*
Juliette Piketty-Moine (INRAE; ENS)

28. *(Non-)Access to Welfare and the Shifting Boundaries of Inclusion* (session 2)

Organisers

Oliver Hümbelin (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Barbara Lucas (Haute école de travail social Genève, HES-SO) and Jean-Michel Bonvin (Université de Genève)

Speakers

- (a) *Conceptualizing the Role of Language in Access to Social Benefits*
Philipp Scherer (Department of Political Science, University of Zurich), Rainer Gabriel (ZHAW Soziale Arbeit)
- (b) *Old Age Poverty in Switzerland: Experiences of Take-Up or Non-Take-Up of Social Benefits*
Mélody Pralong (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Marion Repetti (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Rachel Wagner (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO)
- (c) *Legal Norms and the Non-Take-Up of Social Assistance: Validating Objective Factors Through Qualitative Inquiry*
Melanie Studer (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts), Pascal Coullery (BFH), Dominik Grob (BFH), Jan Gerber (BFH)
- (d) *How Civil Society Organisations Mediate Social Rights After Welfare Chauvinist Reforms: A Swiss Case Study*
Rulla Sutter (Bern University of Applied Sciences)

29. *Spaces and Scales in Elite Studies: Rethinking the Territorialities of Power* (session 2)

Organisers

Anne-Sophie Delval (Université de Lausanne) and André Mach (Université de Lausanne)

Speakers

- (a) *From Locally Rooted "Philanthropists" to More Distant Business-Oriented Presidents: The Changing Sociological Background of the Presidents of the Major Swiss Football Clubs (1980–2020)*
Gianluca Sorrentino (University of Lausanne)
- (b) *Chambers of Commerce and the Local Anchoring of the Swiss National Corporate Network, 1890–2020*
Jonas Plüss (University of Zürich), Matthieu Leimgruber (University of Zürich)
- (c) *From Dissidence to Mediation: Intermediary Elites and the Reconfiguration of Power in Morocco (1990–2022)*
Hajar Raissouni (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)
- (d) *From Regional Roots to National Power: Territorial Anchoring, Mobility, and Scales of Action of Economic Elites in Brazil*
Ana Paula Hey (University of São Paulo), Karina Gomes de Assis (Federal University of São Carlos), Elaine da Silveira Leite (Federal University of Pelotas)

30. *Queering Migration: Belonging Beyond Borders*

Organisers

Morgane Jomini (Université de Fribourg), Laura Mellini (Université de Fribourg) and Marie Sigrist (Université de Fribourg)

Abstract

As part of the 2026 Swiss Sociological Association Congress, this workshop aims to explore the complex and multifaceted experiences of belonging among queer individuals with migration backgrounds. Positioned at the intersection of multiple minoritized identities, these individuals often experience discrimination based on gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, religion, and/or culture. They face various challenges in creating a sense of belonging, as their social positions often limit their access, whether symbolic or physical, to certain social spaces, such as LGBTIQ+, ethnic/racialized or religious communities, as well as digital, and transnational networks.

How does socialization, whether in the country of origin or in the receiving country, shape experiences of belonging at different stages of life? How do migratory regimes and imposed categorizations influence identification and belonging? How does marginalization position individuals in critical social situations? How are identifications shaped by this marginalized position at the intersection of power relations structured by race, gender, sexuality, and class? What strategies and resources are mobilized in processes of recognition, reparation, or resilience?

Through dialogue and critical reflection, this workshop seeks to unpack how institutions, cultural narratives, and personal experiences shape an individual/collective's sense of belonging, marginalization, and identification within diverse social and national contexts.

We welcome contributions that engage with these questions through qualitative and quantitative research, particularly those adopting innovative approaches and reflexive epistemologies.

Speakers

- (a) *Community Engagement and Integration of Queer Migrants in Sweden*
Kirill Polkov (Södertörn university, SE)
- (b) *Ageing Queer Mobilities: Participatory Filmmaking, Migration, and Lgbtq+ Lives in the UK and Italy*
Calogero Giametta (University of Leicester, UK)
- (c) *Dire ou refuser le queer dans une situation de mobilité : langage, race et colonialité*
Hazem Chikhaoui (Université de Lausanne, CH)
- (d) *Discriminations dans les espaces habités en Suisse : le cas des personnes LGBTIQ+ issues de la migration*
Marie Sigrist (Université de Fribourg, CH), Sab Masson (Université de Fribourg, CH)

31. *Des images qui font "nous". Sur les usages de la photographie en institutions*

Organisers

Benjamin Tremblay (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO) and Alexandre Lambelet (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO)

Abstract

Si la sociologie visuelle a depuis longtemps montré la fécondité du recours aux images dans l'enquête scientifique, plus rares sont les travaux qui se penchent sur les usages « ordinaires » que peuvent en faire des institutions, organisations ou collectifs. Pourtant dans bien des contextes, les pratiques photographiques sont omniprésentes sans donner lieu à une thématization spécifique ni relever d'une méthodologie formalisée. Elles se déploient dans le quotidien de la vie institutionnelle, saisissant des moments jugés remarquables, heureux ou emblématiques. Elles viennent plus particulièrement fixer des instants vécus en « nous » alors même que ce « nous » n'a rien d'évident en ce qu'il suppose un travail d'accordage complexe, par exemple dans des institutions aux prises avec des publics vulnérables.

Ce workshop vise à explorer ces usages endogènes des photographies en institutions en interrogeant leurs conséquences pratiques, morales, éthiques, politiques, mais aussi sociogénétiques. En quoi les moments qu'elles captent sont-ils jugés remarquables ? Quels types d'activités collectives contribuent-elles à composer et à rendre visibles ? Que disent-elles, en creux, des formes de vie à l'œuvre dans l'institution ? Comment s'articulent-elles à d'autres pratiques locales ? Plutôt que de réduire la photographie à un simple reflet du réel, ou, à l'inverse, à une « représentation » sans commune mesure avec lui, il s'agira de l'appréhender comme un élément constitutif du « faire société » - une pratique qui reconfigure les frontières du visible, du dicible et du partageable.

Speakers

- (a) *Des images qui nous relient : quand la photographie travaille les frontières d'humanité en institution*
Benjamin Tremblay (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Alexandre Lambelet (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO)
- (b) *Images That Perform a "We": Photography and Collective Life on Housing Cooperative Websites*
Sandrine Gukelberger (Hochschule Luzern Soziale Arbeit HSLU), Nina Vogel (Hochschule Luzern Soziale Arbeit HSLU)
- (c) *Nous l'avons tant aimée, la « danseuse brésilienne » !*
Michel Peroni (Université Lumière Lyon 2)
- (d) *L'équipe des films. Retour réflexif sur des images choisies, montrées, négociées pour dialoguer avec la Cité du manque de logement à soi.*
Frédérique Leresche (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Giada de Coulon (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Piera Honegger (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)

32. *Worlds of Food in Movement*

Organisers

Rainer Diaz-Bone (University of Lucerne)

Abstract

Food is a total social and cultural phenomenon. Food research topics link questions such as what people eat and why, how food is part of their lifestyle, how food is produced and consumed, with what organizational logic and social and ecological consequences, and what contribution food makes to cultural identities. So far food has been mainly approached with different too narrow perspectives as "sociology of eating" or approached from the perspective of one topic only such as the sociology of health, economic sociology, and consumer sociology or the sociology of social inequalities. The concept of "worlds of food" was developed by the so-called convention theory and enlarges perspectives on food. Worlds of food, their movements, transitions, and the socio-economic and socio-cultural nexus of food production, distribution, and consumption are the focus of this more comprehensive approach. Applying this concept, the changes in production, distribution, and consumption of food are key aspects and forms of articulation of social (both regional and global) movements. New lifestyles, the discussion of climate change, the effects of migration and of globalization on the spectrum and discourses of food are just a few indicators. The neopragmatist convention theory in particular has made a wide range of contributions to the analysis of problems and critiques related to food production, distribution, eating and their consequences. Since the 1980s and up to the present day, convention theory (or economics and sociology of conventions, EC/SC) has produced a large number of studies that initially dealt with the structure and dynamics of the food industry. The focus then moved on to the analysis of quality concepts (evaluation logics), institutional logics of food production, distribution, and consumption as well as emerging social conflicts and disputes related to food issues.

Speakers

- (a) *Worlds of Food, Agrifood Studies, and the Quality of Food. Perspectives on the Economics and Sociology of Conventions.*
Rainer Diaz-Bone (University of Lucerne)
- (b) *Power and Justification in Markets. Ecological and Fair-Trade Narratives in the German Coffee Industry*
Christian Hilpert (Berlin School of Economics and Law)
- (c) *High-Quality Production Through Routine Work? The Case of German High-Quality Viticulture*
Jürgen Kädtler (Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut Göttingen), Gisela Kottwitz (Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut Göttingen), Thomas Stieber (Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut Göttingen)

33. *Between Structures and Practices: Negotiating Work and Life in the Era of Hybrid Work* (session 2)

Organisers

Sofia Gonzalez Jimenez (EPFL), Nicola Cianferoni (SECO; University of Geneva) and Mattia Vachiano (University of Geneva)

Speakers

- (a) *Working Here or There: A Daily Study of Work Location, Basic Psychological Needs, and Job Satisfaction*
Salomé Dépraz (UZH)
 - (b) *Telework, Subjective Well-Being, and Sustainability: What Are the Impacts? Evidence from Switzerland*
Jana Z'Rotz (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts)
 - (c) *Digital Motility: Rethinking Mobility in the Context of Remote Work*
Sofía González Jiménez (EPFL)
34. *Classification, Boundary Work and the Making of Inequalities in Healthcare* (session 2)

Organisers

Michael Gemperle (Zurich University of Applied Sciences), Gianni d'Amato (University of Neuchâtel) and Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel)

Speakers

- (a) *En-Case-Ing Patients for Clinical Practice: An Exploration of How the Classification Process Is Taught in Medical Education*
Joëlle Schwarz (Unisanté – University of Lausanne), Eléonore Crunchant (Unisanté – University of Lausanne), Flavie Saucy (Unisanté – University of Lausanne)
 - (b) *Contracts in Dentistry: An Impossible Articulation Between Care Ethics and Student Success. Ethnography of a Dental Care Center in France: Classification and Sorting Logics Facing the Diversity of Its Patient Population*
Jade Perrier (Sciences Po Rennes; EHESP)
 - (c) *Defining the Real Emergency: Racialization and Boundary Work in Triage*
Manon Chollet (University of Neuchâtel)
 - (d) *At the Intersection of Mental Health and Race. Insights from an Ethnography in the Swiss Security Police*
Mira Ducommun (University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northern and Western Switzerland)
35. *Relations and Practices of Care in Markets and Beyond*

Organisers

Philip Balsiger (University of Neuchâtel) and Lena Pellandini-Simányi (Università della Svizzera Italiana)

Abstract

Attention to caring practices within and beyond markets raises profound sociological questions about the nature of economic life and its embeddedness in social relations. In the dominant capitalist paradigm and classic approaches on the role of care in the economy, care is either commodified (as a service to be bought and sold) or relegated outside of economic relations, in the reproductive realm of unpaid labor. This workshop seeks to go beyond this dichotomy to explore practices and relations of care within markets and beyond. We invite contributions that address relations and practices of care in the economy especially under the two following angles:

On the one hand, a growing body of research indicates that care practices also circulate in existing, money-centered and supposedly anonymous and rational markets. To hold together market relations and market arrangements, practices of care – such as trust-building, relationship maintenance, repairing, etc. – are necessary. What are these caring practices that are integral parts of markets? What role and status is ascribed to them? Who performs them? Which practices of care are recognized, and which remain obscured or devalued under capitalist logics? On the other hand, scholars argue that a caring economy fundamentally challenges the money-centered view and requires a shift toward an economy oriented around wellbeing – human and non-human alike. Such a paradigm would see economic relations as spaces of interdependence, where needs take precedence over monetary supply and demand. How do care-based practices challenge the individualizing and competitive tendencies of capitalism? What could an economy centered on care look like and what challenges and limitations does such an economy face? Can we identify signs of its emergence today, or should we reconsider whether care-based economies have always existed, although in marginalized or overlooked forms?

Speakers

- (a) *What Counts as Care? Valuation and Temporal Inequalities in Platform Markets*
Hélène Widmann (University of Lausanne; Bern University of Applied Sciences)

- (b) *Caring for the Digital Infrastructure :insights from the Bug Bounty Industry*
Luca Perrig (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- (c) *Creating New Investment Opportunities for Development Challenges: Swiss Impact Investments in Latin America*
Danae Lina Román García (Graduate Institute)
- (d) *“It’s Not Just About the Goods”: The Role of Local Shops in Providing Care for Elderly People in Geneva*
Loïc Pignolo (University of St. Gallen), Marie Bieler (University of Geneva), Cornelia Hummel (University of Geneva)

Workshop session V

Time: Friday, 4 September 2026 09:00 - 10:30

Venue: UNIFR, Campus Pérolles, Boulevard de Pérolles 90

36. *Gemeinschaften in Bewegung: Interpretative Perspektiven auf Zusammenhalt, Zugehörigkeit und soziale Beziehungen* (session 1)

Organisers

Florian Elliker (Universität St.Gallen), Noemi Trucco (University of Luxembourg; University of Fribourg) and Stefan Röhrer (Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung IAB)

Abstract

In diesem Workshop des Forschungskomitees Interpretative Sozialforschung werden Beiträge vorgestellt und diskutiert, die soziale Beziehungen, Kleingruppen und Gemeinschaften in gegenwärtigen Gesellschaften qualitativ erforschen. Im Mittelpunkt stehen empirische Studien, die Veränderungen von Zusammenhalt, Solidarität, Zugehörigkeit, Identität und Anerkennung sichtbar machen, ebenso wie Analysen jener Dynamiken (z. B. Digitalisierung, Migration, politische Polarisierung, Vertrauenskrisen), die diese Ordnungen rekonfigurieren oder bedrohen.

Darüber hinaus werden Beiträge diskutiert, die zentrale Konzepte des Kongressthemas theoriegeleitet auf Basis qualitativer Daten weiterentwickeln: Wie lassen sich Vergemeinschaftung und Vergesellschaftung in aktuellen Feldern (online/offline) differenzieren? Wie konstituieren sich Subjekte in solchen sich verändernden Kontexten und wie schreiben sich dabei Diskurse in Subjekte und vice versa ein? Welche Heuristiken eignen sich, um Grenzziehungen, Zugehörigkeitsansprüche und Anerkennungsordnungen mikro-, meso- und makrosoziologisch miteinander zu verbinden?

Der Workshop thematisiert zudem Subjektivierungsweisen im Kontext sich wandelnder Deutungsangebote sowie Reflexionen zu methodologischen Zugängen und forschungspraktischen Herausforderungen.

Speakers

- (a) *Zugehörigkeiten und Vergemeinschaftung. Jugendliche Aushandlungen sozialer Beziehungen in der Schule*
Stefanie Strulik (Pädagogische Hochschule Bern)
- (b) *Schule in Bewegung: Aushandlungsprozesse Islambezogenen Wissens Bei Schulischen Moscheebesuchen*
Andrea Friedli (Universität Fribourg), Petra Bleisch (Universität Fribourg), Zelifa Sungur-Kam (Universität Fribourg)
- (c) *What about Belonging. Ein subjektivierungstheoretischer Zugang zum Sprechen über Zugehörigkeit bei Teenagern*
Anne Otzen (Universität Bremen), Nadine Rose (Universität Bremen)
- (d) *Rapport through collaborative worldbuilding: Interpretative Perspektiven auf Neurodiversität in Sandbox-Spiele-Gemeinschaften*
Nadja Puschke-Kubica (Leibniz Universität Hannover)

37. *A Productive Rivalry? Sociological Analysis Facing Societal Interpretations On the Move*

Organisers

Guy Schwegler (University of Lucerne) and Florian Elliker (University of St.Gallen)

Abstract

While sociology's task is to analyze current social developments, this task is itself affected by them. One of the discipline's core traits is that its authority is continually challenged by other societal actors. Sociology does not hold a monopoly on the observation and the definition of social relations; other disciplines, expert systems, and "folk theories" pursue the same aim. This interpretative rivalry evolves as society changes. Challenges to sociological concepts thus may stem both from social developments themselves and from new societal interpretations arising within them.

Various epistemological approaches address this rivalry. Critical theory, for instance, legitimizes scientific authority by revealing what remains hidden, while the notion of an epistemological rupture seeks distance from societal views. Pragmatism, by contrast, assumes no categorical divide between scientific and societal theories, an idea that shaped the empirical tradition of the Chicago School. Whatever the approach, each must be reconsidered as new interpretations of the social emerge.

The workshop will focus on contemporary forms of rivalry to sociology's interpretations and the ways they reshape sociological inquiry. Discussions will address cases such as the rise of artificial intelligence as a technical counterpart capable of producing interpretations through "qualitative" coding. By reflecting on such developments, the workshop aims to foster methodological and epistemological exchange while deepening sociology's reflexive understanding of its own position within a changing landscape of social interpretation.

Speakers

- (a) *Sociological Interpretation and Its Computational Rivals: Public Justification and Voting Outcomes in Swiss Parliamentary Debates on AI*
Anina Schwarzenbach (University of Bern), Ahmed Eldabaly (University of Bern), Ahmad Alhineidi (University of Bern)
- (b) *Social Concepts: Between Qualitative Reconstruction and AI-Based Coding*
Andrea Hense (University of Göttingen), Christian Koß (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)
- (c) *Epistemic Rivalry by Design. Undp/gef Logframes and Auditability as Ontological Exclusion (Magdalena River, Colombia)*
Dominik Gallenberger (Leopold-Franzens University Innsbruck)

38. *Penser la cohabitation sociale dans l'espace public à l'ère du numérique* (session 1)

Organisers

Marianna Colella (University of Geneva) and Annamaria Colombo (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)

Abstract

La cohabitation entre différents groupes sociaux dans l'espace public a toujours représenté un défi, en particulier lorsqu'il y a présence de populations considérées comme « indésirables » (Margier, 2013 ; Litscher, De Coulon & Colombo, 2016 ; Colombo & Reynaud, 2020). Les conflits d'usages et d'appropriation de ces « espaces communs » (Lévy & Lussault, 2013) peuvent créer ce que Bouillon, Maurin et Pichon (2022) nomment des « troubles ordinaires », auxquels les réponses oscillent entre résistance et coopération. Or, aujourd'hui, la vie sociale se caractérise par une « pervasivité » du numérique (Boullier, 2019) et une « médiatisation profonde » (Hepp, 2019 ; Przybylski, 2021) incontournables pour qui s'intéresse aux « mondes quotidiens » des citoyens et citoyennes (Pink, Horst et al., 2016). Toute pratique sociale est aujourd'hui enchevêtrée avec les médias sociaux (Hepp, 2019). Mais cette imbrication ne produit pas forcément les effets démocratisant espérés. Pour Pasquier (2019 : 158), Internet a suscité l'espoir d'ouvrir un accès illimité aux connaissances et de favoriser l'ouverture sur le monde mais « si les individus disposent du même outil, cet outil ne leur ouvre pas les mêmes possibilités. Comme s'ils ne faisaient pas partie du même monde ». Les espaces en ligne recréent ainsi des « entre-soi » (Bastard, 2018 ; Colella, 2025). Ces constats invitent à ne pas considérer le numérique comme « un monde à part », mais à l'étudier dans une continuité entre interactions présentes et numériques. C'est dans cette perspective que s'inscrit cet atelier, en s'intéressant plus spécifiquement aux effets de cette hybridation du lien social sur l'appropriation des espaces publics et les pratiques sociales qui s'y développent (Balleys, Colombo et al., 2025 ; Balleys, Tadorian et al., 2024). Lussault (2017), par exemple, propose le concept d'« hyper-lieux » pour désigner des lieux où l'espace est exacerbé par l'articulation entre espace physique et numérique.

Speakers

- (a) *Coder l'espace, coder les voix : hybridation numérique, sphère publique, et conférences internationales à Genève*
Murillo Salvador (Université de Genève)
- (b) « *Alone together* », de la bulle à la conversation : l'usage du smartphone par les visiteurs-euses dans les musées
Sophie Herrmann (Institut national de la recherche scientifique INRS)
- (c) *Les espaces d'agences de transport camerounais aux défis de cohabitation territoriale à l'ère du paiement mobile*
Sebastien Nkou (Département de Géographie, Université de Douala)
- (d) *Plateformes numériques et économie solidaire : hybridation des espaces et reconfigurations de la cohabitation sociale à Rabat-Salé*
Majda Chahir (Institut national de l'action social Tanger - Maroc)

39. *Family Dynamics and Life Courses: Reconfigurations Across Time and Space* (session 1)

Organisers

Julia Sauter (University of Lausanne), Benjamin Moles (University of Lausanne) and Laura Bernardi (University of Lausanne)

Abstract

Today's families stand at the crossroads of continuity and change. Rapid socio-economic, demographic, and welfare transformations provide the backdrop for rising union instability, new gender role arrangements, and increased mobility and migration. In this context, the ways individuals form, sustain, and experience family relationships across time and space are becoming increasingly heterogeneous. These developments challenge classical distinctions between "community" and "society," calling for renewed sociological reflection on belonging, solidarity, and support across the life course. This workshop invites contributions that explore family dynamics across time and space, focusing on how families are reorganized in response to changing structural and normative contexts. Adopting a life-course perspective, the workshop examines how family relationships and configurations evolve, how support and care are exchanged across generations, and how inequalities emerge or are mitigated throughout these processes. We welcome theoretical and empirical papers addressing, but not limited to, the following themes:

- Inequality and diversity in family trajectories across the life course, including how structural conditions, welfare regimes, and personal networks shape opportunities, constraints, and lived experiences of family life.
- Transformations of family solidarities, caregiving practices, and intergenerational exchanges in changing demographic and normative contexts.
- The interplay between family relations and wider social attitudes and values, and how family life both shapes and is shaped by societal norms across welfare settings.
- Temporal, gendered, and socio-economic inequalities between and within family trajectories.
- Methodological innovations for studying family dynamics across time and space.

Speakers

- (a) *Women's Relative Income and Union Dissolution: Economic Independence, Economic Constraints or Gender Norms? Constraints or Gender Norms?*
Davide Ziino (University of Lausanne)
- (b) *The Expansion of Dual Full-Time Earners in Europe: Cohort Replacement in Turbulent Times*
Luana Marx (UNINE)
- (c) *Linked Lives, Unequal Paths: Gendered Divisions of Labour and Their Long-Term Consequences Among Swiss Couples*
Flavien Bonelli (University of Lausanne)
- (d) *Young Carers in Migrant Families: Intergenerational Role Inversion Between Skill Acquisition and Emotional Burden*
Valerie Baggi (University of Geneva)

40. *Au-delà de la justice pénale ? La gestion des violences sexuelles dans les Églises par les commissions de reconnaissance et de réparation*

Organisers

Marine Delaunay (Université de Lausanne), Maya Bodenmann (Université de Lausanne), Damien Scalia (Université Libre de Bruxelles) and Camille Perrier-Depeursinge (Université de Lausanne)

Abstract

Depuis une vingtaine d'années, des dispositifs de reconnaissance et de réparation des violences sexuelles commises dans les Églises émergent dans de nombreux pays. Ce panel ouvre un espace de discussion autour de ces commissions, envisagées comme des dispositifs situés à l'intersection du droit, de l'action publique, des institutions religieuses et des mobilisations collectives. Ces dispositifs s'adressent à des victimes qui, du fait de la prescription des faits, de la difficulté à rapporter la preuve des violences ou du décès des auteurs, ne peuvent plus espérer de la justice étatique une reconnaissance ni une réparation. Ils proposent dès lors d'autres modalités de prise en charge, fondées sur une écoute inconditionnelle, une reconnaissance institutionnelle, ainsi que sur des formes de réparation financières et symboliques. Ces instances élaborent leurs propres règles d'instruction, de calcul des indemnités, d'attribution des responsabilités, en impliquant, à des degrés variables, victimes, agresseurs, proches et société. Tout en s'inscrivant dans le prolongement de principes chrétiens d'accueil, elles reprennent également des réflexions féministes qui critiquent les exigences probatoires pesant sur les victimes de violences sexuelles. Ces commissions produisent des catégories, mobilisent des savoirs, construisent

des expertises et suscitent des controverses, tout en offrant un éclairage sur les rapports de domination et les injustices épistémiques qui traversent les violences sexuelles. Au-delà de leurs mécanismes institutionnels, le workshop propose d'examiner l'expérience des personnes victimes, les logiques d'adhésion ou de non-recours, ainsi que le travail de politisation des collectifs de survivant·es.

Speakers

- (a) *Les commissions de reconnaissance et de réparation : des ordres juridiques à part entière*
Jennifer Bilamba (Doctorante en droit, Membre du CERCRID UR 5137, Université Lumière Lyon 2)
 - (b) « *C'est comme Tchernobyl. > Comparer le rôle des dispositifs d'expertise, de participation et de réparation dans la gestion des risques nucléaire et des « abus sexuels » dans l'Eglise Catholique.* »
Benoit Gautier (Chercheur en sociologie au laboratoire de sciences humaines et sociales LSHS de l'Autorité de Sûreté Nucléaire et de Radioprotection ASNR)
 - (c) *Mener une enquête sur les violences sexuelles dans une institution catholique : Quelles démarches et quels effets pour les témoins ?*
Lorraine Odier (Chercheuse senior Université de Fribourg et HETSL)
 - (d) *Le scandale du « Bon Pasteur » : genèse, temporalités et enjeux (France, 1945-2025)*
Amélie Rabine Lemaître (Docteure en histoire, Paris 8, IHTP)
41. *Les mondes de l'insertion en mouvement: activation des publics, nouvelles professionnalités et régulation publique* (session 1)

Organisers

Maël Dif-Pradalier (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Joseph Hivert (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Thomas Jammet (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO) and Muriel Surdez (Université de Fribourg)

Abstract

Dans un contexte où l'emploi constitue à la fois une norme sociale, une obligation politique et une condition d'autonomie financière, l'insertion socioprofessionnelle est un observatoire privilégié des mutations contemporaines du travail, de l'action publique et des professions. Confronté à des publics pluriels et à un marché du travail sélectif, il est pris entre injonction à l'employabilité, quête d'autonomie des personnes accompagnées et « nouvelles » formes d'intervention sociale. Le développement de l'insertion s'est accompagné de la multiplication des acteurs, dispositifs et référentiels d'intervention, engendrant un brouillage des frontières entre accompagnement social et accompagnement vers l'emploi. De nouvelles figures professionnelles ont émergé, ainsi que des configurations hybrides entre secteurs public, associatif et privé. L'État est ici au cœur des tensions : prescripteur et acheteur de mesures d'insertion, certificateur et organisateur de formations, son rôle évolue à mesure que se multiplient les acteurs privés. Afin d'explorer ces évolutions, ce workshop invite des communications empiriques ou comparatives portant notamment sur : • la redéfinition des identités et frontières professionnelles parmi les acteurs de l'insertion • la transformation du rôle de l'État en matière de formation et certification dans l'insertion, et plus largement de l'intervention sociale • les effets de la diversification des publics et des dispositifs sur les modalités d'accompagnement des professionnels Il s'agit de saisir les dynamiques qui mettent en mouvement les mondes de l'insertion et redessinent les contours contemporains de l'État social et des professionnels qui le mettent en œuvre au quotidien.

Speakers

- (a) *Discutant*
Martial Vildard (Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcités GSRL, EPHE-PSL)
- (b) *L'activation des mères à l'aide sociale sous tension : transformations et mise en œuvre dans trois cantons suisses (1996–2026)*
Aline Burki (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Carola Togni (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO)
- (c) *Les job coaches dans le champ de l'insertion : trajectoires, socialisations et hiérarchies professionnelles*
Joseph Hivert (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Pierre Tainturier (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)
- (d) *Résistances de travailleurs sociaux face à la logique de parcours. Étude du cas d'un dispositif insertion départemental*
Clarisse Madiot (Université Paris-Est Créteil UPEC)

- (e) *Entre insertion et psychiatrie : tensions pratiques pour l'autonomie de jeunes vulnérables psychologiquement*
Antoine Sansonnens (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)
- (f) *Entre performance et valeurs : ouvrir la "boîte noire" de l'accompagnement de service public vers l'emploi*
Dimitri Léonard (Université catholique de Louvain UCL), Bernard Van Asbrouck (Université libre de Bruxelles ULB)

42. *Collective Improvisation: Performing and Analysing Dance as a Social and Inclusive Practice* (session 2)

Organisers

Alain Bovet (HES-SO HEG Arc), Sara Keel (University of Zurich), Jakub Mlynar (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO) and Marc Relieu (Télécom Paris)

Speakers

- (a) *Collective Improvisation: Analysing Dance as a Social and Inclusive Practice I*
Simon Henein (EPFL), Simona Ferrar (EPFL), Fabienne Malbois (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Loanne Janin (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Tanja Ulrich (EPFL), Angeliki Balantani
- (b) *Collective Improvisation: Analysing Dance as a Social and Inclusive Practice II*
Philippe Sormani (Zurich University of Arts), Clemens Eisenmann (University of Konstanz)
- (c) *Collective Improvisation: Analysing Dance as a Social and Inclusive Practice III*
Alain Bovet (HES-SO HEG Arc), Sara Keel (University of Zurich), Jakub Mlynar (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Marc Relieu (Télécom Paris)

43. *Agricultural Transitions in Motion: Actors, Policies, and Professional Communities – Working Spaces, Living Spaces: Remote Work, Environment, and Emerging Inequalities* (session 1)

Organisers

Andrea Farioli (University of Fribourg), Emile Spahr (Agroscope) and Loïc Mazenc (University of Fribourg)

Abstract

Agricultural transitions unfold amid deep transformations in rural and professional communities. Confronted with environmental, health, and economic crises, actors are redefining their positions, alliances, and practices. This workshop examines agricultural transition as a social process, in which relations between state and territories, experts and producers, public standards and local practices are being reorganized. It invites participants to connect analyses of policy change, knowledge circulation, and evolving farming practices, while examining how transitions reshape power relations, gender inequalities, and economic dependencies.

Thus, the workshop includes contributions over three themes: (1) changing practices and professional identities; (2) intermediaries of the transition; (3) power relations and inequalities in the transition

Speakers

- (a) *Les berger.es salariés, une profession en construction ?*
Antoine Doré (INRAE), Joséphine Guichard (INRAE), Jeanne Caucheteux (INRAE)
- (b) *Scientific Expertise and Policy Instruments in Agricultural Transitions: The Making of Brazil's Low-Carbon Agriculture Plan*
Livia Kalil (SciencesPo, LIEPP)
- (c) *Les courtiers de la transition agroécologique: le rôle et les effets de l'intermédiation au sein des coopératives vitivinicoles néo-aquitaines*
Clémentine Chazal (Bordeaux School of Economics)
- (d) *Des transitions socio-techniques « par le bas » : l'exemple de l'élevage des jeunes veaux laitiers.*
Florence Hellec (INRAE, UMR CESAER)

Workshop session VI

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44. *Gemeinschaften in Bewegung: Interpretative Perspektiven auf Zusammenhalt, Zugehörigkeit und soziale Beziehungen* (session 2)

Organisers

Florian Elliker (Universität St.Gallen), Noemi Trucco (University of Luxembourg; University of Fribourg) and Stefan Röhrer (Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung IAB)

Speakers

- (a) „Polizei als Familie“ – gemeinschaftsbildende organisationale Narrative und welche Konsequenzen damit verbunden sind
Nathalie Pasche (Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz)
- (b) Vergemeinschaftung in Zeiten politischer Polarisierung: Zugehörigkeit, Anerkennung und Opferstatus in der neuen rechten Bewegung
Johanna Fröhlich (Universität Basel)
- (c) Biographische und intergenerationale Genese von Engagement und Zugehörigkeit
Martina Schiebel (Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg), Johanna Raphaela Wahl (Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg)
- (d) Die Neukonstitution von Ungleichheitssemantiken – Von Klassenkampf zu Identitätspolitik
Marlene Müller-Brandeck (Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften)

45. *Governing Futures in Movement: Aspirations, Moral Dilemmas, and the Institutional Making of Belonging*

Organisers

Ilhssane Otmani (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)

Abstract

Across Europe and North America, integration policies shape not only access to work, education, or rights, but also the horizons of possibility that refugees and migrants can imagine for their futures. This workshop examines how communities and societies in movement produce, restrict, or negotiate belonging through the governance of aspirations. Drawing on debates on boundary-making and classical sociological approaches to community formation, the workshop explores how institutional logics, legal status regimes, and street level practices influence which life trajectories are encouraged, tolerated, or quietly discouraged. The workshop invites contributions analysing how frontline actors, community organisations, and policy frameworks steer migrant trajectories, generate moral dilemmas, or reproduce unequal distributions of recognition. Papers may address themes such as:

- mechanisms of aspirational steering in integration, education, or activation programmes
- moral and emotional labour of SLBs working with precarious groups
- boundary making and belonging in local communities
- comparative insights on how institutional architectures shape imagined futures
- tensions between individual aspirations, community expectations, and state defined realism.

The workshop welcomes empirical studies, especially qualitative, ethnographic, or participatory work, as well as theoretical papers rethinking belonging and community through aspirations, recognition, and institutional constraint. This workshop aims to connect debates on migration, social policy, and ethical governance with broader sociological perspectives on community formation. Its objective is to clarify how contemporary societies negotiate who can belong and on what terms.

Speakers

- (a) *Integrating or Assimilating Migrants into the Swiss Labour Market? An Exploratory Analysis of Integration Programmes*
Stéphanie Cardoso (Swiss federal university of vocational education and training SFUVET)
- (b) *Finnish Career Practitioners as Street-Level Integrators*
Miika Kekki (University of Derby)

- (c) *Unthinkable Futures. How Workfare Governance Produces Epistemic Exclusion at the Intersection of Disability and Migration*
Elisa Begnis (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO)
- (d) *From Possibility to Stabilisation: The Making of a Low Ambition Equilibrium (LAE)*
Ihssane Otmani (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)

46. *Penser la cohabitation sociale dans l'espace public à l'ère du numérique* (session 2)

Organisers

Marianna Colella (University of Geneva) and Annamaria Colombo (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)

Speakers

- (a) *Pratiques numériques et pratiques spatiales : diversité des formes d'engagement civique des jeunes dans la ville*
Annamaria Colombo (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Marc Tadorian (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO)
- (b) *La culture de quartier revendiquée au quartier et sur Instagram*
Marianna Colella (Medialab, University of Geneva)
- (c) *Les réseaux sociaux numériques : un nouvel espace de régulation des conflits chez les adolescent-e-s ?*
Rosa Maria Bortolotti (Ecole, Mutations et Apprentissages EMA, Cergy Paris Université)

47. *Family Dynamics and Life Courses: Reconfigurations Across Time and Space* (session 2)

Organisers

Julia Sauter (University of Lausanne), Benjamin Moles (University of Lausanne) and Laura Bernardi (University of Lausanne)

Speakers

- (a) *From Expectations to Practices: Repartnering Trajectories in Lone Parenthood. a Qualitative Life Course Perspective*
Benjamin Moles (University of Lausanne)
- (b) *Perceived Injustice and the Coparenting Relationship Among Separated Parents*
Ines Kasmi (University of Lausanne)
- (c) *"Children Today...": Intergenerational Transmission of Child's Physical Discipline Practices in Burkina faso*
Alis Bambara (University of Geneva)
- (d) *Protecting Children Exposed to Intimate Partner Violence: Assessing the Implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Swiss Custody and Visitation Decisions*
Ornella Larenza (SUPSI)

48. *Diversity and Inclusion in Social Movements and Alternative Organizations*

Organisers

Victoria Becerril Nito (University of Neuchatel)

Abstract

Progressive social movements and alternative organizations often present themselves as spaces for promoting diversity, understood as the inclusion of individuals differentiated by intersecting social positions such as gender, race, class, migration status, or age. Yet these efforts unfold within systems of domination—E.g., capitalism, patriarchy, racism—That shape participation, hierarchies, and recognition. As a result, such initiatives often become arenas where aspirations for equality confront the reproduction of organizational and societal inequalities.

This workshop explores how actors navigate these tensions—Particularly the imaginaries through which diversity and inclusion are envisioned, the practices through which they are enacted, and the contradictions that shape their outcomes. We approach diversity as a situated and contested process rather than a normative ideal, aiming to understand how movements and organizations balance transformative ambitions with structural constraints.

We invite contributions that examine how diversity and inclusion are articulated and enacted as processes of differentiation and as spaces where intersecting systems of domination are (re)produced, negotiated, and contested. Submissions may address:

- Imaginaries and normative horizons: What narratives are promoted? What notions of alterity do they mobilize?
- Practices and processes: What measures foster inclusion? How are obstacles confronted?
- Challenges and resistances: What tensions arise between ideals and practices? How is resistance to diversity navigated?
- Outcomes and transformations: To what extent do these initiatives reshape organizational and social dynamics?
- Situated within the broader theme of societies and communities in movement, the workshop critically assesses whether and how these initiatives contribute to reconfiguring social orders.

Speakers

- (a) *Protesting Precarity, Reimagining Care: The Waves of the Portuguese Care Movement and the Fight for a National Care Service*
Madalena Ferreira (University of Lisbon)
 - (b) *Imagining Inclusion, Measuring Exclusion: Diversity Charters and Intersectional Hiring Inequality*
Thea Rebien (University of Lausanne)
 - (c) *Resisting and Reimagining: Fisherfolk Resistance and Alternative Governance in India's Port Infrastructure*
Rusha Das (Indian Institute of Management), Khushi Shah (Indian Institute of Management)
 - (d) *Speaking for Rather Than with: The Limits of CSO Transformative Capacity in Welfare Settings*
Rulla Sutter * (University of Neuchâtel; Bern University of Applied Sciences)
49. *Les mondes de l'insertion en mouvement : activation des publics, nouvelles professionnalités et régulation publique* (session 2)

Organisers

Maël Dif-Pradalier (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Joseph Hivert (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO), Thomas Jammet (Haute école de travail social Fribourg, HES-SO) and Muriel Surdez (Université de Fribourg)

Speakers

- (a) *Dynamiques interinstitutionnelles autour de l'accompagnement des jeunes en situation de rupture dans leur parcours de formation et d'insertion socioprofessionnelle*
Gaëlle Aeby (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Maude Louviot (Haute école de travail social Valais, HES-SO), Marina Sucari (Université de Zurich)
 - (b) *Territoires zéro chômeur de longue durée : un laboratoire des mutations contemporaines de l'insertion*
Klara Babinska (Université de Lille), Etienne Bourges (Université Clermont Auvergne), Esther Vaure (Université Clermont Auvergne)
 - (c) *Le CDI comme modalité d'insertion professionnelle pour les personnes à l'aide sociale : le dispositif neuchâtelois (NE-ESO)*
Morgane Kuehni (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO), Maëlle Meigniez (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO)
 - (d) *Face aux tensions entre l'économie et le social, des (di)similitudes dans la gestion des défis selon les profils sociodémographiques des dirigeant-e-s d'entreprises d'insertion par l'activité économique au Québec et en Suisse romande*
Romain Papaevangelou (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO)
50. *Les métiers du care au prisme d'une sociologie des médiations techniques*

Organisers

Benjamin Tremblay (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO) and Julie Tiberghien (Haute école de travail social Lausanne, HES-SO)

Abstract

Les métiers du care sont couramment présentés comme des « métiers de l'humain », fondés sur la relation directe et incarnée. Intériorisée par les professionnel·les et entretenue par les institutions qui les forment, cette conception constitue la norme implicite du « cœur de métier », du « bon » et « véritable » travail. Elle suscite alors un soupçon persistant à l'égard des médiations techniques (rapports, formulaires, protocoles et directives, plateformes et outils numériques...) perçues comme autant d'obstacles venant parasiter la relation, substituer la gestion à l'attention, la formalisation à l'écoute, le contrôle au soin. Or, lorsqu'elles voient là une confirmation de leurs diagnostics sur l'emprise de la « logique managériale » ou la « déshumanisation » des rapports sociaux, les sciences sociales tendent à entretenir ce cercle critique au détriment d'une analyse fine, qui permettrait pourtant d'étayer la réflexivité des praticien·nes concerné·es.

Cet atelier propose de déplacer le regard en adoptant une perspective pragmatique, soucieuse de décrire les dispositifs techniques et leurs implications en termes de (re)configuration des métiers du care. Il s'agira d'en faire un « calme examen » ethnographique et de se pencher sur leurs articulations à d'autres pratiques, sur les traductions des êtres qu'ils impliquent, sur les expérimentations auxquels ils donnent lieu, sur l'opérativité des catégories qu'ils enferment, sur les types de relation(s) d'aide(s) et de « faire société » qu'ils instancient, ou encore sur les critiques endogènes qu'ils font naître. Cette réflexion visera ainsi à documenter et à accompagner l'expertise des praticien·es, en thématissant des dimensions désormais constitutives de leurs métiers.

Speakers

- (a) *Moral Classifications of Poverty. the Scriptural Infrastructures of Zurich's Poor Relief (1830–1970)*
Lukas Posselt (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen; EHESS)
 - (b) *Entre le formulaire et la personne : genre, protocoles et reconfigurations du travail de care*
Pierre Brasseur (Université libre de Bruxelles, Centre METICES)
 - (c) *La thérapie d'exposition en réalité virtuelle : une attention renouvelée aux dimensions sensibles du soin en addictologie*
Céline Borelle (SENSE, Centre d'Étude des Mouvements Sociaux CEMS, EHESS), Elsa Forner (University of Geneva; University of Lausanne; Centre d'Étude des Mouvements Sociaux CEMS, EHESS)
 - (d) *Un care game musical pour penser les (re)configurations relationnelles au sein des métiers du care*
Marine Kneubühler (Université de Lausanne; Haute Ecole de Musique Vaud Valais Fribourg - HEMU, HES-SO), Emilie Bovet (Haute École de Santé - Vaud HESAV, HES-SO), Angelika Güsewell (Haute Ecole de Musique Vaud Valais Fribourg HEMU, HES-SO)
51. *Between Openness and Protection: The Challenges of Anonymising and Sharing Qualitative Data in the Social Sciences*

Organisers

Pedro Araujo (Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences FORS) and Alexandra Stam (Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences FORS)

Abstract

Open Science policies are profoundly reshaping the landscape of the social sciences. Swiss higher education institutions and funding bodies, such as the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), are increasingly requiring researchers to share their data at the end of publicly funded projects. Yet this demand for openness often collides with an equally compelling legal and ethical obligation: to protect research participants from harm. In practice, several interconnected layers of protection can be mobilized to manage this tension: informed consent, access control, and anonymisation.

While social scientists have long anonymised data excerpts in their publications, anonymising an entire corpus of qualitative data—Such as interviews or ethnographic observations—For deposit in a data repository, with the goal of reuse by other scholars, is a far more complex task. This process raises a wide range of challenges, from identifying indirect identifiers and balancing data utility with participant protection, to managing consent forms that are transparent on the potential data reusability and the limits of de-identification in small or specialized populations. It is both urgent and necessary to collectively address these issues.

This workshop invites scholars to reflect on the ethical, methodological, and practical tensions in preparing qualitative data for sharing. We welcome contributions based on case studies, field experiences,

or methodological reflections that highlight specific difficulties or innovative practices in anonymising, transforming, and publishing qualitative materials. The aim is to provide a space for open dialogue, where participants can discuss specific challenges, negotiate trade-offs between transparency and confidentiality, and explore strategies to reconcile openness and ethical responsibility.

Speakers

- (a) *Advancing Open Science and Open Research Data Practices for Qualitative Research at USI (E-QUAL)*
Marta Fadda (Università della Svizzera italiana), Benedetta Bisceglie (Università della Svizzera italiana)
- (b) *Trauma-Informed Open Science Practices: Ethical Considerations and Methodological Challenges Regarding Participant Engagement in Archiving Processes*
Nadine Gautschi (Université de Lausanne)
- (c) *Secondary Analysis in Qualitative Research. a Critical Exploration of Methodological Balancing Acts as a Specific Project Focus*
Samuel Keller (ZHAW), Marion Pomey (ZHAW), Martin Schröder (UPK Basel)
- (d) *Ethical and Practical Tensions in Sharing Qualitative Data from People with Disabilities*
Laura Catalina Izquierdo Martínez (Université de Genève), Minerva Rivas Velarde (Haute école de santé - Genève)

52. *Transformation of Memories and Belonging in Contemporary Cities: An Approach through Urban Difference and Connected Sociologies*

Organisers

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Abstract

This workshop proposes a conceptual entry point through urban difference to analyze how forms of relations in contemporary urban societies are shaped by the interactions between socio-historical dynamics, regimes of governance and planning, social movements, and everyday practices. These interactions continuously redraw symbolic and material boundaries, regimes of belonging, and social hierarchies.

While classical perspectives in urban sociology explain endogenous dynamics shaping the inclusion and exclusion of social groups in cities (Park, Burgess and McKenzie 1925), they often remain blind to exogenous dynamics and are based on a predefined and essentialized conception of identity, frequently reducible to a single attribute such as gender, origin, or social class. Moving beyond these frameworks toward a conceptualization of difference has made it possible to understand the social construction of identities as a dynamic and discursive process, situated between social structuring and negotiation, and embedded in relations of power (Fincher & Jacobs 1998), while recognizing their hybrid and multi-local character in the contemporary city (Anthias 2014).

In order to account for exogenous dynamics that also shape feelings of belonging, this approach can be combined with the perspective of connected sociologies (Bhambra 2016). This perspective reconstructs the interactions between territories historically linked through colonial histories and contemporary transnational circulations. Socio-historical connections are thus analyzed between metropolitan spaces marked by intensified mobility, pluralized belongings, and recomposed solidarities, and other spaces where the social fabric remains deeply shaped by colonial legacies, reconstruction policies, or forms of territorial control that are often militarized.

Speakers

- (a) *Cities as Frameworks of Memories: A Halbwachsian Approach to Urban Difference and Belonging*
Dietmar J. Wetzel (University of Basel; MSH Medical School Hamburg)
- (b) *Haunted by the Future That Never Arrives: Memory, Waiting, and the Mutating Forms of Resistance in an Istanbul Neighborhood*
Melisa Elçin Özçelikel (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul)
- (c) *"WE DO NOT Forget, WE DO NOT Forgive": ANTI-Femicide Collages and the Commemorative Politics of CARE in URBAN SPACE*
Morgane Rudaz (University of Geneva)

- (d) *Infrastructure and Security: The Spatial Politics of Dam Construction in the Southeastern Anatolia Project (GAP)*

Muhammed Kaya (University of Bremen)

53. *Agricultural Transitions in Motion: Actors, Policies, and Professional Communities – Between Structures and Practices: Negotiating Work and Life in the Era of Hybrid Work* (session 2)

Organisers

Andrea Farioli (University of Fribourg), Emile Spahr (Agroscope) and Loïc Mazenc (University of Fribourg)

Speakers

- (a) *Le rôle nodal des acteurs intermédiaires dans l'orientation du changement en transition agricole : entre familles techniques et circulations d'expertise*
Guillaume Christen (University of Strasbourg, SAGE), Philippe Hamman (University of Strasbourg, SAGE)
- (b) *"Headhunting" in Agribusiness. Transformations in Agriculture Through the Lens of Agricultural Recruitment Consultancy.*
Elea Golliet-Mercier (INRAE, AGIR)
- (c) *Quiet Alternativity: Crafting and Cultivating Interstices Within Green Modernisation in Morocco and Switzerland*
Andrea Mathez (University of Lausanne)
- (d) *Who Governs the Feed Trough – an Actor Analysis*
Stefan Mann (Agroscope, ART)