

Lucerne University of  
Applied Sciences and Arts

# HOCHSCHULE LUZERN

Social Work

A photograph of three young people (two men and one woman) smiling and talking outdoors. The man in the center is wearing a blue jacket, the woman on the left is wearing a black jacket, and the man on the right is wearing a tan jacket. They are standing in front of a building with a red roof and a tower in the background. The image is partially overlaid with a dark purple graphic on the right side.

## International Course

Youth and migration: challenged borders –  
challenging boundaries

Inseliquai 12B, Lucerne

# International Course Migration

## The course aims to

- promote the understanding of central aspects concerning young people in migration contexts.
- help students draw conclusions for projects, approaches and ethical positions in social work with migrant and refugee minors.
- enable the exchange of ideas among students of different European universities and the development of an awareness of different traditions in social work and different discourses on migration.

## The target groups are

students doing their Bachelor's degree in social work at one of the Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences and students of their international partner universities. All lectures and workshops will be held in English, an intermediate level is therefore required.

## The international course focuses on

migration and youth particularly with regard to inclusion, transnationalism and human rights. The migration of people to and within European countries has been accompanied by processes of drawing territorial, social and symbolic borders and boundaries and co-existing policies of welcoming and solidarity. The recent increase in the number of minors arriving in Europe as refugees has intensified existing discussions in politics, civil society and social work.

What can we learn from long-standing processes of inclusion and exclusion and the experiences of young immigrants who have already settled and the so called second generation? How do different persons involved, including young immigrants and refugees, negotiate boundaries both on a national and a transnational level? What strategies do they develop to overcome difficulties? Which policies are conducive to their inclusion? Particular questions arise regarding the wellbeing of vulnerable groups such as children, young people and, especially, unaccompanied refugee minors. How can social work support and empower these groups and promote their social participation? How can human rights be upheld? How are social workers emotionally involved and in what way do they contribute to reproducing or overcoming boundaries? The lectures and workshops address these questions relating to transnational mobility, family, gender, education, labour market, political participation, media and health.

# Programme

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## 01.12.2016

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19:30

Welcome drink

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## 02.12.2016

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09:30–10:15

### **Opening: how young people shape migration policies**

Walter Schmid, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (CH)

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10:45–11:45

### **Presentation 1: youth and migration: challenging borders and boundaries – an introduction to transnational migration**

Eveline Ammann Dula, Bern University of Applied Sciences (CH)

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11:45–12:15

### **Introduction to the workshops**

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12:15–13:30

Lunch

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13:30–17:00

### **Workshop session**

#### **Challenges related to youth and migration in the field of pregnancy, childbirth and health promotion**

Claudia Meier Magistretti, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (CH) and Martina König-Bachmann, University of Applied Sciences Tyrol (A)

#### **Risks and mechanisms of social marginalisation in the transition to adulthood**

Eva Mey, Zurich Universities of Applied Sciences and Arts (CH) and Michaela Köttig and Katrin Feldermann, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences (D)

#### **Media and emotion: reproducing or overcoming boundaries?**

Nadia Baghdadi, University of Applied Sciences Eastern Switzerland FHO (CH) and Davy Walsh, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (IRL)

#### **Intersectional perspectives on youth and migration**

Thomas Geisen, University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (CH) and Nicole von Langsdorff, University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt (D)

#### **Superdiversity and transmigration as a challenge for social work**

Dirk Geldof, Karel de Grote-University College Antwerpen (BE) und Simone Gäumann, Bern University of Applied Sciences (CH)

#### **Recompose the convergence of minorities: challenges for social work?**

#### **Mass sexual violence and convergence of minority struggles**

Marie-Christine Ukelo-Mbolo Merga, Fribourg, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (CH) and Pascale Vielle, Université catholique de Louvain (B)

#### **Transnational, unaccompanied minor refugees: new challenges for social workers**

Paola Solcà, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Southern Switzerland (CH) and Mara Tognetti, University of Milano-Bicocca (I)

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**03.12.2016**

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09:00–10:00

**Presentation 2: youth migration between inclusion and exclusion**

Claudio Bolzman, Genève, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (CH)

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10:15–11:15

**Presentation 3: challenges for social work (as a human rights profession) dealing with refugees**

Nivedita Prasad, Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences Berlin (D)

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11:30–12:30

**Preparation World Cafe**

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12:30–13:30

Lunch

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13:30–15:00

**World Cafe**

Marie-Christine Ukelo-Mbolo Merga, Fribourg, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (CH)

Dunya Acklin, Fribourg, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (CH)

Dominique Erard, Fribourg, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (CH)

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15:10–16:00

**Closure: youth and migration: current challenges for social work – What can we do? Perspectives from the International Federation of social work**

Rory Truell, International Federation of Social Workers IFSW Secretary-General

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# Organisation

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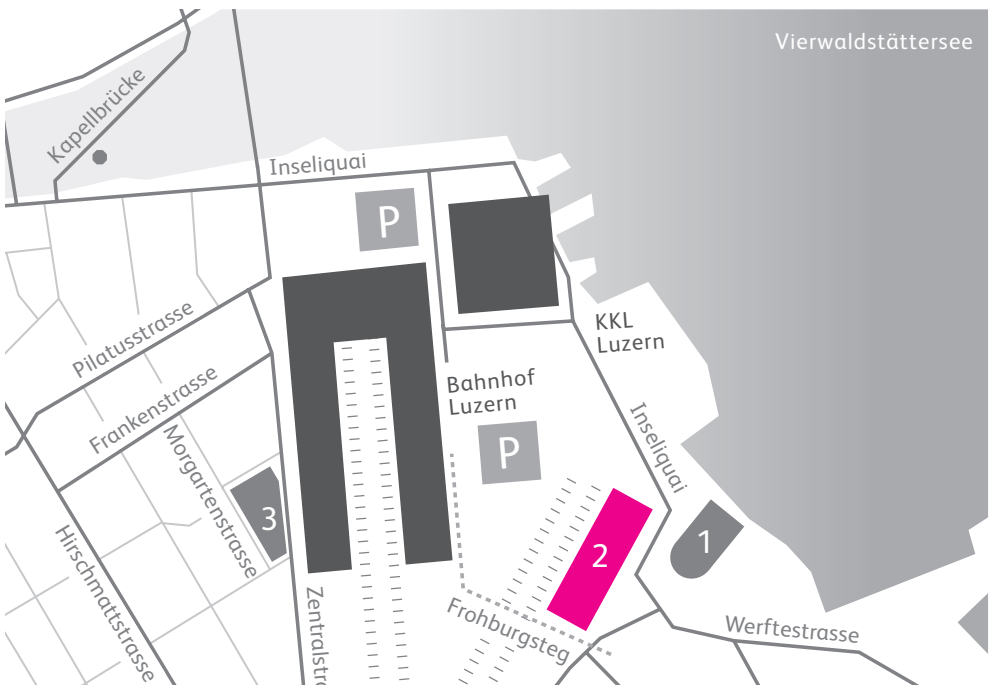
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