

RESEARCH



All-day childcare and schooling: a survey of parental attitudes in Switzerland

A survey of 2,000 people shows that most parents support all-day childcare, despite major regional disparities. Opinions on this subject are particularly influenced by the roles assigned to men and women and to the state.

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How to reduce the non-take-up of social benefits?

Thousands of people eligible for social benefits in Switzerland do not claim them. Proactive and targeted action at the local level can help, but it still depends on the cantonal and federal framework.

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Two children or none: fertility in Switzerland between 1946 and 2022

The latest issue of Social Change in Switzerland documents a growing tension in Switzerland between the two-child model that took hold after the baby boom and a childlessness model that has emerged since the 1990s.

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Precarity among cleaning workers in Switzerland

The latest LIVES Impact looks at the working conditions and daily lives of domestic workers in Switzerland. It highlights the urgent need to strengthen labour protections and support to reduce the high levels of vulnerability in the sector.

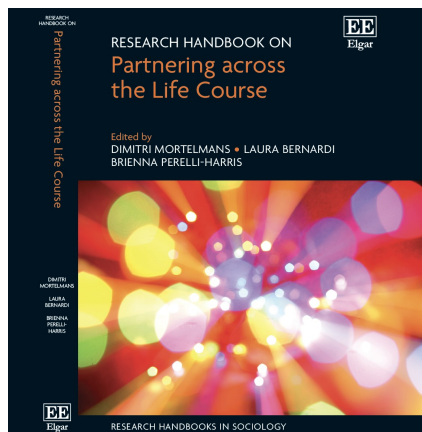
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“Vulnerability is not a fixed state”: Swiss report on healthy ageing

Factors such as stress, social isolation and financial inequality play a role in the development of mental and cognitive health problems as we age. Given these complexities, how can we promote 'healthy ageing'?

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This open-access handbook provides a broad overview of changing human partnerships, exploring the interactions between individual trajectories, social norms and legal frameworks.

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Lives after residential youth care: dealing with the past of harmful treatment in state institutions

Building on experiences in Switzerland, this collaborative research project in Luxembourg will explore the processes of sharing memories of problematic treatment in institutions, in a context still largely characterised by societal silence.

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Cognitive reserve accumulation and pathological cognitive development: a lifespan perspective

Our ageing societies will face a sharp increase in the number of cases of dementia. The concept of cognitive reserve suggests that experiences throughout life influence our ability to cope with cognitive pathology in later life.

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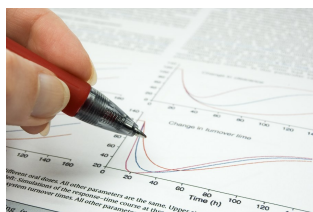
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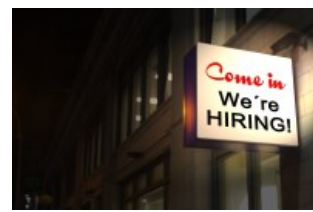
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