

In the frame of the Seminar “Transnational Childhoods”  
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We invite you to the talk:

## **Left Behind or Undocumented: Children of Labour Migrants in Switzerland, a Socio-Historical Perspective**

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Room: RM 02, S-1.133

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What does family separation due to migration regulations mean for parents and children?

What are the possible consequences of living part of one's childhood in hiding?

In the post-war period, Swiss migration policies became more restrictive denying seasonal workers the right to family reunification. As a result, families were forced to separate, and parents left their children in the country of origin. Those who joined their parents remained undocumented and were forced to live in hiding in Switzerland. Liliana Azevedo will address this issue and discuss the impact of family separation enforced by the migration regime on life trajectories in the past and into the present.

**Dr. Liliana Azevedo holds a PhD in Sociology from Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal. Her thesis looks at the transition to retirement and the issue of return of Portuguese couples in Switzerland, from a transnational and gender perspective. She is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the Institute of Sociology at the University of Neuchâtel and is carrying out research on left behind adult children.**



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