

Invitation to a guest lecture  
as part of the Fribourg Evening Lectures on Early Childhood Education

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**The perspectives of children left behind  
in Moldova and Ukraine in the context of  
their parents' labour migration**

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**17:15 – 18:45**

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Room RM 02 S–0.113 Auditoire**



## Fribourg Evening Lectures on Early Childhood Education

The **Fribourg Evening Lectures on Early Childhood Education** offer the opportunity to discuss scientific, educational policy related and/or ethical issues in the field of early childhood in the light of different theoretical perspectives and current empirical findings.

The speakers include academics from Switzerland and abroad, from the fields of education sciences, educational research, early childhood education, social pedagogy, sociology, childhood research, and educational economics, among others.

The event sees itself as a forum for the scientific and political discussion of early childhood education in Switzerland and as a place for continuous and dynamic controversy between all researchers and practitioners working in this field.

The series comprises several dates per year and will be continued at regular intervals. Students, researchers, practitioners, stakeholders, and the general public are invited to participate.

Participation is free of charge.

## The perspectives of children left behind in Moldova and Ukraine in the context of their parents' labour migration

Moldova and Ukraine are countries that are heavily affected by adult labour migration. Many children have remained in these countries, separated from one or both parents. Research shows that this situation brings various negative consequences for these children. This lecture is not only about seeing them as passive victims of this phenomenon but also about how these children deal with it. What is their transnational relationship with their parents who have left the country? How do they conceptualise, imagine and represent the transnational world of their family? Based on participatory research with children, I will show how children left behind create a world of their own that goes beyond the physical proximity with their parents – a space of their immediate, physical experience.

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