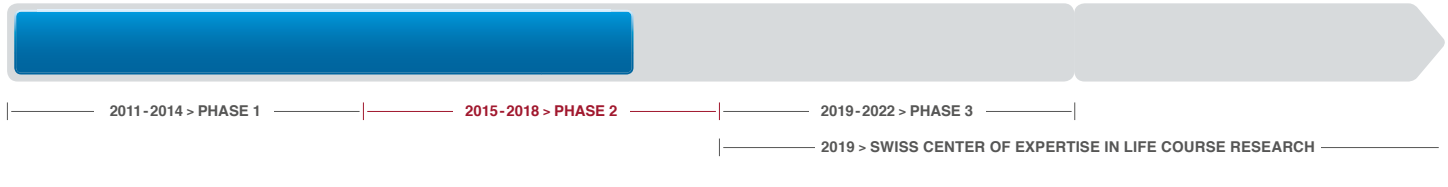


OVERCOMING VULNERABILITY: LIFE COURSE PERSPECTIVES

The NCCR LIVES aims at better understanding the origin and development of vulnerability and the ways to overcome it. It is characterised by an innovative approach – longitudinal, interdisciplinary and comprehensive – that considers and analyses individuals at all stages of life in their social and institutional contexts. Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation for twelve years, the NCCR LIVES conducts surveys collecting quantitative and qualitative data.



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

- > **4 cross-cutting issues**
- Stress and resource dynamics across life domains
- Stress and resource dynamics in social interactions and across analysis levels
- Accumulation of resources and development of vulnerability over the life course
- Methodological advances on vulnerability and the life course

> 9 major research projects (IP)

- **Trajectories within contexts** (IP201) Felix Bühlmann, University of Lausanne
- **Education and employment** (IP204) Rafael Laive, University of Lausanne
- **Welfare boundaries** (IP205) Jean-Michel Bonvin, University of Geneva
- **Gender and occupations** (IP206) Nicky Le Feuvre, University of Lausanne
- **Career paths** (IP207) Jérôme Rossier, University of Lausanne
- **Family configurations and the life course** (IP208) Clémentine Rossier, University of Geneva
- **Relationships in later life** (IP212) Hansjörg Znoj, University of Berne
- **Old age** (IP213) Matthias Kliegel, University of Geneva
- **Measuring vulnerability** (IP214) Gilbert Ritschard, University of Geneva

OUTPUTS

Peer reviewed articles, LIVES Working Papers, Springer Series on Life Course and Social Policy, Policy Briefs, LIVES Best Paper Award for Early Scholars, Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, Winter School, Swiss Social Policy Dictionary (upcoming 2018)



DISCIPLINES INVOLVED

Sociology, Psychology, Social Psychology, Demography, Economics, Social Policy, Statistics

STAFF

- 50 professors
- 67 senior researchers and postdocs
- 62 PhD underway (+ 50 already completed since 2011)

OTHER DOMAINS OF INTERVENTION

- **Doctoral programme** (8 workshops and other events per year)
- **Equal Opportunity measures**
- **Outreach activities** (Knowledge Transfer & Communication)

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TOPICS

Life Course / Transitions / Critical Events / Vulnerability / Inequality / Resilience / Education / Work and Unemployment / Gender / Couple / Family / Ageing / Social Networks / Social Policy / Health / Migration / Methods

