



The potential of multi-cohort, multi-informant panel data on children and youth: The example of the COCON study

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Abstract:

COCON is an interdisciplinary longitudinal multi-cohort and multi-informant study with a focus on how children, adolescents, and young adults in Switzerland master developmental tasks and transitions in the institutionalized early life course, given unequal resources and opportunities inherent in their contexts of growing up. COCON includes a child, an adolescent, and a young adult cohort, surveys primary caregivers and teachers of the target subjects, and covers substantial timespans of the process of growing up. The analytical potential of such study designs will be discussed along with exemplary evidence related to the conceptual framework and signature features of the study.

About the speaker

Professor Dr Marlis Buchmann is Professor of Sociology at the University of Zurich, Head of the Swiss Job Market Monitor, and the former director of the Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development. She is a three-time Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University and invited Visiting Professor at many universities including Stanford University, UCLA, NYU, University of Vienna, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, University of Turku. In 2020, she received an honorary doctorate from the University of Bern. She was awarded the William Thierry Preyer Award for Excellence in Research on Human Development from the European Association for Developmental Psychology in 2023. Her research interests include social inequality, transitions, and competence development in the early life course as well as labor market dynamics and career outcomes. Her scholarly work has been published in, among others, *Child Development*, *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, *Advances in Life Course Research*, *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* and *European Sociological Review*.



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