

***"Change and stability –  
An analysis of personal networks over time"***

**Monday, November 7, 2022, 10am-12pm**

**Programme**

10:00-10:15 Welcome and updates (Eric Widmer)

10:15-11:15 Gerald Mollenhorst: "Change and stability - an analysis of personal networks over time"

11:15-12:00 Discussion

14.00 -16.00 - Private talks with the speaker, for PhD students and post-docs, individually or in small groups. Please register by email to [Delphine.Fagot@unige.ch](mailto:Delphine.Fagot@unige.ch)

**Venue**

- 7 novembre 2022: 10.00 to 12.00
- University of Geneva, Uni-Mail, room M4020
- Registration on Cally: <https://cally.com/pdxysncn5nxxis>

*This event is given in relation with the LIVES' Cross-Cutting Issue 3 Research Program  
"Accumulation of resources and development of vulnerability over the life course"*



**Gerald Mollenhorst: "Change and stability - an analysis of personal networks over time"**

**Abstract**

Network research recurrently shows that personal networks are highly dynamic. Over time, people lose many relationships, including very close ones, and replace them with new contacts. Other relationships do last and some are even 'for life', but we know relatively little about these relationships. Knowledge about change and stability in personal network members contributes to a better understanding of the dynamics of personal networks and the social resources people have at their disposal over the life course. I will present and discuss change and stability in the personal networks of a large sample of Dutch panel survey respondents of whom we have very detailed longitudinal information about their personal relationships over almost two decades.

The conference, discussion and meetings will also be accessible online.

**Biographical note**

Gerald Mollenhorst is a social scientist and works as an assistant professor at the Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. He has many years of experience in social network research, specializing in how contextual opportunities and constraints affect the composition and structure of, and changes in personal networks – and how these network characteristics and contextual factors relate to the life opportunities and behaviours of various actors, including neighbourhood residents, local entrepreneurs, prisoners, and young individuals (both natives and immigrants). Over the years, he has built up substantial expertise in collecting large-scale panel survey data with a particular focus on personal networks and their changes over time.

