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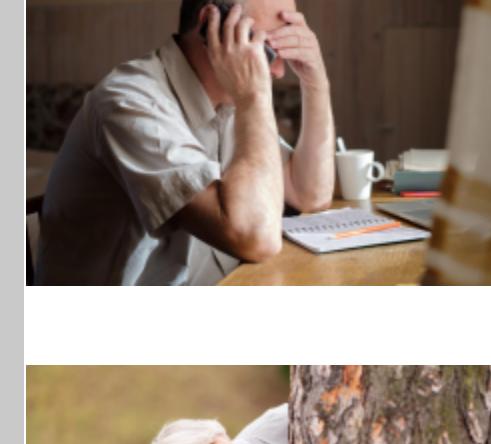
Newsletter of the LIVES Centre - August 2023

Dear reader,

We are pleased to send you a brief report on the main news of the LIVES Centre which have marked our last months.

Best regards.

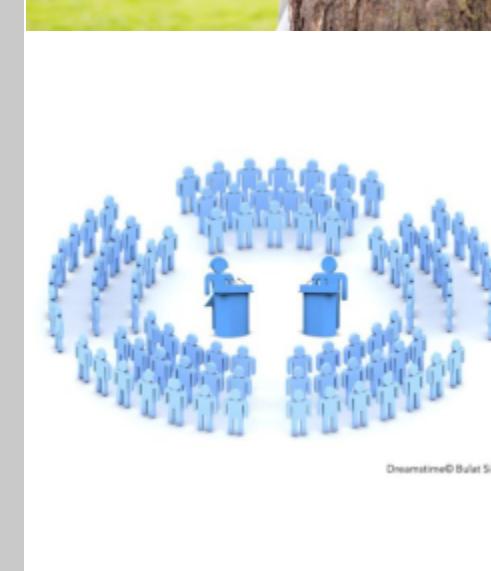
RESEARCH



Critical events and well-being

A new indicator measures the **concentration of critical events in the life course**. It is based on the number of events experienced and the time between occurrences. The higher the concentration of critical events, the greater the long-term negative impact on well-being

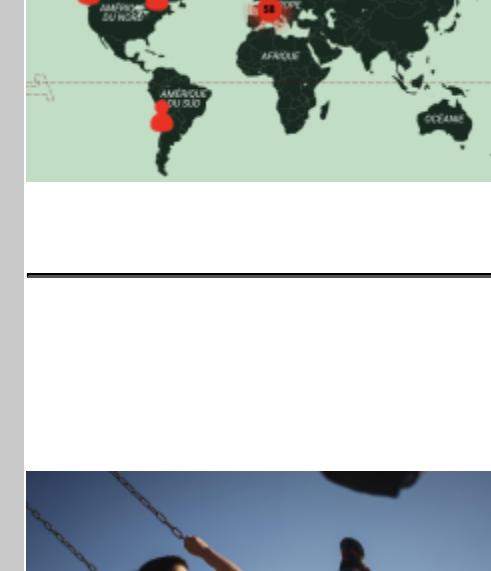
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Friendship in old age

Older people have more and more close friends, which is good for their well-being. This trend is part of a wider change in lifestyle after retirement. A **welcome development, but one that is not without its inequalities**.

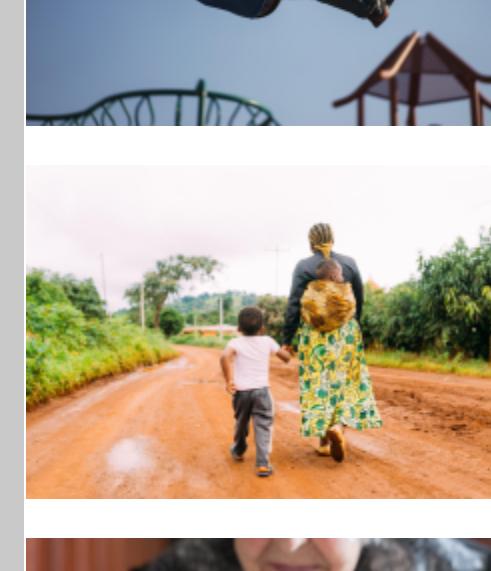
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International crises and mental health

After COVID, **young people's areas of concern shifted from school and peer problems to family and mental health issues**. Adult distress increased following the outbreak of the pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

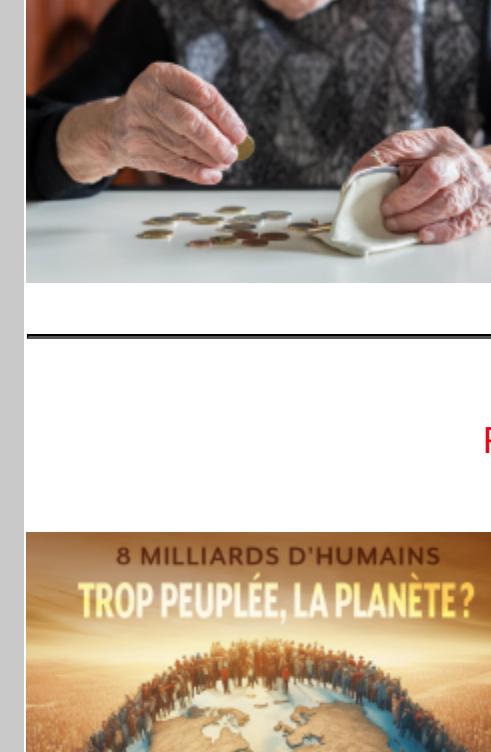
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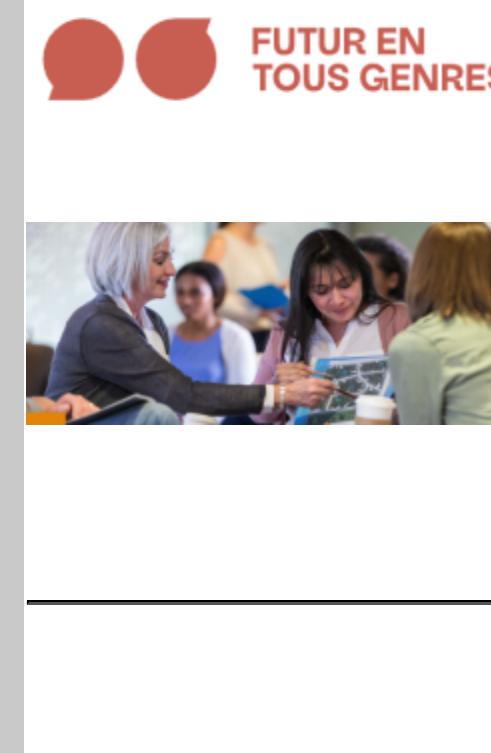
The time of seniors

Between 65 and 80 years old, **seniors often provide support to their families, as well as to their network and civil society**, by carrying out significant volunteer work. They were at the heart of the "Assises des familles" conference in June 2023 in Geneva.

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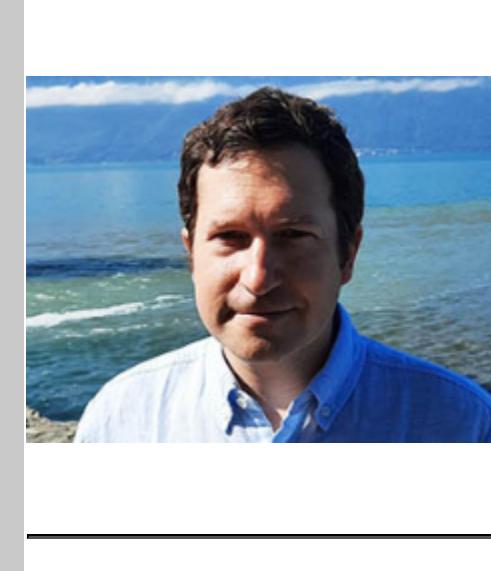
PROJECTS



FamyCH - Family arrangements and children's well-being in Switzerland

Understanding the impact of post-separation custody arrangements on child well-being in order to provide **valid empirical arguments for the development of useful family policies**.

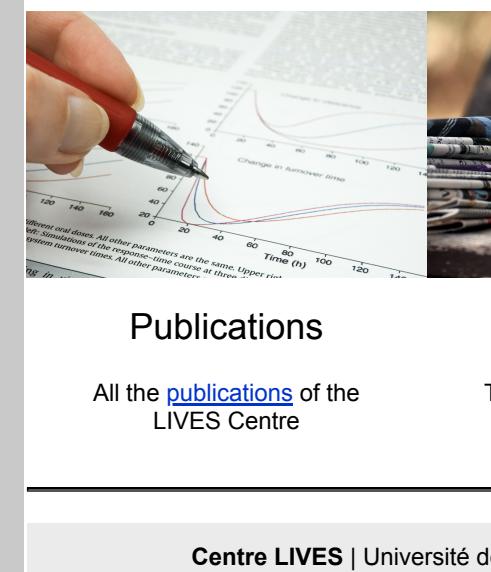
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FamiLEA: reshaping the family in East Africa

Family structures in the African sub-region are undergoing profound changes. Yet **these transformations are still going largely unnoticed**, particularly by official statistics and public policies: a new scientific approach is needed.

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Poverty among the elderly in rural Switzerland and the United States

While poverty is an economic and social status, it is also an experience. The knowledge that these people have accumulated can contribute to a better understanding of this situation and thus **improve the lives of poor older people**.

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PUBLIC EVENTS



19.09.2023 - 8 billion people, Too many people?

Opening lecture at the University of Geneva, given by Prof. Clémentine Rossier, Director of the Institute of Demography and Socioeconomics and co-director of the LIVES Centre.

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08.11.2023 - "Futur en tous genres" day

During this day **dedicated to schoolchildren**, LIVES presents the workshop "C'est pas mon genre! Advertising and stereotypes", specially dedicated to boys.

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Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Participatory Governance and Local Actions

Promoting inclusion and social cohesion, participatory governance encourages engagement in the life of a municipality, association, or institution in various forms.

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PORTRAIT



Michael Grätz

Meet Michael Grätz, assistant professor of sociology at the University of Lausanne, who has been awarded a Starting Grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation.

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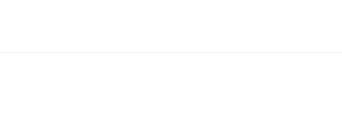
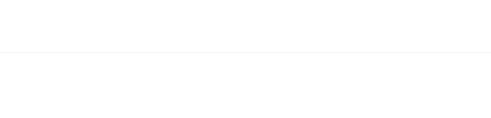
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