



The Jacobs Center Research Seminar Series

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The emergence of social networks between university students: Insights from the Swiss StudentLife Study



The Swiss StudentLife Study investigated the emerging social networks between first-year undergraduate students at a Swiss university. Students were mostly strangers to each other on their first day at university, but developed multidimensional and densely-knit social networks through time. These networks were associated with a number of individual outcomes, maybe most importantly their

mental health and academic achievement. The talk reviews the research design, measurements, and some relevant empirical findings. It further discusses extensions to the study that were conducted at the time of COVID-19 when social interactions were limited and students were at higher risk of social isolation and lower mental health.

Friday, December 2, 2022, 10:15 h

The talk will be held at Andreasstrasse 15, 8050 Zurich, AND 4.06 (4th floor)