

CURRENT POSITION, CV, CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS

DR EVELINE ODERMATT

CURRENT POSITION: SENIOR RESEARCHER

CURRENT PROJECTS AND TEACHING

Research Project:

- **Project Leader:** *'Gender, Return, Migration and Reintegration in the Gambia, Guinea and Senegal'*: a 2-years international research project funded by the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS): <https://snis.ch/projects/gender-return-migration-and-reintegration-in-the-gambia-guinea-and-senegal/>, implemented in cooperation with the School of Social Work, University of Northwestern Switzerland; University Julius Nyerere, Kankan (Guinea Conakry); University Assane Seck, Ziguinchor (Senegal); International Organisation for Migration / IOM; Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

- **Project Leader:** Once Privileged, always Privileged? Britons in Switzerland and the Swiss in Britain, funded by University of Fribourg

Teaching:

- MA: Migration, Social Transformation and Inequality
- BA: Migration and the Politics of Solidarity
- BA: (Im)Mobility and Migration in Crises and Crisis discourses
- BA and MA: Study visit to Albania and Kosovo: A transnational perspective of Migration between Albania, Kosovo and Switzerland
- Supervisions of MA and BA theses on migration related topics

Consultancy:

- Academic consultancy on behalf of the German International Development Agency (GIZ) on migration return programmes.
- Academic consultancy on behalf of the HEKS (Swiss NGO) on their annual migration report

EDUCATION

- **PHD IN MIGRATION STUDIES** **2012-2017**
Sussex Centre for Migration Research (SCMR), University of Sussex, Brighton
Thesis title: 'Migrants in Development: A Multi-Perspective Analysis of the Participation of Moldovan Migrant Associations in Development Initiatives': a transnational multi-sited ethnography with an interdisciplinary research approach, one year fieldwork involving 84 in-depth interviews in 5 languages across 7 countries; supervised by Prof R. King and Prof M. Collyer; external expert: Prof M. Bivand Erdal (PRIO)
- **MA (WITH DISTINCTION) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT** **2009-2010**
School of Global Studies/Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, Brighton
- **DIPLOMA LICENCE ES SCIENCES SOCIALES** **1996-2000**
Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Lausanne, and Department of Sociology, University of Geneva

RESEARCH

- **Research Fellow, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex** **2017-2018**
Collaboration in the ESRC project: 'Optimising Refugee Resettlement in the UK', led by Prof Mike Collyer: analysis of qualitative data, lead role in producing the final report and policy briefs
- **Research Assistant, SCMR, University of Sussex, Brighton** **2016**
Research support to Prof Russell King
- **Research Fellow, University of Northwestern Switzerland, School of Social Work** **2006-2014**
- **Project assistant:** in qualitative or mixed method projects, including two Swiss National Science Foundation projects (responsible for data collection in the French-speaking part of Switzerland)

- **Project leader:** 'Mutual understanding between diaspora organisations and Swiss development agencies', funded by the Social Research Found, Basel (attracted funding: CHF 94,000)
- **Project leader:** 'A qualitative needs assessment of the social sector in Moldova', mandated research on behalf of Caritas Switzerland and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) (attracted funding: CHF 85,000).

TEACHING

University of Northwestern Switzerland, School of Social Work **2006-2014**

- Regular teaching activities in BA modules related to migration and civil society (e.g. Migration and Integration; Social Innovation); supervisions of BA dissertations, organisation of fieldtrips to IOs in Switzerland

Visiting Teaching Fellow (Part-time), State University, St. Petersburg (RU) **2002-2003**

- 'Sociology/Intercultural Studies' (in English)

SELECTED ACADEMIC CONSULTANCY

- Consultant to: 'Fostering migrant associations' engagement for development in Germany', on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Frankfurt, (attracted funding: € 58,000), 2011- 2012
- Consultant to 'Hilfswerk Austria International Moldova': evaluation of a return migration programme, founded by the European Commission (attracted funding: € 15,000), 2013
- Consultative co-researcher 'Needs assessment of migrant communities in East Sussex', on behalf the East Sussex County council, SCMR, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex, 2010
- Conceptualised 'Country-programme strategy Moldova', on behalf of Caritas Switzerland (attracted funding: CHF 32,000), 2009
- Co-consultant 'Hate-Crime and local NGOs on the EU-Eastern Border', on behalf of the Ukrainian Social Ministry, and the foundation 'Remembrance, Responsibility and Future' (EVZ), Berlin, 2007

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Nominated for the IMISCOE Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award 2018
- Doc. Mobility Fellowship Grant, SNSF, (CHF 44,200), 2015-2016
- Visiting Teaching Fellowship Grant St. Petersburg, University of Fribourg (CHF 32,000), 2002-2003
- Awarded Fellow at the Theodor Heuss Talent Academy of the Friedrich-Naumann Foundation, Germany, training programme: 'Transformation of the Caucasus Region and Central Asia: interethnic relationships, Islamisation and migration', Brussels/Cologne (€ 1500), Apr 2006.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of WB-Mignet: Western Balkans Migration Network, since 2017
- Member of European Network of Excellence on International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE), since 2012
- Member of Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex (UK), since 2012
- Jury member: grant programme: 'Social NGO infrastructure for Central- and Eastern Europe, Germany and Israel', State Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ), Berlin, 2008–2014
- Member of the working group 'Central and Eastern European Countries', German Green Party, Berlin, 2004–2006.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

UNIVERSITY POLICY

- Lecturer and researcher representative, Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Global Development, University of Fribourg (CH)

JOURNALS

- Peer reviews for: Journal for Ethnic and Migration Studies (JEMS), Migration Studies, Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, AUC Geographica, Social Inclusion, Central and Eastern European Migration Review, Europe-Asia Studies, and Social Science & Medicine.
- Editorial Board: Sozialpolitik.ch.

SELECTED ORGANISATIONS OF WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- Co-organised the Graduate Conference 'Migration Researchers in the Field: Method & Theory', Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, Apr 2014.
- Support for the 1th Sussex Centre for Migration Research & Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies conference, 'Negotiating Diversity', University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, March 2014.
- Co-organised the workshop: 'Migration, transnationalism and development in the Balkans and South-East Europe', IMISCOE conference Amsterdam, Aug 2012.
- Chaired the workshop 'Social policy, agency and social support', conference of the Swiss Association of Social Work, Lucerne, Mar 2008.
- Co-conceptualised and organised two international conferences on the topic of 'Civil Society in Easter Europe', Berlin, 2004/2006.

FURTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Collaboration in cultural research projects conducted by the art-group 'Maghreb Connection' on migration/geo-bodies in Tunisia, Morocco and Lampedusa, funded by PRO HELVETIA, 2007-2008

Senior programme manager **2003-2006**

German-Russian Exchange, Berlin (DE), drafted, implemented, and evaluated international projects within the framework of large-scale EU-programmes (e.g. EuropeAid and TACIS), managed an East-West European Graduate network (attracted funding: € 2 millions)

Swiss University Graduate Traineeship Programme **2000-2002**
Caritas Switzerland, Lucerne

SELECTED COURSES, SEMINARS AND TRAININGS

- Attendance at workshops designed for doctoral researchers (e.g. visual research methods), Economic & Social Research Council - Doctoral Training Centre (ESRC-DTC), University of Sussex, 2012-2016
- Diverse trainings and seminars on intercultural communication and project management, Heinrich Böll-Foundation, Robert Bosch Foundation, Berlin; Caritas Switzerland and Swiss Development Agency (SDC), Lucerne, Berne, 2004-2011.
- Trainings and study visits (e.g. to Belarus, Georgia and Central Asia), on the topics of migration, non-governmental organisations, and development transformation, EU-Commission Brussels 2004-2006.

SELECTED CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

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"It is much more difficult for a man to come back than for a woman": Gender Aspects in the Reintegration Process of Return Migrants, *Annual Conference Association for African Studies in Germany (VAD)*, African Centre for Transnational Research (ACT), Albert Ludwig University, Freiburg im Breisgau (D), 7-10 June 2022

'Migration de retour – des lois et des destins', Presentation at '*Research goes Public - Café Scientifique*', University of Fribourg, 09.02. 2022

'How does Gender Shape Reintegration Processes on the Individual and Policy Level?', *18th IMISCOE Annual Conference*, Luxembourg, July 7-9 2021

- 'Gender, Return Migration and Reintegration in the Gambia, Senegal and Guinea', *Presentation at research colloquium, Institute of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, University of Fribourg*, Mai 20, 2021.
- 'Solidarity and Migration: Migrants as Actors of (transnational) Solidarity', University Lecture Series: 'Solidarities', University of Fribourg, Apr 2020
- 'Without Decent Work there is No New Decent Life': Employment among Formerly Resettled Refugees in England', International Work Shop: 'Mainstreaming Decent Work?' funded by SNSF, University of Fribourg, Nov 2019
- 'We Want to Keep it Human': Moldovan Migrants' Development Engagement', Migration and Mobility Working Group Conference SIEF: 'More than Money: Remittances as Social Practice', SIEF/University of Innsbruck, Department of Ethnology (AT), Oct 2018
- 'Temporalities in Migrant Social Remittance Practices', IMISCOE 15th Annual conference, Barcelona, Jul 2018
- 'Remittances and collective transnational development practices of Moldovan migrants', annual conference of the Romanian Network for Migration Studies (RoMig) 'Migration from and towards Romania: Research and Policy', Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (RO), Sept 2017
- 'All Selfish Altruists? Return Intentions of Moldovan Migrants and Transnational Charity Practices', Conference: 'Thinking about going 'home': engaging with scenarios of return migration', Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Oslo, Aug 2015
- 'No Interest is better than a Fake Interest': Moldovan Migrants' Position vis-à-vis State and Emigration Policies', IMISCOE 12th Annual conference, University of Geneva, Jun 2015
- 'Doing Fieldwork in a Frozen Conflict Zone', Graduate Conference, Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex, Brighton, Mar 2015
- 'I am Here only temporarily, but I don't Want to go Back there Forever': Framing the Return-Debate in the Context of Moldova', closing event of the European Commission Migration-Development Programme, Chisinau, Moldova, Nov 2013
- 'On Channelling the Good Spirits': Diaspora-led Policies: the Perspective of Migrants, Moldova and Switzerland' (in French), presentation at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations (UN), Geneva, Oct 2013
- 'Migrant Collective Social Remittances' (in German), keynote speaker, panel: 'Transnationalism', Winter School for MA students: 'Migration', University of North-Western Switzerland, (FHNW/HSA), Olten, Jan 2013
- 'Decision-Making and Degree of Migrants' Enrolment in Development' (in German), German Symposium: 'Migrants' Development Engagement and Remittances GIZ/CIM (German Society for International Cooperation)/Centre for International Migration (CIM), Frankfurt, Mar 2012
- 'Civic Participation', EU-Commission Seminar: 'Social Reforms in Eastern Europe', Vienna and Brussels, Oct 2005/Nov 2004.

SELECTED CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- 'Migration Matters: Global Challenges', 5th SCMR-JEMS conference, Nov 2017
- 'Migrant Cartographies: Cities, Circuits and Circulations', Goldsmiths University of London, Department of Sociology, May 2017
- 'Migration & Changing societies: Research Agendas', 4th SCMR-JEMS conference, Nov 2016
- 'Migrant Labour Market Integration', INTEGRIM Marie Curie Actions conference: Integration and International Migration: Pathways and Integration Policies, MIGRINTER, University of Poitiers (FR) and University of Sussex, Brighton, Jun 2015
- 'Taking Action on Migration and Development: Coherence, Capacity and Cooperation', 1st Diaspora Ministerial Conference IOM (International Organization for Migration), Geneva, Jun 2013.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Odermatt, E. Jurt, L. and Gueye, D. (2022) 'Migration de retour et réintégration : Réussite collective et échec individuel ?', in Yemelong Temgoua, N. and Nkenne J..M. (eds) *Pratiques migratoires et réintégration des migrants dans les territoires de départ en Afrique Centrale* (to be published in July 2022).
- Odermatt, E. (2020) 'Transnational Development Practices of Moldovan Migrants and Temporalities', in Meyer, S. (ed.) *More than Money: Remittances as Social Practice*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan: XX-XX, (forthcoming, Mai 2022).
- Odermatt, E. (2021) 'Discontinuities within continuities: Solidarity, (Im-) Mobility and Migration between Refugee Crisis and COVID-19 Crisis', *Sozialpolitik.ch*, 1/2021.
- Odermatt, E. 'Here I am, again: An Autoethnography of Repeated Return Mobilities' (under review)
- Odermatt, E. 'The Omnipresence of Absence: Manifestations of absence in the Moldovan Migration-Development Web' (under review)
- Odermatt, E. 'I am 'here' only temporarily, but I don't want to go back 'there' forever': framing the return debate in the context of Moldova' (under review).
- Budowski, M., Odermatt, E., and Schief, S. (2020) 'Migrant's Participation in the Swiss Welfare System: Social Protection for whom?', In Federal Statistical Office (FSO), University of Neuchâtel (UNINE), and University of Fribourg (UNIFR) (Eds.), *A Panorama of Swiss Society 2020. Migration-Integration-Participation*, Neuchâtel, Fribourg: Swiss Federal Office of Statistics, University of Neuchâtel, University of Fribourg: 69-79.
<https://www.swissstats.bfs.admin.ch/collection/ch.admin.bfs.swissstat.en.issue201420182000/article/issue201420182000-09>
- Odermatt, E. (2019) 'Researching Transnationalism', in Atkinson, P.; Delamont, S.; Cernat, A.; Sakshaug, J. and Williams, R. (eds.) *Contemporary Perspectives in Qualitative Research*, London: Sage Research Methods: <http://methods.sagepub.com/foundations/transnationalism-research-of>.
- Collyer, M.; Morrice, L.; Odermatt, E. (2018) *A Long-term Commitment: Integration of Resettled Refugees in the UK*, Brighton, University of Sussex:
<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/webteam/gateway/file.php?name=4375-resettled-refugees-report-web.pdf&site=252>.
- Odermatt, E. (2017) *Migrants in development: a multi-perspective analysis of the participation of Moldovan migrant associations in development initiatives*. Doctoral thesis (PhD), University of Sussex: <http://sro.sussex.ac.uk/68110/>.
- Odermatt, E. (2014) 'Diskussionen und Tendenzen im Sozialbereich der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit' in Fritze, A., Maelicke, B. and Uebelhart, B. (eds.) *Management und Systementwicklung in der Sozialen Arbeit*. Baden-Baden: Nomos-Verlag: 347-371.
- Odermatt, E. (2014) 'Réflexion sur la migration et le développement', in Rebetez, B. and Cuomo R. (eds.) *Et jamais devient*, Brussels: Komplot: 13-28.
- Odermatt, E. (2014) 'Reflections on Aidland', in Rebetez, B. and Cuomo R. (eds) *Et jamais devient*, Brussels: Komplot: 3-8.
- Odermatt, E. (2013) 'Das Unvorhersehbare ist unvorhersehbar: Partizipative Methodenansätze', in Uebelhart, B. und Zängle, P. (eds) *Praxisbuch zum Social-Impact-Modell*. Baden-Baden: Nomos-Verlag: 307-315.
- Odermatt, E. (2013) review of 'Developing a Road Map for Engaging Diasporas in Development': A Handbook for Policymakers and Practitioners in Home and Host Countries', ed. by Rannveig Agunias, D. and Newland, K., *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 39(9): 1526-8.
- Odermatt, E. (2011) *The Social Development Field of Moldova: A Participative Baseline Study*, project report, Luzern: Caritas Switzerland (120 pages) (available upon request).
- Malerius, S., Odermatt, E. (2006) 'Die Zivilgesellschaft Stärken', *OSTEUROPA*, No 8, Berlin: Berliner Wissenschaftsverlag: 175-184.
- Odermatt, E. (2003) *Manual for Intercultural Working Methods*, St. Petersburg: St. Petersburg State University Press.

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

- 'Migration de retour – des lois et des destins', Radio Fribourg, Emission : *Service Compris*, 09.02. 2022
- 'Les migrants rapportent davantage qu'ils ne coûtent' Universitas – Das Magazin der Universität Freiburg, Schweiz, 01, 2021
- 'Trends of Moldovan Emigration', Radio Moldova, Broadcast: "*Interview of the week*", Mai 11, 2013