



Das Forschungszentrum ‚Bildung – Generation – Lebenslauf‘ und das Institut für Erziehungswissenschaft laden ein zum

Gastvortrag von Dr. Liat Yakhnich

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Problems of Adaption of Immigrant Youth in Israel and its Consequences for Social Work

Mittwoch, 22. Mai 2019, 17.00 Uhr

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In her guest lecture, Dr. Yakhnich will focus on problems in adaption of immigrant youth in Israel, specifically substance abuse and delinquency. She will present findings from two qualitative studies and introduce a pilot program aimed at assisting and supporting immigrant families with youth at risk. Although the program is implemented in a particular social context, it offers ideas about assisting immigrant parents regardless of origin, ethnicity, and specific social circumstances.

In the first study, Dr. Yakhnich examined the extent to which immigration-related stressors are associated with delinquent behaviour of immigrant adolescents from the Former Soviet Union. The second study explored the trajectories of drug abuse and of addiction development among immigrant users.

Dr. Liat Yakhnich is the head of the Department of Youth Development and a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Criminology at Beit Berl College in Israel. Her research interests include: parenting in cultural transition, immigrant families and youth, cultural identity and substance abuse and addiction. Beyond academic activity, she works with parents and families and is involved in professional training in the fields of cultural sensitive social work and immigrant youth at risk.