**Major Research Aims**

COCON investigates the longitudinal interplay of child and adolescent competence development and social opportunities in the contexts of growing up.

**Study design**

COCON is the first representative, multi-cohort, multi-informant, and longitudinal study of child and adolescent development in the German- and French-speaking parts of Switzerland. The study design permits to examine intra-individual development, inter-individual differences, and social change in young people’s life course and competence development. Survey waves have been conducted before and after major status transitions in the child and adolescent life course.

**Constructs: Major life domains and individual development**

- **Identity/Personality & Well-Being**
  - personality: Big 5
  - subjective well-being

- **Social/Productive Competencies & Behaviour**
  - volition, perseverance
  - academic self-efficacy
  - inhibitory control
  - depressive symptoms

- **Morality & Values**
  - sympathy
  - aggression
  - social trust
  - social justice values

- **Educational & Work Trajectories**
  - coping with transitions
  - academic performance
  - occupational aspirations
  - labor market entry

- **Peers & Leisure**
  - popularity status
  - number of friends
  - friendship quality
  - media use

- **Family: Background, Structure & Interactions**
  - social origin
  - parental work trajectories
  - parenting
  - siblings

**Sampling information & response rates**

As of spring 2018, the 8th survey wave is under way with the 18-year-old members of the child cohort. The sample size for this wave is 918, i.e. 72 per cent of the sample in wave 1.

**Selection of Publications**


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