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Selected Publications

Moussa, J., Pecoraro, M. & Ruedin, D. (2015). The Gender Gap in Mental Health: Immigrants in Switzerland. In : Khanlou N & Pilkington B. (Editors). *Women's Mental Health: Resistance and Resilience in Community and Society*. *Advances in Mental Health and Addiction* (Series Editor: Masood Zangeneh). New York: Springer.

Babones, S., Moussa, J. & Suter, C. (2015). A Poisson-Based Framework for Setting Poverty Thresholds Using Indicator Lists. *Social Indicators Research*. DOI: 10.1007/s11205-015-0919-4.

Suter, C., Iglesias, K. & Moussa, J. (2015). From Dissonance to Well-being and Adaption? Quality of Life in Switzerland Over the Past Decades. In: Wolfgang Glatzer (Ed.), *The Global Handbook of Wellbeing and Quality of Life*, New York: Springer.

Jehane Simona Moussa obtained her master degree in socioeconomics at the University of Geneva in 2013 with a strong interest in economics of development and demography. In 2012, she worked as a scientific collaborator at the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population studies in a project that aimed to study the gender gap in term of health among the immigrant population living in Switzerland. During her studies, health issues as well as migration issues always interested her; therefore this project fitted perfectly her interests. Since 2013, Ms. Simona Moussa is a PhD candidate at the Institute of Sociology at the University of Neuchâtel, working part-time on a Swiss National Found project called: "Income and wealth inequality, deprivation and wellbeing in Switzerland, 1990-2013". She is also working part-time as a teaching assistant, teaching an introduction to both, quantitative and qualitative methodologies in sociology to first year Bachelor students.

Her previous studies in socioeconomics lead her to start a PhD thesis on subjective wellbeing and on vulnerable groups in a longitudinal perspective in Switzerland, under the supervision of professor Dr. Christian Suter and with Dr. Eric Crettaz as co-director. Her interests in poverty issues as well as in vulnerability includes dimensions such as the quality of life and its numerous domains, the definition (thresholds) and the identification of social groups (such as the poor and the vulnerable), and the subjective wellbeing. Her thesis follows a quantitative approach with

the use of several databases such as the Survey on Income and Living Conditions and the Swiss Household Panel (which allows longitudinal analysis). Three main phases can be identified; the first one is the question of thresholds used to distinguish between different social classes, and specifically to identify people living in vulnerability to poverty from those being in poverty. In this sense, a first article on deprivation measurement and the impact of threshold used has been published in *Social Indicators Research* in February 2015. Her research aims also to compare several measures of poverty to know if they tend to measure same people. The second phase is to analyze the impact of economic crisis on subjective wellbeing and on the risk of falling into poverty for people living in Switzerland. The last phase is to understand how and what influences the level of subjective wellbeing of people being vulnerable to poverty and therefore be informative to public policies.

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