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**REGIMES OF
SOCIAL COHESION
AND CITIZENSHIP**

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Jan Germen Janmaat is Professor of Political Socialization at the Department of Education, Practice and Society, Institute of Education, University College London. With a background in human geography from the University of Amsterdam, his research focuses on nationalism, ethnic conflict, and the role of education in shaping civic values and fostering social cohesion. He is the author of pioneering research on social cohesion. Among other contributions, he co-authored the book *Regimes of Social Cohesion* with Andy Green, which made significant advances to the study of social cohesion through an innovative and highly interdisciplinary mixed-methods approach. More recently, his research has focused more closely on the role of education in fostering civic values.

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From the very beginning of the social sciences, scholars have been interested in the question what holds societies together. In this lecture, Professor Janmaat examines how scholars have explored this question. How have they conceptualised social cohesion and how have they sought to measure and explain it? He will argue that theoretical, multidimensional and utopian understandings of the concept predominate and that relatively little attention has been paid to empirically observable manifestations of social cohesion, let alone to factors that might explain possible differences between societies in their social cohesion profiles.

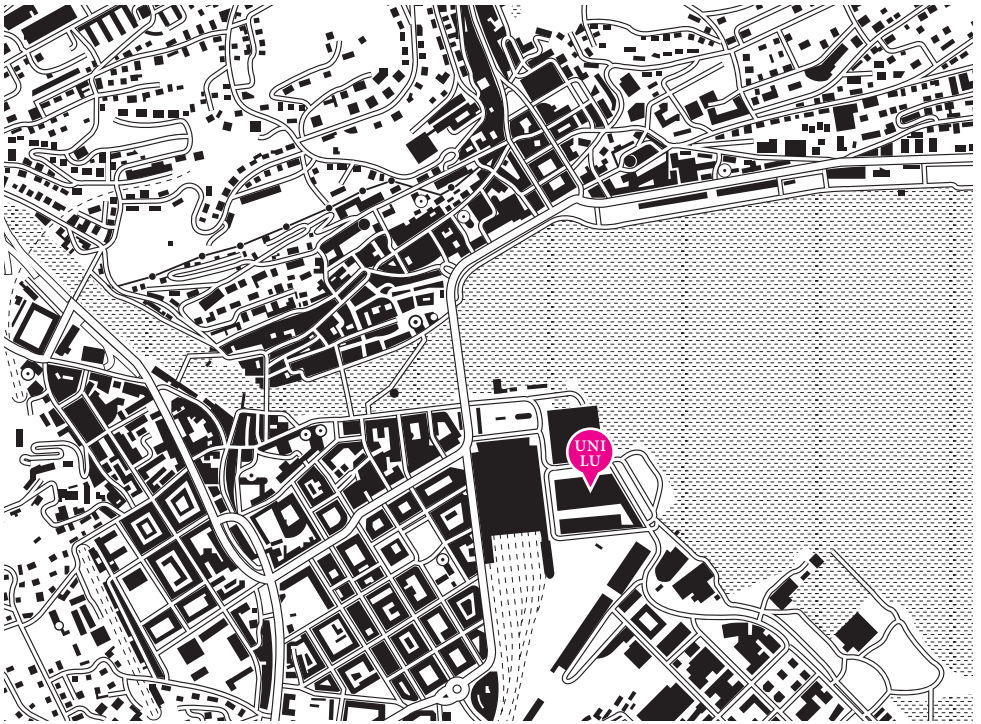
Professor Janmaat will contrast two very different theoretical approaches to the concept: the universalist and the particularist. Especially the particularist approach is novel as it suggests that societies do not only differ in the level, but also - or primarily - in the nature of social cohesion. Drawing on his own research with others, he will present evidence for a liberal, a conservative and a social-democratic regime of social cohesion, predominate in the English-speaking, German/Dutch-speaking and Scandinavian countries respectively.

The lecture will then dig into what the methodological issues are in exploring qualitatively different «regimes» of social cohesion and which methods can be used in this respect. Moreover, Professor Janmaat will make an excursion to attitudes on citizenship as an important component of social cohesion, to investigate whether «regimes» can also be detected for such attitudes. He finds that support for the universalist or the particularist perspective depends on the vantage point: analysis on the global scale supports the former, with an identifiable syndrome of social cohesion / citizenship attitudes being correlated with indicators of socio-economic development; zooming in on Europe, however, some patterns emerge that correspond to the proposed regimes in the literature. The lecture will conclude with considerations on the implications of these findings for policy and practice.

LECTURE

The Lecture is open to the public and free of charge. An apéritif is offered after the lecture. Your registration on www.unilu.ch/regimes helps us to organise the evening.





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