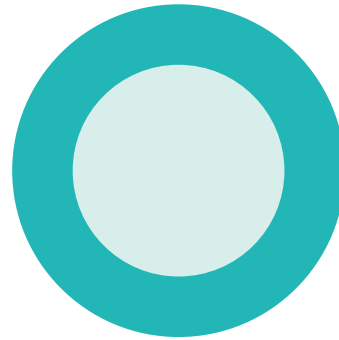
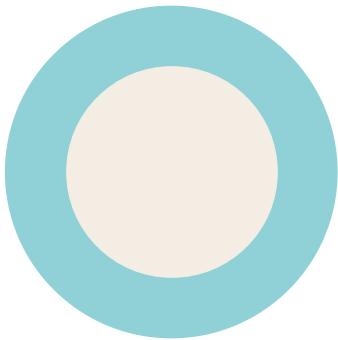
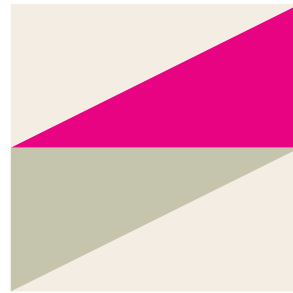
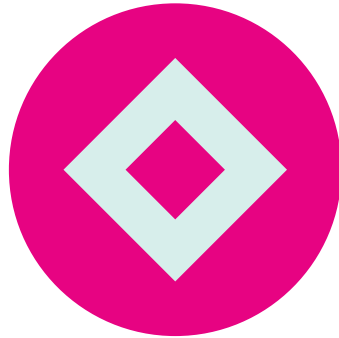
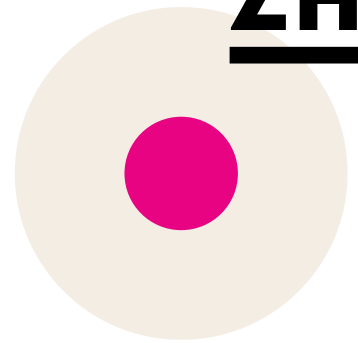
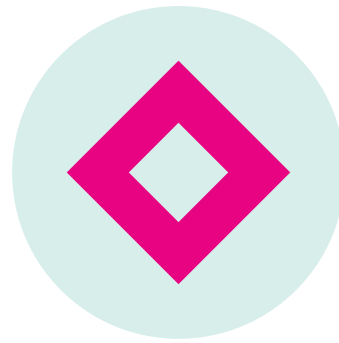
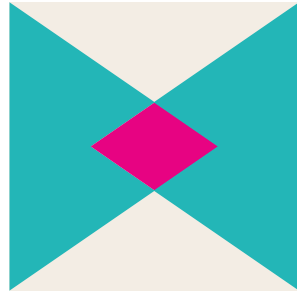
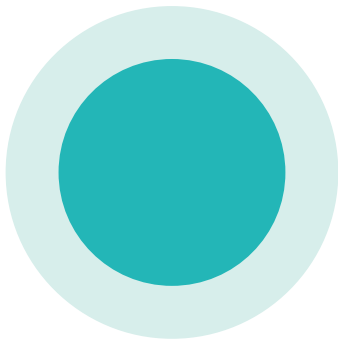


International Projects in Education

Transcultural Learning

The concept of transculturality does not emphasize the differences between different cultures but assumes that the cultural identifications of people or social groups are constituted by diverse traditions, values, religions and cultural practices. This is particularly true for countries with high migration flows such as Switzerland.

At school, children from diverse backgrounds meet each other and cultural categorizations become blurred. Teachers have an influence on how transculturality is lived. For universities of teacher education, the promotion of transcultural competences is important, because they help to encounter other people without prejudice and to better understand one's own culture.

Projects on transcultural learning

The Department for International Projects in Education (IPE) supports transcultural learning processes with projects and mandates. The projects promote exchange among universities of teacher education in different countries and reflection on what teaching at higher education institutions must include in order to enable transcultural learning. The project collaborations result in joint products that capture different perspectives, functional logics and learning insights from the transcultural space. The transcultural activities of the Department IPE also include projects in the area of first language support in heritage language teaching.

Examples of projects on transcultural learning

Completed projects:

PEER-Net

Lecturers from Switzerland and a participating country jointly teach a module at a university of teacher education. Students from both countries participate in the module. Lecturers as well as participants reflect on other academic traditions and transcultural learning.

Countries: Albania, Egypt, Kosovo, Tunisia, Switzerland

Funding: State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)

Project duration: 2021–2024

HSK (Heritage Language Teaching)

Further training for HSK teachers is designed and implemented in collaboration with various cultural organisations. The aim is to professionalise HSK teachers in Switzerland.

Country: Switzerland

Funding: Federal Office of Culture (FOC)

Project duration: 2021–2024

Learning Cultures in Universities (LECU)

Academic exchange among higher education institutions on the topic of teacher education and training.

Countries: Albania, Kosovo, Switzerland

Funding: State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)

Project duration: 2017–2020

Swiss North African Academic Network (SINAN)

Exchange among universities on the topic of what constitutes good teaching at a university of teacher education.

Countries: Egypt, Tunisia, Switzerland

Funding: State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)

Project duration: 2017–2021

International Projects in Education (IPE)

The Department IPE of the Zurich University of Teacher Education has many years of experience in educational development cooperation and in the exchange of knowledge between universities. We focus on the continuing professional development of lecturers, teachers, administrators and NGO staff and also offer training for students and parents on diverse topics:

Life and Future Skills	Teaching and Learning	Inclusive Education
Democratic Education	Job Orientation	Transcultural Learning

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Publications on transcultural learning

Learning through International Exchanges in Teacher Education: Experiences with the Learning Culture in Universities (LECU) Project in Albania, Kosovo and Switzerland (DOK insight, Vol. 1, 2022), Boulos, Samir; Feixas, Mònica

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Materials for heritage language teaching.

Schader, Basil. 8 volumes, 8 languages

→ myheritagelanguage.com



These and other materials on transcultural learning are available in many languages at the following link:

→ ipe-textbooks.phzh.ch/de/transculturality

