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**University of Lucerne, 2–3 July 2026
Room 4.B54 or online**

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DAY 1

2 July 2026

09:00 – 09:30

Welcome and Introduction

Panel 1

Negotiating Value across Conflicting Regimes of Valuations

09:30 – 10:10

Proshant Chakraborty (University of Vienna)

City of care: Social reproduction and sociotechnical repair in contemporary Mumbai.

10:10 – 10:50

Jawhar Cholakkathodi (SRM University-AP, India)

Waste Work as Paid Care Work: Valuation and Devaluation of Environmental care, Kerala, India.

10:50 – 11:20

Coffee Break

11:20 – 12:00

Agostina Gagliolo (Free University Berlin)

Accompanying Care: Everyday Practices and Ethical Commitments in a Municipal HIV/AIDS Program.

12:00 – 12:40

Panchali Ray (Krea University, India)

From Care to Data: Gendered Labour and Digital Health Governance in India's Borderland.

12:40 – 13:00

Open Panel Discussion

13:00– 14:00

Lunch Break

Panel 2

“Good care” and Quality in Institutional Settings

14:00 – 14:40

Jürg Bühler (University of Lucerne)

Teaching “good care” between paperwork and relational work: Induction Program and Quality Measures in a Private Hospital in Kolkata.

14:40 – 15:20

Florence Wieder-Kinne (University of Heidelberg)

Valuing Care through *Haltung*: Moral Orientations in Social Work Practice.

15:20 – 15:50

Coffee Break

15:50 – 16:30	Christopher Miller (University of Zurich) Treating Breathing Difficulties in an Indian Asthma Carescape: Care Worker and Patient Re-valuations of a Centuries-old Technology of Self-Purification.
16:30 - 16:50	Open Panel Discussion, Part 1
	BREAK
19:00	<i>Dinner</i>

DAY 2

3 July 2026

	Panel 3	Valuation, Dignity, and Self-Worth in Marginalized Care Work
09:00 – 09:40	Supurna Banerjee (Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata)	Skill, respectability and invisibility in care work: a comparative perspective from Indian care workers.
09:40 – 10:20	Erkan Tümkaya (Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute, Freiburg)	Devaluations in Healthcare Workers' Mobility: Turkish Migrant Doctors in Germany.
10:20 – 10:50		<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:50 – 11:30	Sara Canha (CRIA - Iscte University Institute of Lisbon)	Organising Care and (Re)Producing Values: Institutional Logics and Everyday Practices of Home Care in Lisbon.
11:30 – 12:10	Sanchari Naskar (Rabindra Bharati University and Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata)	Practising Care, Producing Value: Paid Domestic Work in Kolkata, India.
12:10 – 12:30		Open Panel Discussion
12:30 – 13:30		<i>Lunch Break</i>
	Panel 4	Migration, Transnationalism, and Care Work Along Borders
13:30 – 14:10	Ursina Huber (Bern University of Applied Sciences), Mara Köhler , (University of Vienna), Anita Prša (University of St.Gallen), Julia Rehsman (Bern University of Applied Sciences)	De-/Valuing Care in the Global Hospital: Everyday Valuation Practices Across Care and Maintenance Work.

14:10 – 14:50	Madhurilata Basu (University of Lucerne and Sarojini Naidu College for Women), Philomina Bloch-Chakkalakkal (FHNW School of Social Work, Olten) and Sandra Bärnreuther (University of Lucerne)
	From India to Switzerland: Migration Histories, Transnational Lives, and Everyday Valuation Practices of Care Workers.
14:50 – 15:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:20 – 16:00	Urmila Goel (Humboldt University Berlin)
	WHO CARED – An oral history project valuing migrant nurses.
16:00 – 16:20	Open Panel Discussion
16:20 – 16:40	<i>Break</i>
16:40 – 17:30	Final Discussion and Planning of Special Issue
	BREAK
19:00	<i>Dinner</i>