



# Understanding Migrant Care Work and its Challenges for Social Policy

## Lecture Series «Work and Health»

### Abstract

In this presentation I will argue that the phenomenon of migrant care work and its associated inequalities needs to be understood as the outcome of three global crises: the crisis of care, the crisis around the politics of migration and racial injustice, and the climate crisis. Importantly, it is the contradictory and compounding intersections of these crises at different levels which shapes the experiences of migrant care workers and care recipients – at the interpersonal/local, the national, and the global levels. I will explain the different ways in which this analysis has challenges for the discipline of social policy. In terms of policy, social justice activism around all three areas of crisis points to possibilities for transformative agendas.

### Date and place

Thursday, 12 December 2024, 16.30pm  
Olten, Von Roll-Strasse 10, Raum OVR A026  
Digital via Zoom (Link)

### Further information

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### Speaker

Fiona Williams is Emeritus Professor of Social Policy at the University of Leeds. She has published widely on gender, race, migration and care in social policy. Her latest book, *Social Policy. A Critical and Intersectional Analysis* (Polity Press, 2021) was joint winner of the British Academy Peter Townsend Prize in 2023. It examines what the crises of racialized borders, of care, and of climate change mean for social policy. Central concerns in her work are the meaning of care in society and the articulation of prefigurative thinking from social movements. Fiona is a Fellow of the British Academy, the Academy of the Social Sciences, the Royal Society for the Arts and Sciences. She is currently the social sciences editor of the *Journal of the British Academy*. She was awarded an OBE in 2004 for services to social policy.

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