

Title: Wellbeing among displaced adolescents: early results from the “Refugees from Ukraine in Germany” study

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Abstract: The presentation will introduce the study “Refugees from Ukraine in Germany” and focus specifically on the survey of adolescents aged between 11 and 17 years, who were interviewed in spring 2024 and one year later. First, it will describe the methodological feature of the adolescents’ survey, including issues regarding consent and survey mode. Then, it will present results on well-being, measured by a range of indicators, such as broad life satisfaction, internalizing symptoms and externalizing behaviour, pro-social behaviour and school belonging. The presentation will conclude by highlighting the challenges and advantages of surveying refugee adolescents directly, and the policy lessons that can be learned to support their wellbeing.

Presenter: Ludovica Gambaro is senior researcher at the Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB) in Germany. Her research has broadly focused on inequalities in childhood, and the way diverging developmental trajectories may relate to social policies affecting family and education services, housing and, more recently, migration. Before joining the BiB in 2022, she held research positions at DIW Berlin, University of Tübingen, the Centre of Longitudinal Studies (UCL), and the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (LSE).