

## **Birds of a feather flock together? Social relations among adolescent immigrants**

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**Topic:** Establishing friendships is one of the main developmental tasks in adolescence, for native as well as immigrant adolescents. Although inter-ethnic friendships between immigrants and non-immigrants have been found to be beneficial in reducing prejudice, discrimination, and racial segregation, immigrants were repeatedly found to prefer intra-ethnic over inter-ethnic friendships. This phenomenon, called friendship homophily, will be examined in this study project, especially with regard to the effects of friendship homophily on the psychological and socio-cultural adaptation of adolescent immigrants. Assumptions that may be tested in this study project are, for example, that intra-ethnic friendships are helpful in emotion regulation, whereas inter-ethnic friends help in acquiring cultural skills. Data for this project will be provided by a large longitudinal project on about 1.400 ethnic German adolescent immigrants who participated in four annual waves of assessment (<http://www2.uni-jena.de/svw/devpsy/projects/immigration/>).