



Different parents, different teachers

Parent teacher relationships in primary schools

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- **Relevance:** parental involvement in a child's school career important for children's development; especially for low-SES children – they benefit more from a stable school-home environment
- **Context South-Limburg:** former mine district; persistent poverty;
- 20% low SES (vs. 9% country wide); persistent achievement gap

The research project



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- Teacher questionnaire study
- Teacher interviews
- A training for enhancing culturally sensitive competencies
- An interactive platform
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Parent-teacher conference with withdrawn parent



An inspiring message for teacher educators?



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- Collaboration between professionals in primary education (teacher training) and educators (pedagogy) is fruitful
- Don't be afraid of complex situations and difficult themes
- It's all about relationship and attitude

Student-led conference and the use of a portfolio

