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Biography

Dr Louise Chircop is a lecturer at the Institute for Education. She previously worked as a primary school teacher, as well as an Ethics support teacher. She also taught students at undergraduate and at Master's level at the Faculty of Education, University of Malta. Dr Chircop is also an educator and instructional designer with Kopin. She has published various papers in peer refereed journals, and chapters in books. She holds a Diploma in Applied Social Studies (Social Work), a B.Ed (Hons.), a Master of Arts in Comparative Euro-Mediterranean Educational Studies, a PG Certificate in the Teaching of Ethics in Schools, and a PhD in Education. The research areas which interest her most are social inclusion, inclusive education, multiculturalism, diversity, Ethics education, teacher education, teacher practices, and teacher identity.

Main Publications

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