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Labor Market Trajectories of the Descendants of Immigrants in Europe

So far, research on immigrants' descendants in Europe has focused mainly on educational attainment, while research on their labor market entry and their professional trajectories is still in the early stages. Hence, a number of pressing questions are still unanswered: Are descendants of immigrants able to transform their educational degrees into adequate positions and stable trajectories in the labor market? How far do their trajectories differ from that of natives' descendants and between groups of origin? What are routes to and factors of upward or downward social mobility? Are trajectories affected by a glass ceiling as they try to reach top positions? Little is known also about the entrepreneurship among immigrants' descendants and what kind of familial, social, and economic aspects influence decisions to become self-employed. Finally, some groups among immigrants' descendants are more subject to discrimination and racism. What role does this play (objectively and subjectively) at labor market entry and in trajectories, and how do individuals cope with these obstacles?

We invite submissions for presentations that tackle such questions using qualitative and/or quantitative longitudinal data. Submissions can be national studies as well as comparatives studies, and can focus on macro, meso, and/or micro-level factors. We encourage submissions that address the intersection between class, gender, and national origin in the process of social positioning on the labor market.

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