

ENGLISH ABSTRACTS

Immigrants and the second generations: a preliminary introduction

by Michele Bertani

The article analyzes contemporary migration processes, by focusing on the so-called 'second generation' in Europe and Italy. After a brief description of the different meanings attached to this definition, the article highlights some of the peculiar aspects of the Italian context and analyzes them. Italy has experienced immigration only recently in comparison to other European countries. In addition, in this country immigration is often discussed by politicians and the media as a process related only with the labour market. This makes it interesting to define some preliminary indicators and trends in relation to the presence of migrants' children in Italy. Through the analysis of statistical data and academic research, this article studies migration projects through the perspective of the 'second generation', to show this can provide an appropriate lens to understand migration trajectories in their full complexity. Additionally, this article encourages researchers to consider migration from this perspective, as it will be part of a long-term process which may be viewed, from an analytical perspective, as a trajectory, or rather as a multiplicity of potential trajectories.

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The second generations: critical aspects and new forms of integration

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The number of immigrant children in Italy has been increasing more and more. They are impacting both on immigration as a phenomenon and on receiving societies. Thus, it becomes important and useful to understand which factors matter in second generation's paths and potential trajectories. Through a presentation of different analytical approaches on the phenomenon of migration, the paper explores the role of the family, the ethnic community and friends, as well as of religion and religious organizations in the promotion or prevention of positive forms of inclusion. With a specific focus on the Italian context, it explains the social and cultural transformation that characterises immigrant families, stressing the role that can be played by the human and social capital embedded in ethnic networks. The main aim of this paper is to go beyond the assimilation approaches and to highlight how immigrant families, ethnic networks and religious organizations could promote integration and the upward mobility of future generations.

Keywords: *Immigration, Second Generation, Ethnic Communities, Integration, Social Cohesion.*

The second generations in France: ethnicity and precariousness in the labour market

by Laurence Roulleau-Berger

This article examines the situation of immigrant young generations in France, with a specific focus on their process of insertion in the labour market. As it emerges from different sources, this process can be influenced both by ethnic forms of discrimination and by precarious employment. The biographical paths of the second generation testifies on one hand the fragmentation and the ethnic stratification of the labour market, while on the other economic issues are entrenched, with the multiplication of the spaces of transnational trade and its related factors. The main opportunities available for the second generation, at a local level, relate to trajectories of ethnic enclaves or ethnic niches and to the access to selected forms of employments, mainly as care-workers. However, some groups are able to start up ethnic transnational businesses. Consequently, against a background characterised by globalisation and uncertainty, only some individuals succeed in managing a process of globalized individualization.

Keywords: *Labour Market, Immigration in France, Second Generation, Discrimination.*

“New Italians”. Forms of identification emerging from students with migrants origins in Italian higher schools

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This article discusses the future of the second and third generations in Italy by developing a generational perspective. Through the adoption of a constructionist theoretical approach, informed by works on globalization and the new social movements, it tries to advance beyond the limits of theories and observations at time of fordism, based on concepts of either assimilation or integration. The paper presents an on-going research on students of foreign origins who attend high schools in Milan. By doing so, it focuses on the specificity of the Italian situation and it highlights new and innovative forms of identification, as they are changing alongside current ideas of belonging, membership, citizenship and difference. Hence, the actual experience of the second and third generations, and their new forms of identification, emerge as a useful starting point to understand some peculiarities of the contemporary world.

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Students with migrant parents in the Verona schools: preliminary results on their experience and perceptions

by Vanessa Maher

The article presents an on-going research on the experience and perceptions of a sample of young students with foreign origins, who attend secondary and high schools in Verona, insofar as these perceptions can affect their educational and employment perspectives. The main aim of this qualitative research is to analyse the theme of second generation by giving voice to various relevant actors, including not only immigrant students but also their parents and teachers. Through a comparison of their perspectives and remarks, the preliminary observations presented here suggest the complexity and the different level of socialization between young students of immigrant origins and their Italian schoolmates, as well as immigrant families and teachers. The article proposes several possible approaches to understand the way in which the wider social and political environment influences the outcomes and decisions of the immigrant students.

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