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Immigrant's insertion in the labour market: occupational trajectories in comparative perspective

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The international literature on the economic integration of immigrants in the destination countries tends to highlight a U-shaped occupational mobility pattern: a downgrading from last job in the country of origin to the first job in receiving country and then a recovery to a better job. Little comparative evidence is available due to the specific longitudinal information needed to the purpose. However, in recent years, some national surveys have addressed the problem recording immigrants' occupations in both the origin and in the destination country, and, as for the destination country, they have recorded not only their present but also their very first job. In lack of proper longitudinal data, these surveys allow to compare three different "points" in immigrants' occupational careers. Based on three national surveys covering the Italian, the French and the Spanish cases, the seminar will present and discuss preliminary results of a comparative analysis enquiring: i) whether the hypothesized U-shaped mobility pattern stands in all the three cases; ii) which individual characteristics are more likely associated with successful occupational trajectories in the destination countries.

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