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Social Mobility belongs to the “archetypical-terms” of Sociology because it links up with a series of key concepts and phenomena in the study of society: family, generation, social class and its reproduction over generations, the distribution of wealth and welfare, the formation of elites, and the openness and accessibility of social institutions to individual talent, merit, and effort – to name just the most obvious. The term ‘social mobility’ as such is open in many directions: it can look at mobile individuals, but also at entire groups; it is mostly associated with upward mobility in terms of social status and material conditions, but ...

From Unassimilable to Exceptional: the Rise of Asian Americans and “Stereotype Promise”

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Less than a century ago, Asian Americans were described as illiterate, undesirable, and unassimilable immigrants, yet today, they have the highest educational outcomes, highest rates of intermarriage, and lowest rates of residential segregation. Some scholars and pundits have attributed the dramatic change in their status to Asian culture and values. Focusing on the ...

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Drawing upon ethnographic research of in-depth interviews, life histories, attendance at rallies, festivities, and informal conversations with over 150 undocumented Latino youth activists in Los Angeles, we argue in this paper that the political and civic engagement of marginalized and stigmatized undocumented youth enables them to have social mobility prospects. ...

How National Context Influences the Childrearing Practices of Second-Generation Chinese Tiger Parents

by KRIS R. NOAM (University of California, Irvine)

Amy Chua’s 2011 memoir evoked heated debate on the childrearing practices of Chinese ‘Tiger Mothers’ and on how some Chinese ethnocultural values can push children toward academic success. To date, little scholarly attention has been paid to the childrearing practices of second-generation Chinese or to how they may influence this part of their children’s assimilation. I conducted in-depth interviews with ...

Reinvention of Ethnic Identification Among Second Generation Moroccan and Turkish Dutch Social Climbers

by MARIEKE SLOOTMAN (University of Amsterdam)

In this article, a trajectory of immigrant incorporation is identified among ethnic minority social climbers that is characterized by reassertion and reinvention of ethnic identity in early adulthood. In-depth interviews with university-educated, second generation Moroccan and Turkish Dutch show that ethnic identification is relevant for minority social climbers, contrary to what is often assumed. However, ...

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This article investigates in what ways the highly educated second generation of Turkish and Moroccan descent in the Netherlands deal with the increasingly impermeable, bright boundaries in various fields in Dutch society, including the labour market. We find evidence that these individuals employ a strategy of sameness and difference throughout their careers ...

Social Mobility, Habitus and Identity Formation in the Turkish-German Second Generation

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Social mobility literature widely assumes that socially upward mobile individuals ‘alienate’ from their ‘milieu of origin’ while adopting the patterns of acting and thinking of the ‘new milieu’. The most frequent underlying concepts are the ‘habitus transformation’ or even the ‘habitus cleft’, which presume that the acquisition of a new habitus necessarily involves ...

Turning Disadvantage into Advantage: Achievement Narratives of Descendants of Migrants from Turkey in the Corporate Business Sector

by ALI KONYALI (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

While researchers have often studied descendants of migrants in terms of their educational and occupational shortcomings, there is a lack of studies on an emerging group of professionals with exceptional achievements. Drawing on data collected through semi-structured, in-depth interviews in Frankfurt am Main, Paris and Stockholm with business professionals whose parents migrated from Turkey, this article ...