

**PhD Thesis**

Middle Class Second Generations. Pathways of Social Upward Mobility in Turin and Lyon

**Abstract**

The research aims to analyze the social upward pathways in second generations (born in their host countries or arrived before 18 years old) within middle class occupations. The project carries on a comparative perspective, as the study is situated in the cities of Turin and Lyon. The focus in their pathways is centered on both obstacles faced by the respondents and the resources they can count on. In particular, the main topics analyzed are:

- background, and family migration history
- work path: previous jobs and reaching of the present position
- housing condition
- network and relationships: friends, relatives, relations with co-ethnics and natives
- future perspectives