SOMETIMES YOU CANNOT MAKE IT ON YOUR OWN EVIDENCE ON INTERGENERATIONAL MOBILITY IN ITALY

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Abstract - The aim of this paper consists of understanding what main bottlenecksare causingthe lack of social mobility in Italy. We explore three different individual dimensions as outcomes of intergenerational mobility: level of education attained, occupational skill level, and gross labour income received. Through an econometric analysis based on micro data from the INAPP-PLUS 2018 survey, we highlight that both parents' education and parents' occupational skill levels (i.e., the household background) always have a significant role in all three dimensions analysed.People living in the centre of Italy overall report the lowest effects of household background on opportunities, thus pointing out higher levels of social mobility. This paper also represents the first attempt to evaluate to what extent personality traits affect educational and social opportunities in Italy.

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