



THE PRECARIOUSNESS OF LABOUR TRAJECTORIES AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN CATALONIA. PERIOD EFFECTS, COHORT EFFECTS AND TURNING POINTSⁱ

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ABSTRACT

Youth around Europe is suffering the effects of temporary employment. This is having important effects on their labour trajectories as well as in other spheres of their lives, namely their possibilities of family emancipation and their household living arrangement, among many others. However, the Spanish youth represents a special case in this context, as the instability in their labour trajectories has its roots in the reforms of labour regulations in the mid-nineties. Therefore, the instability of the labour trajectories in certain groups in the Spanish context is related to the employment model that existed before the crisis. Of course, the intensity of the instability has increased with the job losses caused by the recession. Existing studies on the effects of the crisis have shown that job destruction has been concentrated in the younger groups in the labour market. In fact, a quasi-exclusion from the labour market has been identified among young people.

The paper that will be presented at the Conference aims at identifying the differences and similarities of the precariousness of the labour trajectories before and after the beginning of economic recession, focusing concretely on the characteristics of transitions in the labour market for both periods of time. To do so, we will use data coming from the REDEMAS research project ("Social networks as resources and mechanisms for job search and social support in young people"), which has been centred on the Catalan youth. The data obtained in the project will allow identifying whether the present situation of young people in Catalonia can be attributed to a period effect, a cohort effect or both, and to identify what have been the characteristics of the transitions that supposed a turning point in the trajectory.



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