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Abstract:

Children of Spanish migrants usually have relatively strong transnational and nostalgic ties to their parents’ place of origin. This qualitative study concentrates on the lived realities of Galician intergenerationals, meaning Galicians that cannot be clearly categorized as first or second generation. This Master thesis within the framework of the European Master in Migration Studies (EuMIGS) tries to answer the following questions. How are intergenerationals’ identities constructed over time and space? Which factors influence their feeling of belonging? I show how translocal childhoods, relational factors and life cycles influence the feeling of inclusion or exclusion and the identity construction in either Switzerland or Galicia. Political and legal factors also come into play when citizenship is denied, or the collective narrative separates the ‘Us’ from the ‘Them’.