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Keywords: Family formation, attitudes towards children, gender roles, couple's fertility

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One of the functions of educational institutions is to create differentiated social subjects. Their future roles, status and social positions have to conform to the normative and cultural expectations of a given society. Considering the individual variations of self-esteem, self evaluation of the integration in the workplace, and the values attributed to family and occupational spheres in the wake of the transition from vocational training to employment, our results show that this transition contributes in a significant way to the production of gender identities and their hierarchal organization.

Keywords: Socialization, life course, vocational training, gender, sequence analysis

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Keywords: School choice, electoral survey, private schools, education vouchers, attitudes

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This article analyzes the direct influence (controlling for the educational level) of the social origin on the class position in Switzerland. On the basis of Swiss Household Panel data and of the SILC pilot survey conducted in 2004, analyses are carried out separately for women and men. Results show that this influence does not only consist in reproduction effects. They also show that the heterogeneity of the direct impact of the social origin within each educational level is too large for a compositional effect to be observed.

Keywords: Social origin, class position, educational level, compositional effect, loglinear models

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Keywords: Welfare regime, precariousness, household strategies, Switzerland, Chile

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To what extent does the social treatment of workplace injury in Switzerland enable victims to be decommodified in the sense given by Gøsta Esping-Andersen (1990) to this concept, i. e. enable them to leave the labor market in a way that allows them to uphold a socially acceptable standard of living? After a sociological discussion about the concept of decommodification, we present the results of a qualitative study conducted in Switzerland about workplace accident victims and show that the kind of index proposed by Esping-Andersen in order to compare welfare states is based on a faulty premise.

Keywords: Commodification, decommodification, Switzerland, welfare state, workplace accident

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