

Title: Intergenerational Persistence in Educational Attainment in Italy

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Abstract:

In this paper we focus on education inequality in Italy analyzing father-children correlations across time. We show that there is a reduction in the correlation coefficient between father and children schooling levels over time in Italy, which increased mobility. However there is still a persistent difference in the odds of attaining a college degree between children of college educated parents and children of parents with lower secondary education attainment. The explanation of these trends lies in the persistent differential in college drop out rates, in the returns to college by father's education and in the liquidity constraints by father's education.