

Migration and/or education? A Century of Life-course Strategies in Spain, 1923-2026

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We invite applications from excellent candidates with a strong interest in the field of sociology, politics and economic history for a 4-year full time PhD fellowship starting in January 2025 (tentative) to develop a doctoral dissertation at the IPP (CSIC) as part of the research project: ‘Migration and/or education? A Century of Life-course Strategies in Spain, 1923-2026 (*MIX-EDUC-MIG*)’ funded by the Spanish State Research Agency (Reference: PID2023-153176NB-I00). The PhD project will be supervised by Dulce Manzano and Héctor Cebolla (CSIC, IPP and IEGD).

This research project aims to explore the interconnected roles of education and migration in shaping individual wellbeing and social mobility in Spain over a century, from 1923 to 2026. The research addresses three key questions. Firstly, the project seeks to understand how the combination of education and geographic mobility impacts wellbeing and social mobility. Secondly, the project aims to investigate how both individual and contextual characteristics influence the adoption of these combined strategies. Lastly, the study will explore which combinations of education and migration are most effective in ensuring wellbeing and social mobility across different time periods. This includes both intergenerational and intragenerational social mobility, as well as wellbeing defined in terms of life goals, wealth, family formation, employment, and health.

The selected candidate will be encouraged to develop their doctoral thesis within the scope of the project. Candidates for the predoctoral contract must have a background in social sciences, preferably in sociology, political science, demography, or economic history. A master’s degree in social sciences, with a strong emphasis on quantitative research methods, will be highly valued. Candidates should have expertise in data management, quantitative methods, and experience with statistical analysis software, preferably Stata or R. Proficiency in English is required. Additionally, the candidate must have preliminary acceptance into a doctoral program related to the field of the project.

Interested candidates should submit their expression of interest by sending their i) CV and ii) a letter of interest to Dulce Manzano (dulce.manzano@csic.es)