

Generations, Mobility and Community: Geographies of Three Generations of Greek and Italian Ancestry in Sydney

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Research aim:

Geographies of three generations of Greek and Italian ancestry in Sydney totalling 245 000 people in 2001 are identified. A model of community sequences is developed within a conceptual framework of intergenerational spatial, occupational and social absorption.

Results/Conclusion:

Considerable intra- and inter-generational occupational mobility took place and the third generations showed higher proportions as managers, professionals and associate professionals than persons of Australian ancestry. Second and third generations had occupational profiles which were much closer to the host society than the first generations. Despite occupational mobility, employment, residential and social trends associated with the first generations affected the adult second generations and to an extent the third. Several thousand members of three generations re-grouped into successive local communities, patronised facilities in core communities, and maintained place identities.

Implications:

Cultural Group(s):

Greek, Italian

Location of study:

New South Wales (Sydney)

Age group:

Number included in study:

245,000

Type of participants:

(secondary data)

Research approach:

Quantitative

Type of data:

Secondary

Secondary data sources used:

ABS Census data 1971 - 2001

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: