



Call for papers

Special Issue “Youth and transitions to adulthood”

Economie et Statistique / Economics and Statistics launches a call for papers for a special issue bringing together quantitative work on young adults and transitions to adulthood.

The transition to adulthood is a period of important decisions about education, employment, couple, housing, etc., in which independence from parents and family is gradually being affirmed. Integration into the labour market, further education and its financing, obtaining housing, etc., can be as many difficulties. They are illustrated today, with more or less intensity depending on the country, by the phenomenon of NEETs – these young people who are neither in employment, nor studying or training –, by the issue of student loans, or by housing and living conditions that can be precarious, more or less depending on the material help provided by the family. The difficulties faced by young adults in this period, the inequalities linked to social origin, also raise the question of specific public policies targeted at this population.

Data from surveys specifically targeting young adults are relatively scarce. In France, the National Survey on Youth Resources (ENRJ), carried out in 2014 by Drees (the statistical service of social ministries) and Insee (the French National Statistical Institute), was designed in particular to better understand the resources of young people aged 18 to 24, to identify their situation in terms of housing, education, employment, health, and to explore their satisfaction in life and values, and the relationship with their parents – who were also interviewed.

In addition to work based on this survey, the journal welcomes work from other sources, allowing for example long-term analyses, or longitudinal data, either on France (for example: permanent demographic sample, housing survey, etc.) or on other countries (national surveys on young people), or allowing international comparisons (European data such as the Labour Force surveys, the Income and Living Conditions survey, ...). Proposals can cover any of the topics evoked above (education, employment, income, financial or in-kind support from parents, housing, living conditions, departure from the parental home, couple formation, family relations, public policies, etc.).

The project will be coordinated by a scientific committee composed of:

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Interested authors are invited to submit a one-page abstract outlining the issue, method and main expected results by April 9, 2018. The decision on which projects are selected will be notified by April 30, 2018. Particular attention will be paid to the methodological quality of the projects. The full papers are expected by September 30, 2018 and will be submitted to the standard review process. The publication of this special issue is planned for late 2019.

Submissions, in English or French, should be sent to redaction-ecostat@insee.fr