

*Journal of Modern Italian Studies*

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

“Second-Generation Immigrants in Italy: Segregation or Social Advancement?”

The *Journal of Modern Italian Studies (JMIS)* is a leading English language forum for debate and discussion on modern Italy. Many issues are thematically organized, and the *JMIS* is especially committed to promoting the study of modern and contemporary Italy in international and comparative contexts.

A special issue devoted to second-generation immigrants in Italy is scheduled for publication in early 2011. Jeffrey Cole (Connecticut College) and Pietro Saitta (University of Messina) are serving as co-editors of the issue.

The theme of immigrant youth is important at this time for a number of reasons. With immigrants comprising almost 7% of the Italian population (and a much higher percentage of young people) and with mass immigration now 20 years old, the numbers of immigrant youth in Italy warrant serious attention. Immigrant youth can act as influential agents of culture change, their identities speak to emerging forms of identity, and their encounters with the institutions and culture of their new homes have profound implications for the shape of the future. Will Italian youth of foreign origins feel disenfranchised and alienated from Italian society, in the manner of North African youth in France? Or will they resemble the "immigrant paradox" of the US, where despite being clustered in poor schools newcomer youth outperform their peers and enjoy on average good opportunities for upward mobility?

Potential contributions to the issue could address the following topics:

- Experience in Italian schools and educational achievement
- Parent-child relations
- Youth culture, especially music, art, and literature
- Identity, including ethnic/ racial/religious/hybrid identity
- Mixed couples and marriages
- Gender
- Geographical and occupational mobility
- Political recognition and activity and legal/cultural citizenship
- Employment and future prospects
- Deviance, incarceration, and crime

Scholars interested in participating in the issue should send a short CV together with a title and 200-300 word abstract to Jeffrey Cole ([jeffrey.cole@conncoll.edu](mailto:jeffrey.cole@conncoll.edu)) and Pietro Saitta ([pisait@gmail.com](mailto:pisait@gmail.com)) by July 1, 2009. Completed manuscripts should be submitted no later than November 15, 2009.

Editorial criteria (references, tables, spaces, etc.) are available on: <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/rmisauth.asp>.