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Having a Strategy, Ensuring Success: School Progression and Work Transition of Immigrant-origin Youths in Japan

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Guest Lecture by Prof. Dr. Giulia Dugar, University of Bologna

Extensive research has proven how students of immigrant origin find themselves at a disadvantage compared to their native peers in terms of school progression and performance, which in turn translates into poorer occupational outcomes and lower socio-economic positioning. The Japanese case, with its education system and the presence of

"school for foreigners", offers a privileged stage to observe such gaps. The lecture, voiced by narratives of youths of immigrant origins, discloses what choices and strategies students adopt to navigate and make it in Japan, as well as the structural faults that exacerbate the effect of the so-called ethnic penalty.