**Does Overeducation Among Immigrants Persist Across Generations?**

**The Role of Gender, Parenthood and Part-time**

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**Abstract**

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A growing number of studies shows that first-generation immigrants face a significant higher likelihood to be overeducated compared to natives (i.e. overeducation penalty). However, when it comes to assessing their descendants’ overeducation, existing evidence is rather scarce. Therefore, we contribute to the literature with a comprehensive analysis of the intergenerational relationship between overeducation and origin among tertiary-educated workers in Belgium using a granular matched employer-employee database and generalized ordered logit regressions. We find that the overeducation penalty for workers originating from developing countries disappears across two generations, except for those from the Maghreb. However, our gender-interacted estimates suggest that second-generation female immigrants from developing countries experience a double overeducation penalty due to their gender and migration background, albeit to a lesser extent than their first-generation same-sex peers. Similarly, second-generation immigrants from developing countries with children are more likely to be overeducated than native with children but considerably less than their first-generation peers. Finally, focusing on part-time jobs, the overeducation penalty for workers originating from developing countries remains remarkably sizeable across two generations.

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