

Sociology in Action Lecture 2022

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Skills of the “Unskilled”: Work, Gender, and Mobility Among Mexican Migrants

Most labor and migration studies classify migrants with limited formal education or credentials as “unskilled.” Despite the value of migrants’ work experiences and the substantial technical and interpersonal skills that they developed throughout their lives, the labor-market contributions of these migrants are often overlooked and their mobility pathways poorly understood. “Skills of the “Unskilled”” reports the findings of a 10-year binational study that included interviews with 320 Mexican migrants, along with worksite observations and employer interviews in North Carolina and Mexico. The study explores these migrants’ lifelong human capital and identifies mobility pathways that are associated with the acquisition and transfer of skills across the migratory circuit, including reskilling, occupational mobility, job jumping (brincando) and entrepreneurship.

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