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Paper title: Peer-groups and migration

The key aim of this the paper is to investigate into the processes and models of school-to-work transitions of Polish youngsters, transiting both to the domestic and foreign labour market, especially after EU enlargement in 2004 with special focus on local communities and peer groups in order to get an in-depth insight into these processes.

Hypothesis: First job abroad is assumed to be the stronger marker into adulthood than transiting from education to the domestic labour market. Young people undertaking their first job abroad, by leaving parental home mark stronger than stayers their transition to adulthood and gain an autonomy in acting. In the transition process from school to the foreign labour market both the role of a peer group and parents get diminished.

Methodology: The paper is based on the **mix-method approach** with: **quantitative secondary data analysis, Qualitative Multisited Research Panel** (Neale and Flowerdew 2003; Boccagni 2015) and **panel ethnographic screening and content analysis of new media** relating to the labour market entries of young Poles. The **basic units of the fieldwork is a peer group** in selected localities with both migrant and stayer members. Members of peer groups are monitored in three waves of Qualitative Multisited Research Panel both locally and trans-locally. It means that a researcher is tracking members of a peer group wherever they are and go within the span of three years. Members of the peer groups may experience internal migration, e.g. going to another town or international migration, going to another country or stay put in the locality. The qualitative panel research with network of individuals, not just a single individual, will show complexities of youngsters' behaviours in the contemporary, changing labour market.

Originality: The paper will enrich the **knowledge on markers into adulthood through adding the perspective of school-to-foreign labour market transitions**. The project will deliver the knowledge about complex and discrete behaviours of both geographically mobile and immobile youngsters.

Organisational information:

Rooms: one single, one double or best triple room

Fee: one discounted for PhD Candidate Justyna Sarnowska

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