Record Nr. UNINA9910131282903321 Autore Vathi Zana **Titolo** Migrating and Settling in a Mobile World: Albanian Migrants and Their Children in Europe / / by Zana Vathi Pubbl/distr/stampa Cham, : Springer Nature, 2015 Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, 2015 **ISBN** 9783319130248 9783319130231 Edizione [1st ed. 2015.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xi, 216 pages : illustrations; digital, PDF file(s) Collana IMISCOE Research Series, , 2364-4087 Disciplina 304.8 Soggetti **Emigration and immigration** Social structure Equality Childhood Adolescence Sociology Migration Social Structure, Social Inequality Childhood, Adolescence and Society Sociology, general Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Preface -- 1: Introduction -- 2: Identities of the first and the second Nota di contenuto generation: the role of ethnicity -- 3: Integration: national, city and local perspectives.-4: Transnational ties and attitudes towards return -- 5: Intergenerational transmission of ethnic identity, integration and transnational ties -- 6: A cross-generational assessment of identification, integration and transnational ties -- References. Sommario/riassunto This book draws on award-winning cross-generational research comparing the complex and life-changing processes of settlement among Albanian migrants and their adolescent children in three

European cities: London (UK), Thessaloniki (Greece), and Florence

(Italy). Building on key concepts from the social sciences and migration studies, such as identity, integration and transnationalism, the author links these with emerging theoretical notions, such as mobility, translocality and cosmopolitanism. Ethnic identities, transnational ties and integration pathways of the youngsters and adults are compared, focusing on intergenerational transmission in particular and recognizing mobility as an inherent characteristic of contemporary lives. Departing from the traditional focus on the adult children of settled migrants and the main immigration countries of continental North-Western Europe, this study centres on Southern Europe and Great Britain and a very recently settled immigrant group. The result is an illuminating early look at a second generation "in-the-making". Indeed, the findings provide ample grounds for pragmatic and forwardlooking policy to enable these migrant-origin youngsters, and others like them, to more fully attain their potential. The book ends with a call to reassess the term "second generation" as it is currently used in policy and scholarly works. Children of migrants seldom see themselves as a particular and homogeneous group with ethnicity as an intrinsic identifying quality. More importantly, they make use of all the limited resources at their disposal, and view their integration processes through broader geographies – showing sometimes a cosmopolitan orientation, but also using localized reference points, such as the school, city, or urban neighbourhood.