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*Alterità al quotidiano. Migrazioni Abruzzo
 Neuchatel (On migration: Abruzzo –
 Neuchatel), Università, Teramo, 1993.*

Edited by the sociologist Giulia Paola Di Nicola and the Swiss linguist Bernard Py, the book presents long-term research on human migration between the Abruzzo region and the Swiss Canton of Neuchatel, in which a lot of Italian immigrants from Abruzzo live. The study is the result of an interdisciplinary approach to migration which covers a variety of fields: historical aspects of migration (A. Marino), demographics (E. Todisco), a guideline to the adopted method of inquiry (M. Castella Micheloni) and reading the questionnaire's results (G. P. Di Nicola), spatial and territorial identity (D. Froidevaux), and cultural stereotypes (C. Oesch Serra). Other researchers have focused on the "house" as symbolic value for immigrants (M. Dubey), the social challenge of immigration (F. Poglià), while the last two chapters analyse law and policy migration (P. Bizzarri, A. Danese). Moreover, the book puts in evidence how different generations perceive ethnic identity, the migrants' relationship with the country/culture of origin-which is at the present-a feature to preserve rather than to hide and the awareness of gaining advantage of a twofold nationality. An interesting part of the book is devoted to return migration, a complex phenomenon which produces "counter-flows" of migrants – mostly returning migrants and requires an effective returns policy.

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