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Economic efficiency and social justice can be assessed in part through the degree of distribution of social opportunities according to meritocratic principles, rather than to inheritance of advantage. In this sense, we examine the intergenerational social mobility of men in Switzerland based on all available representative data sets in Switzerland. From

our analyses of intergenerational mobility based on educational categories, ISCO-88 major groups, and the Goldthorpe class schema, Switzerland can now be included in the list of countries for which information on social mobility as measured by mainstream sociology is available. Substantively, we find that the degree of inheritance of social advantage from fathers to their sons is considerable and similar to most other modern societies. Additionally, most results point toward a slight increase in social mobility over time. A careful examination of educational and social stratification across generations leads us to formulate criticisms toward theoretical propositions and methodological practices of social mobility studies.

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