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Drawing on the TREE data set, this study analyses the transition rates of youths who are entitled to enter higher education in Switzerland. Despite the disadvantages encountered in the school system, no disadvantages are revealed for second-generation migrants at this branching point. In contrast, when controlling for social origin and performance, second-generation males originating from former Yugoslavia, Albania/Kosovo, Turkey or Portugal show an increased likelihood to enrol in higher education. In addition, both second-generation males and females originating from these countries more often enter the more prestigious traditional institutions of higher education.

**Keywords:** Educational inequality, migrant background, higher education, transitions, Switzerland

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Our paper analyses persistence and change of gender inequalities in relation to gender segregation of educational and vocational pathways of young adults in Switzerland. We explore the mechanisms at work in the gendering of educational pathways. We find that young adults with untypical gender pathways have higher than average scholastic abilities and beneficial family backgrounds. However, our data shows that women and men do not profit equally from their gender-untypical pathways. Furthermore, we argue that family plans play a key role for explaining the gendering of educational pathways for both young men and young women.

**Keywords:** Education, occupation, gender, inequality, mixed methods

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**Keywords:** Domestic work, doing gender, gender equality, individual reproduction, precariousness

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**Keywords:** Precarious employment, job insecurity, work-life conflicts, life satisfaction, partner

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**Keywords:** Surveillance, consumption, biopower, loyalty cards, privacy

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In sociology, two basic concepts of educational elites seem to oppose each other. One of them can be traced back mainly to Karl Mannheim's description of the "free-floating" type of intellectual, who is capable of relating to some kind of utopia and of taking an unselfish avant-garde role in social change. The other basic concept can be traced back mainly to Karl Marx and assumes that educational elite members are primarily interested in their own socioeconomic success and status – and have therefore an anti-utopic orientation. This contribution employs time series data relating to a field of subjective indicators in order to show that the Swiss educational elite has, in the two past decades, generally tended to develop more of an anti-utopic than a utopia interested attitude. The trend is discussed from a perspective beyond the two basic paradigms.

Keywords: Educational elites, social change, value orientations, survey research, Switzerland

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