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The internal migration of foreigners in Southern Europe: A
comparative study of Italy and Spain

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Spain and Italy, two former countries of emigration have become receiving countries during the past decade. The number of foreigners increased in Spain from 500,000 in 1996 to over 4.5 million in January 2007, in Italy, from 730.000 up to 2.9 million. At this stage, the internal migration of foreigner is beginning to be known.

The purpose of this paper is to describe the internal migration of the foreign population in Spain and Italy since the mid-1990s. We intend to answer four questions: Are the internal migration patters of foreigners similar to those of natives in Italy and Spain? Do these migration patterns differ by origin/nationality? Is internal migration contributing to a higher concentration or dispersion of population, and, in particular of the foreign population? And lastly, How do internal migration of foreigners in Italy and Spain differs?

The analysis is based on data from the Spanish and Italian Population Registers, which provides information on individuals changing place of residence by basic demographic characteristics (citizenship, age, sex and region of origin and destination of internal migration). Following a descriptive analysis of migration patterns of foreigners and non-foreigners we will perform multivariate regression analysis to explore some of the aggregate characteristics of provinces that may influence in explaining differences in mobility among groups.

Our preliminary findings for Spain an Italy suggest that the internal migration propensities and patterns of immigrants and natives differ significantly. Due to their demographic and social characteristics, immigrants tend to be more mobile than natives. Natives and immigrants of different origins also differ in their choice of destinations; these differences persist even after demographic characteristics are accounted for. Immigrants appear to be more influenced by social networks and seem thus less responsive than natives to regional economic factors and to the location of other amenities.

RESULTS

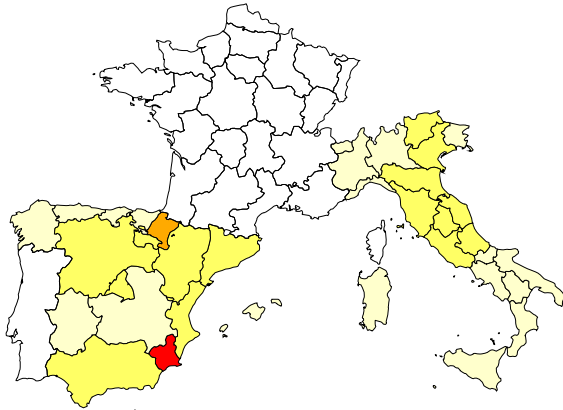
Table 1
Proportions of movements in internal migration. Italy and Spain (1998-2006)

Year	Italy		Spain	
	Movements	%	Movements	%
1998	68.866	5,7	39.529	4,2
1999	73.961	6,1	50.944	5,1
2000	88.502	7,4	79.626	7,7
2001	93.017	8,2	104.801	10,5
2002	108.611	8,9	238.866	18,0
2003	132.474	10,2	293.590	20,0
2004			357.738	23,4
2005			401.877	25,6
2006			462.978	26,7

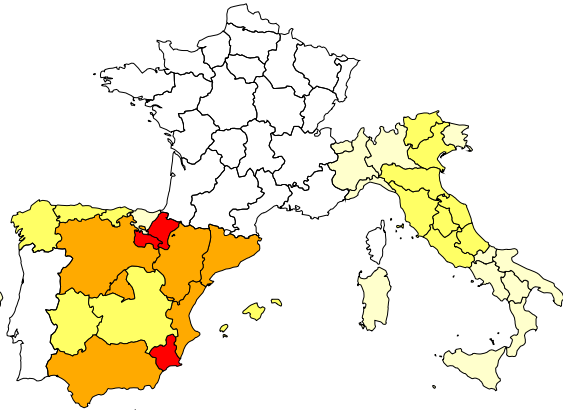
Source: Spanish and Italian Registers.

Proportions of movements in interregional migration. Spain and Italy (2001-2005)

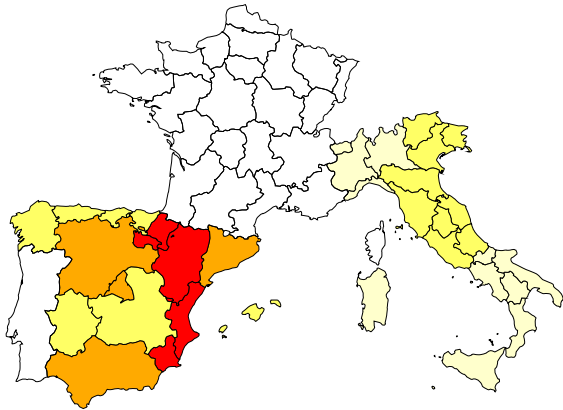
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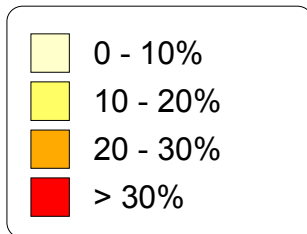
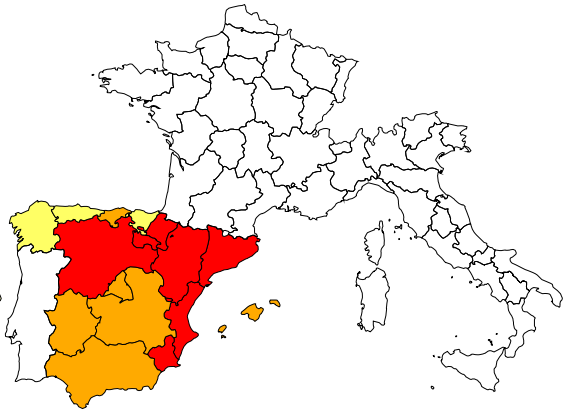
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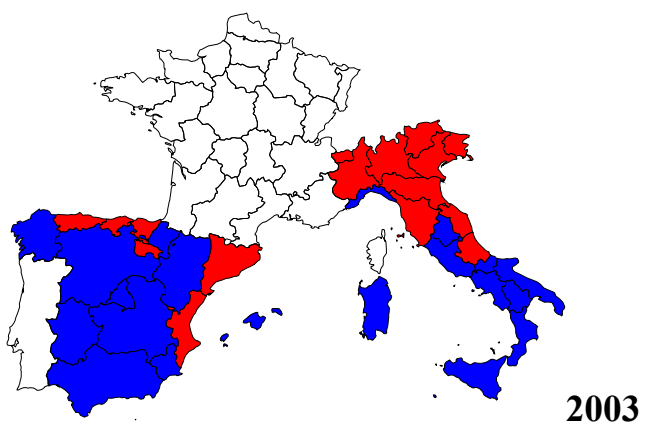
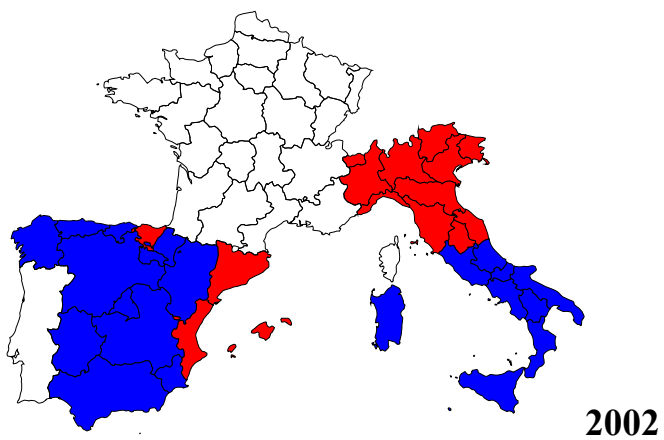
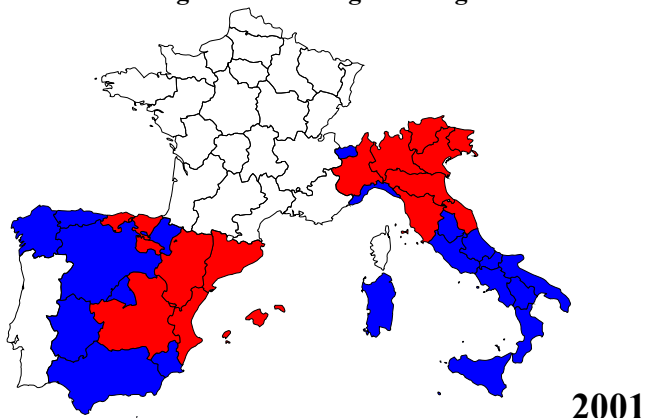
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Internal net migration of foreigners. Regional Level 2001-2003. Italy and Spain



Blue color - Internal net migration
Red color + Internal net migration

Table 2
Variables included in the models

Variables	Description
GENERAL MODEL	
POIR2003	Proportion of undocumented migrants (Recaño and Domingo, 2005)
CPR00_04	Increase in the number of residence permits from 31/12/2000 to 31/12/2004 (Migration Yearbook)
AGRI2003	% of workers in agriculture (II trimester of 2003) (EPA)
SERV2003	% of workers in services (II trimester of 2003) (EPA)
CROC0103	Employment growth (II trimester 2001- II trimester 2003) (EPA)
PARO2003	Total unemployment rate (II trimester 2003) (EPA)
RENT2002	Per capital income 2002 (National Accounts)
TALOCTON	% of Spaniards born in other provinces (t) Continuous Register
LTOT2003	Ln of total population in each group (t) Continuous Register
LEXT2003	Ln of foreign population (t) Continuous Register
MODELS A/B	
LN_DISTP_IJ	Ln of distance
PNAC_I	% of Spaniards born in i living in j
LN_NAC_2003	Ln of nationals from a certain region of origin in province i (fo foreigners only)

Table 3
Rate of internal emigration to other provinces.
Regressions by nationality. Spain, 2003-2004

	Nationals	Foreigners	Other OECD	Eastern Europe	Africa	Latinamerica	Asia
poir2003		-0,23 (-4,2)***	0,33 (2,44)**	-0,27 (-3,41)***			-0,22 (-1,81)*
cpr00_04		0,17 (3,15)***	0,32 (2,56)**		0,27 (2,77)***		0,37 (2,97)***
agri2003	0,45 (2,92)***	0,17 (2,81)***		0,40 (4,41)***	0,20 (1,73)*	0,25 (2,32)**	
serv2003			-0,25 (-1,97)*				
croc0103							-0,29 (-2,53)**
paro2003		0,18 (3,38)***			0,19 (1,94)*		0,27 (2,15)**
Rent2002						-0,17 (-1,99)*	
Talocton	0,54 (3,52)***						
Ln_nac_2003		-0,82 (-13,57)***	-0,53 (-3,68)***	-0,48 (-5,31)***	-0,60 (-5,2)***	-0,60 (-5,94)***	-0,44 (-3,62)***
R ²	0,227	0,894	0,449	0,705	0,619	0,727	0,473
R ² - corrected	0,194	0,882	0,401	0,686	0,585	0,709	0,413

*** signif ≤ 0,01

** signif ≤ 0,05 but ≥ 0,01

* signif ≤ 0,10 but ≥ 0,05

In parenthesis, value of t statistic.

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