

Review of: "Is It Real? The Construction of Prejudice Against Nigerian Immigrants in Italy: A Case Study"

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The article addresses an original and new topic in the context of the Italian criminological field. The article is well-written and fluent, and the case study is clearly addressed, using very appealing explanatory figures. In fact, these figures are very intuitive and coherent in their internal logic, and they enable a better understanding of the contents of the article, for instance, about the process regarding the different stages in the construction of criminalization or the process of depersonalization. Thanks to the figures, we can better understand the argumentation of the author and the sequences of concepts he elaborates and presents in his article.

My impression is therefore that it can open up new lines of research, for instance, referring to studies focused on the Nigerian population and at the same time invite collective reflection against the adoption of stereotypes about the immigrant population.

The Nigerian population in Italy is a victim of negative prejudices because they are considered part of illegal and criminal activities. Sometimes, the media and fiction also vehiculate this image, for example, in some episodes of the famous Italian series, Gomorra. Thanks to the author of this article, we discover how behind the appearance of prostitution, there is a realm of suffering, and as the author says, "many sex workers are aware of the job they will do, and they accept the risk in exchange for the possibility of getting hold of Western status symbols."