Report on the first year of Nadia chaouch doctoral program - Enrolled in the Doctoral Program in Social Sciences – Migration and Intercultural Processes curriculum (XXXVIII), at the Department of Educational Sciences of the University of Genoa, since 01/02/2023, as part of the ERC SOLROUTES project.

With the request to proceed to the second year, I hereby present the activities carried out during my first year of the doctoral program and within the SOLROUTES project.

From February 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023, I actively participated in the SOLROUTES training program. This comprehensive program encompassed a series of lectures, in-depth seminars, public conferences, and engaging moments of artistic expression. The SOLROUTES training provided a platform for meaningful dialogues with a diverse array of individuals, including academics, artists, and professionals specializing in migration.

Throughout the training, there were valuable opportunities for discussion and exchange of ideas within the research group. These interactions facilitated a dynamic and collaborative learning environment. Notably, the program fostered connections with experts from various fields related to migration, contributing to a rich and interdisciplinary experience.

\* Aligned with the training program, I took part in the Summer School titled "The Ability to Aspire to a Nonviolent World," hosted by the University of Parma from September 7 to 10 on the island of Elba. This immersive school comprised both lectures and artistic workshops, focusing on themes related to violence, nonviolence, and the application of artistic methods in storytelling.

Field research missions, strategically designed to explore and implement ethnographic research techniques, and complemented the training phase. These missions served the dual purpose of honing practical research skills and reinforcing the collaborative aspects of our work within the collective. The interactive nature of these missions allowed for hands-on experience in applying ethnographic methodologies to real-world scenarios, enriching our understanding of the subject matter and fostering a collective approach to research.

\* From 17/02/2023 to 19/02/2023 in Oulx: Research on solidarity practices related to the Italian-French border and transborder migration movements.

\* From 15/03/2023 to 17/03/2023 and from 19/04/2023 to 24/04/2023 in Genova ): Research in the field of migration and solidarity with Paolo Cuttita.

\* Participation in the fieldwork on Cecelia, from July 18 to July 28, 2023 stems from a cooperation between the SOLROUTES and the MOBS research projects. Considering the Sicilian Strait as a crucial place for the deployment of migration routes across the Mediterranean maritime space. With a special focus on gender aspects within border and migration.

\*I also participated in the International Conference on Ethnography and Qualitative Research, held from June 8 to 11 in Trento, which was an opportunity for academic exchange.

**Subsequently**:

\*I published an article “Tunisia: borders, migration, solidarity » on collaboration with my collegue paolo cuttita <https://www.intrasformazione.com/index.php/intrasformazione/article/view/632/pdf>

\* Together with my colleague Paolo Cuttita also, we introduced a country report for the field research presented at the SOLROUTES project's kick-off meeting. Titled "Tunisia: Borders, Migration, Solidarity," we provided an overview of Tunisia's context as a country of immigration, emigration, and transit. We also outlined our plans for the upcoming fieldwork, focusing on the migration of returnees as part of the externalization of the EU border and the readmission agreement. We intend to explore the impact of this agreement on deported people in our fieldwork.

\* With professor Enrico Fravega , we are working on paper about Mazara del Vallo. As a destination of an old migration route and a node for Tunisian People on the Move.

\_During the training months, I worked on developing the research project related to the SOLROUTES project and my doctoral thesis. Regarding the SOLROUTES project, the research framework required the development of several research proposals related to the themes of solidarity and migration.

\* In this regard, I worked on drafting two research proposals, intended to be carried out in the first months (the first one is from October to February, the second one from March to June). The first "node," using the project's terminology, is dedicated to an introduction to solidarity with deported people, which will also be the subject of my doctoral thesis supervised by Luca Palmas. Our particular focus will be on those who are forcibly sent back to Tunisia and the challenges they encounter, such as reintegration difficulties and social stigma. Additionally, we aim to explore the networks that offer solidarity to the deportees to understand how these networks support them in facing these challenges.

\* In the second node we intend to explore the subject of music of migration in order to understand the imaginary of young people about migration. Thus we will focus on irregular immigration in rap music, this considerable artistic production on migration appears crucial to broaden our narrow understanding of the migratory phenomenon in its traditional form and to account for the complexity of migration arising from various experiences.

\_Starting from October 1, 2023, I began field research in Tunisia, as outlined in the SOLROUTES project. During the months spent in Tunisia (from October to December), I engaged in the following activities:

\*Collaboration with the GAPS project on migration of return: During a recent meeting with Professor Hassan Boubakri, and Gaps Project team, comprising researchers from various nations like Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Iraq, Lebanon, Iran, Turkey, and Nigeria,… convened to delve into the complex realm of return migration and the impact of the EU’ externalization policies.

\* collaboration with the Laboratory of Research (CeTuMA).( Centre de Tunis pour ma migration et l’Asile).

\*Meetings with associations and international and local organizations dealing with migration: The Arab Institute for Research and Policy Studies / we love souse association Representatives of national and international organizations related to migration OIM / red croissant

\*I made two visits to southern Tunisia, specifically in the Sfax region, where many migrants, especially sub-Saharan, are concentrated.

\*Meetings and exchange moments with other researchers focusing on migration in Tunisia, and with Journalists and activists related to migration.