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The Integration of Descendants of Migrants from Turkey in Stockholm: The TIES study in Sweden reports the results of a study carried out in Stockholm, Sweden, of the situation for descendants of migrants from Turkey. It is part of the international comparative study of the ‘Integration of second generation migrants’. This Swedish study was carried out by researchers at the Centre for Research in International Migration and Ethnic Relations (CEIFO) at Stockholm University; it looks into issues of identity, family situation, language use, education, labour market experiences and employment. Not least important are issues of discrimination and experiences of social exclusion. In Sweden migrants from Turkey represent three different ethno-national categories: ethnic Turks, Kurds and Syriacs (speakers of Suryoyo). The conditions of incorporation in Swedish society differ significantly for these three groups, thus making possible interesting comparative analyses. This study corroborates earlier findings that descendants of migrants are facing widespread exclusionary attitudes and discriminatory treatment. Segregation appears to be a key issue.

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