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of formal care services and for informal, family-based care. The paper suggests that if women are to avoid bearing the brunt of social inequalities the relationship between paid and unpaid work must be addressed.

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Francesca Decimo, The Space of Female Migration. Social Paths and Geographical Mobility Concerning Moroccan and Somali Women Immigrants in Italy

The essay analyses how, in Italy, women immigrants from Morocco and Somalia assume two different perspectives of Europe. First it investigates the strategies they adopt in their migratory paths to settle in an urban context. Then, it considers the different representations they offer concerning the migratory space across which they move. Finally, it examines the process of cultural breakaway and change that the European perspective introduces into their lives.

Two different models emerge: for Moroccan women and their families migration to Europe is practically a customary opportunity of social mobility, by which they experience more expressive lifestyle, from the way of dressing to the rules they occupy in the household and the community. For Somali women, on the other hand, migration is an extreme strategy they adopt to escape from the war and the poverty; for them, the European city is a social arena where the patterning of time and space constantly raises the danger of definitive cultural uprooting, which they counter by renewing their Islamic identities.

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