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Einladung zum Kolloquium

Transnationalism and migration networks between northeastern Pakistan and Kuwait

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This lecture explores the transnational space between Kuwait and Baltistan (in north-eastern Pakistan) through the study of migration and development networks. Migration from Baltistan to Kuwait started in late 1970s and early 1980s and as result of this activity some Kuwaiti families from the merchant class became interested in the migrants' place of origin and began to support development activities there. This can be seen an interesting case of south-south cooperation. Drawing on fieldwork in Kuwait and Baltistan, the lecture discusses what are the driving factors in this relationship by contextualizing this phenomenon at both ends and by focusing on the main actors' activities and experiences. In doing so, it raises some considerations about the understanding of transnationalism.