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Constructing Transnational Social Space through Everyday Life Practices: Case of Moroccans in France

Past decades in migration studies have shed light on the importance of transnational networks and practices of different migrant groups. This study bases on the idea of transnational social space. The paper demonstrates how transnational social space is constructed and maintained through everyday life practices. The study uses empirical data to demonstrate how migrants build up interethnic, inter-religious and inter-national affiliations and how these ties and networks are used in their every day life.

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