Changing Constructions of Belonging in the Context of Violent Conflicts: Family and Life Histories of Sudanese Migrants in Germany and Jordan

Wechselnde Zugehörigkeitskonstruktionen im Kontext von Gewaltkonflikten: Familien- und Lebensgeschichten von sudanesischen Migrantlnnen in Deutschland und Jordanien

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Grounded in the sociology of processes and figurations (Norbert Elias), the sociology of knowledge (Thomas Luckmann and Peter Berger), and social-constructivist biographical research (Gabriele Rosenthal), this research proposes to understand and explain constructions of belonging of people who experienced migration from Darfur and other regions of the Republic of Sudan to Jordan and Germany. The methods of biographical narrative interview (Fritz Schütze) and biographical case reconstruction (Gabriele Rosenthal) will be used to accomplish the objectives to determine how constructions of belonging change along different regions of the migration course; which figurations of groupings are at play during the migration course and in different regions; how groupings shape/are interdependent with individuals; how presentations of belonging are socially constructed, maintained, and transmitted in different regions of Sudan, the Sahel, Jordan, and Germany; and how actors and groupings negotiate belongings during the dislocation process.