

# Migration courses in the Global South. Constructions of belonging of migrants from the Sahel and Western Africa in Germany and Brazil

Migrationsverläufe im globalen Süden. Zugehörigkeitskonstruktionen von MigrantInnen aus der Sahelzone und Westafrika in Deutschland und in Brasilien

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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 migrants from the Sahel and Western Africa in Brazil 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 influence/are interdependent with individuals; how narratives of belonging are socially constructed, maintained, and transmitted in different regions of Western Africa, the Sahel, Brazil, and Germany; and how actors and groupings negotiate belonging during the dislocation process.