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Examining high-skilled professionals of Indian origin who decide to return to India to settle down in so-called gated estates or communities, which now form part of Indian mega cities' landscape, this article describes the mobility regimes of these estates' diverse populations in three South Indian cities and the power relations between these high-skilled professionals and their staff. We address the lacuna to study these estates

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This contribution analyzes data collected during fieldwork from 2007 to 2016 in Rome (Italy), and partly in Dhaka and Narayanganj (Bangladesh), to ethnographically engage with Bangladeshi mobilities. Starting from the analysis of life-trajectories of certain urban middle-class migrants, the paper investigates the relationship between im/mobilities and power on different scales, taking into account both peoples' subjection to regimes of mobility and other structural conditions, and

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Departing from on-going fieldwork in China and Northern Europe among Swiss nationals, the aim of this article is to contribute towards clarification of the often somewhat unreflected use of concepts within the 'migration-mobility continuum.' We sketch a mobilities-informed and data-grounded ethnographic research approach and investigate the various forms, meanings and outcomes of mobility and migration throughout three life stories.

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by PIETRO CINGOLANI (University of Turin and International and European Forum on Migration Research (FIERI))

Although internal and international mobility are two phenomena that have long involved the Romanian population, they have rarely been studied as interrelated.

Different forms of mobility have assumed such social relevance in local contexts that they also play an important role in young men's transition to adulthood. In this article, I demonstrate how domestic and international mobility are interconnected in the local system of meanings of young men growing up in three different historical periods: in the 1970s,

Observing the Multiple Intersections of Mobilities through "Return Migration" in the Alps

by Melissa Blanchard (CNRS/Aix-Marseille Université, France)

Through a comparative study of "return migration" from Latin America towards two Alpine regions in Italy and in France, this article questions the scientific distinction between forms of spatially-bound mobilities. By analyzing different generations' mobilities within the same family network over time, it sheds light on the tropisms underlying the taken-for-granted distinction between migration and mobility. It proposes to use "migration" only to refer to movement across State frontiers, and it critically examines the notion of return. "Return" is a common feature of

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