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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

Bangladeshi Multi-Scalar Im/mobilities: Between Social Aspirations and Legal Obstacles

by ANDREA PRIORI (University Roma Tre)

This contribution analyzes data collected during field-
work from 2007 to 2016 in Rome (Italy), and partly in
Dhaka and Narayanganj (Bangladesh), to ethnographi-
cally 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

From (E)Migration to Mobile Lifestyles: Ethnographic and Conceptual Reflections about Mobilities and Migration

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Departing from on-going fieldwork in China and North-
ern Europe among Swiss nationals, the aim of this article
is to contribute towards clarification of the often some-
what 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 out-
comes of mobility and migration throughout three life
stories.

Transitions to Adulthood in Romania: A Diachronic and Intergenerational Approach to Mobility Regimes

by PIETRO CINGOLANI (University of Turin and
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Although internal and international mobility are two
phenomena that have long involved the Romanian pop-
ulation, they have rarely been studied as interrelated.

Different forms of mobility have assumed such social
relevance in local contexts that they also play an impor-
tant 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 mean-
ings of young men growing up in three different histori-
cal 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 analyz-
ing 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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