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Perspectives on Global Diasporas: Ethnic Return Migration to the Ancestral Homeland

Message from the Guest Editor

Unlike first-generation diasporic migrants who return to their country of birth, ethnic return migrants were born and/or raised abroad and are therefore “returning” to an ethnic homeland that is essentially a foreign country for them. Despite their ethnic affinity to their country of ancestral origin and its “co-ethnic” host populace, they can be ethnically and socioeconomically marginalized and face discrimination as immigrant minorities. As a result, ethnic return migrants are often forced to reconsider their ethnic identities, sense of national belonging, and even notions of homeland, which in turn can impact their social mobility and subsequent migration patterns. Nonetheless, the experience of diasporic return can vary widely, depending on the migrants’ nationality/origin country, heritage language and cultural competence, generational status, gender, and socioeconomic status in the homeland.

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