

Introduction

Global Pentecostal church networks, religious practices and narratives play a key role in forming global identities that shape people's migration and mobility practices. I focus on how individuals construct a global self-understanding in the context of global Pentecostal church networks through individual and collective narratives shaping migration aspirations and decisions.

Methods

Fieldwork was conducted in respective branches of a global Nigerian Pentecostal church in Austria, Germany and Nigeria. Participant Observation and Problem-Centered Interview (PCI) were used to study the construction of a global self-understanding in relation to migration processes.

Key Takeaways

The results show that migration aspirations and experiences are constructed on the basis of a complex interplay between collective narratives within the church network and individual contextual narratives.

Consequently, investigating migration aspirations and decisions requires to include both the collectively informed narratives within the pentecostal church networks and contextual factors including socio-political and economic situations in countries of origin and host societies.

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How do practices and narratives of Nigerian Pentecostal church networks stimulate the creation of global identity constructions that shape individual's migration aspirations and decisions?

Because if God says **you are global** you cannot go to every embassy begging for visa. That is a trouble. So that was it. I then just travelled to, most of my travels are by divine leading. God tell[s] me "Go to Ghana", "Go to Philippines".
I hear God.

Female Respondent

(Interview 13_AD_Abj, Pos. 14)



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