

論文の内容の要旨

論文題目:

A Multi-sited Visual Ethnographic Study on the Nepali Migration from Malma to Japan: Network Migration, Transnational Ties, and Social Transformation

(マルマ村から日本へのネパール人移民に関する多現場映像民族誌的研究—
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Within the last decade, more than 1,800 Nepalis have migrated from a single rural village, Malma, located in the Western Hills of Nepal, to work as cooks in Nepali restaurants in Japan. So many people from the village are working in Japan that nowadays the local people have nicknamed the village “Little Japan”. These new economic opportunities became popular in Malma after 1990, and are now seen as the primary means of upward social mobility in the village. However, the process of migration is still difficult. With a few exceptions, each migrant pays 1.5 million Nepali rupees (US\$15,000) to the restaurant owner to get a work visa. There are already more than 3,000 Nepali restaurants and over 55,000 Nepali migrants in Japan, making it the largest South Asian community in the country. Based on research in Japan and Nepal conducted from 2008 to 2016, this dissertation explores the causes, processes, and consequences of migration from Malma to Japan. The dissertation emphasizes, describes and analyzes the daily life of Nepali immigrants in Japan and the transnational processes by which the immigrants forge and sustain multi-stranded social relations that link together their societies of origin and of settlement. This research depicts the circulation of people, funds, and ideas within transnational families that extend from Malma village to Japan. Developing a “social transformation of transnational migration” approach, I show how this circulation can reshape the social life of the migrants’ former homes.