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The Transtemporal in the Transnational: Highly Qualified Turkish Migrants' Anticipations of their Future in Germany

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Highly qualified Turks increasingly leave their homeland to move to Germany – a country in need of this highly educated young population to continue to support its pension system in the future. Germany's future appears to many of them as a potential for social, economic, and political stability. However, whether they will stay in this country remains an open question. It remains open not only because highly educated migrants see themselves as able to move internationally thanks to their qualifications, but also because the tensions of today leave the future increasingly uncertain—even in this seemingly stable country.

With its focus on transtemporality, this talk adds to the body of scholarship that analyzes how experiences of migration are shaped by transnational ties. Based on interviews conducted in 2022 with 29 highly qualified Turkish migrants in Germany, it analyzes how experiences in the present are brought together with selective evocations of migrants' lives in Turkey and shape interpretations of their current and future place in German society. Thus, not only national but also temporal borders are transcended as migrants make sense of a world that is more and more defined by risks and crises.

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All interested are welcome!