



From the Karakoram Mountains to the Gulf: Migration and development networks between north-eastern Pakistan and Kuwait

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This lecture explores the dynamic relationship between Kuwait and Baltistan (in north-eastern Pakistan) through the study of migration and development networks. Baltistan is often described as a remote and peripheral territory and the state is unable to provide social services in some areas. Moreover, Baltistan is a peaceful region which does not conform to the negative international imaginaries associated with Pakistan. Oral accounts circulating in Baltistan connect the beginning of migration with the role of an influential local leader who visited Kuwait for fundraising purposes and spoke about the poor condition of his people. As a result of his activities, some influential Kuwaiti families began to support development projects in Baltistan and also men from the area began to migrate to the Gulf.



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