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07.06. SOCIO-SPATIAL NEGOTIATIONS OF THE HIGHLY SKILLED INDIAN MIGRANTS

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This lecture presents a research study that examines the housing practices of highly skilled migrants from India in the city of Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The research utilizes urban mapping and interviews with diaspora members, real-estate and relocation agencies, and discourse and media analysis to explore the residential distribution patterns of Indian highly skilled migrants in Frankfurt. A control group of labour-based migrants from India is also included in the study to provide a comparative analysis. The findings reveal that Indian highly skilled migrants in Frankfurt experience residential segregation resulting from subtle discrimination against migrants. The study further identifies a segregation trend within the Indian diaspora itself, with a higher density of highly skilled migrants residing in newly constructed or gentrified suburbs, while labour migrants' density was observed in more industrial areas. While this internal segregation within the Indian diaspora echoes more familiar national ways of being, it is also indicative of the gradual neo-liberalisation of the housing market in Germany in the context of globalization.



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