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"Postmigration and Misplaced Nation: Kyrgyzstan.ru"

Guest Lecture

By

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In his lecture, Emil Nasritdinov introduces two important terms: postmigration and misplaced nation. The first one he uses to describe the failure of migration as a solution to local economic, social, and political problems. As an alternative concept Emil Nasritdinov presents the misplacement, which is defined as something being in the wrong or inappropriate place. With almost one fifth of its active population living abroad, Kyrgyzstan can be called a misplaced nation to describe the significant unfortunate shift in time and space that resulted in all kinds of discrepancies. Kyrgyz citizens are "lost" in the urban jungles of large Russian cities and in the endless forests of Siberia, while Kyrgyzstan as a country is lost in relation to its future. The discrepancy and mismatch in the two parts of the metaphor Kyrgyzstan.ru portrays the misplaced nation, a nation with a wrong internet address.

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