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# Home and Away: Diasporas, Developments and Displacements in a Globalising World

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demonstrated by globalised patterns of travel, tourism, communications, cultural production and the creation of living spaces with a self-consciously transnational aesthetic.

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- Population Displacement
- Remittances

## Notes

1. While in this paper I have used the term diaspora synonymously with transnationalism, there is an ongoing debate regarding this conflation. Some have argued strongly that such usage is problematic and that the term diaspora should be dependent upon the shared experience of group expulsion and of community-in-exile as in the case of the Jewish or the African slave diaspora (Ong). Others suggest, however, that creating these exclusions are both morally problematic and analytically unhelpful and that diaspora describes experiences of hybridity and culture that are not necessarily tied to a specific geographic location (e.g. Roy; Hall). It is in this sense that I use the term, recognising that the term is contested.
2. Such as the case of the Indian diaspora in the UK, who are making their way through the country, often with the help of remittances seeking funds for their families back home.
3. The case of the Indian diaspora in the UK is a good example of this. The following table shows the distribution of the Indian diaspora in the UK.
4. There was a significant increase in the number of Indian diaspora in the 2004 elections, with the Indian diaspora winning a significant number of seats while the Indian diaspora maintained its position. However, it is the Indian diaspora who are such overseas political activists.

5. Indeed, one could argue that political battles in Indian states such as Gujarat were being waged as much in the Garden State as in Gandhinagar, if the number of Gujarati politicians from all parties making trips to New Jersey during the 2002 state elections or in the interest shown in the polls by overseas Gujaratis was any indication (Nanda and Bhatt).

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