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

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## Abstract

This paper examines the involvement of Indian diasporic communities in the dynamics of economic development and population displacement within the Indian subcontinent

itself. It also explores the challenges and opportunities for the Indian diaspora in the globalising world. The paper illuminates the transnational processes of diaspora formation and the role of the Indian diaspora in the development of the Indian subcontinent. It also explores the challenges and opportunities for the Indian diaspora in the globalising world. The paper illuminates the transnational processes of diaspora formation and the role of the Indian diaspora in the development of the Indian subcontinent. It also explores the challenges and opportunities for the Indian diaspora in the globalising world. The paper illuminates the transnational processes of diaspora formation and the role of the Indian diaspora in the development of the Indian subcontinent.

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production and the creation of living spaces with a self-consciously transnational aesthetic.

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## 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 predicated on primordial ties to either land or blood (Walsh; Gilroy; Hall). It is in this vein that I have adopted the use of diaspora, as a way of illustrating the contested, shifting and creative relationships between space, place and power.
2. Such statistics may help to explain the steady stream of Gujarati politicians making their way to the USA in recent years, as supplicants to wealthy expatriates, seeking funds for a variety of causes.
3. The so-called "Gujarati Mafia" has been a topic of discussion in recent years, followed by a series of investigations into the activities of these individuals.
4. There have been several instances of Gujarati politicians being elected to office in the 2004 elections, with some of them winning seats in the state assembly. However, it is the case that many of these politicians are being welcomed by Gujarati politicians from all parties making trips to New Jersey during the 2002 state elections or
5. Indeed, the Gujarati community in the USA has been a significant force in the state of Gujarat were being welcomed by 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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