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Now And Then - Life Trajectories, Family Relationships and Diasporic Identities: A follow-up Study of Young Adults

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The book explores the issues of family relationships; between different generations and among the intimate partners. In addition, the issues of identity are analyzed in the context of late modernity and movements across the borders.

Now and Then is a journey across time and space which addresses the present and the past for the young adults, some Danish and some ethnic minority (South-Asian originating from India and Pakistan). The social psychological study follows-up the young adults (now around 30 years of age), who were originally studied in the mid-nineties. Furthermore, the ethnic minority youth's relationships to their 'country of residence' as well as 'the country of origin' are explored.

The results challenge the existing static concepts about the intergenerational relationships and diasporic identities as they highlight dynamic balances between individualism and interconnectedness through the life-course as well as movement back and forth between multiple locations.

The book provides valuable insight to researchers and practitioners involved in the fields of migration, psychology, sociology, anthropology, life-course- and developmental studies.

“She captures the gist of attaining adulthood in contemporary Denmark...

Dr. Singla focuses on both commonalities as well as differences in the life trajectories of the native Danes and the Diaspora youth. She describes problems but also how difficulties are overcome (...) there is a richness of description in this book which goes to gainsay the simplistic and all too stereotypical images of communities of migrant origin that we find in all the Nordic countries, and which regrettably have had a negative influence on current integration policies. Dr. Singla's book inspires hope for the migrant communities as well as for a liberal, open-minded Danish society.”

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