

Research seminar December 3, 2025

**Family constellations in educational processes:
investments, moralities and changing social relations**

The seminar is organised jointly between the three research groups, *Navigating Universities: Student Aspirations, Boundaries, and Transformations in India and the Philippines* at the University of Bielefeld, Germany, *Moral Economies of Schooling: Money, Morality, and Household Financing of Education in Nepal* at Aarhus University, and the network group *Kinship Generations*.

Venue: Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, Tuborgvej 164, 2400 Copenhagen, room A302

- 9.00 - 9.30 Welcome
- 9.30 - 11.00 **Education as Inheritance: Middle-Class Aspirations, Care, and Educational Investments in Gated Communities of Kathmandu** by *Uma Pradhan, University College London* (discussant Vidyasagar Sharma)
- Mothers and Morals in Educational Mobilities: Insights from the Asian Global South** by *Cherie Audrey Alfiler, Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka and Vidyasagar Sharma, Bielefeld University* (discussant Krishna Adhikari)
- Responsibilizing parents. Gendered transformations of children's schooling trajectories in light of neoliberal generalized schooling** by *Erdmute Alber, Bayreuth University* (discussant Sanjay Sharma)
- 11.00 - 11.15 Tea/coffee
- 11.15 - 12.15 **Heightened Kinship in Educational Displacement Refugee Students in Higher Education Navigating Family Relations and Ruptures** by *Ester Gallo and Monica Tassaduque, University of Trento* (discussant Maia Brammeier)
- (Un-) queering the price of belonging: The role of financial guilt in shaping queer international students' life trajectories** by *Maia Brammeier, Bielefeld University* (discussant Ester Gallo)
- 12.15 - 12.45 General discussion
- 12.45 - 13.30 Lunch

- 13.30 – 14.30 **Migration, Aspiration, and Generation: Trends among Today’s Teenagers in West Central Nepal** by *Krishna P. Adhikari & David N. Gellner, Oxford University*
(discussant Satendra Kumar)
- The Price of Aspiration: Estrangement and Belonging in Educated Lives** by *Satendra Kumar Institute for Human Development, Delhi* (discussant Monica Tassaduque)
- 14.30 – 15.00 Tea/coffee
- 15.00 – 16.30 **Sacrificing for education: Locating ‘costs of schooling’ in household economies** by *Karen Valentin, Aarhus University* (discussant Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu)
- The simultaneous thinning and thickening of kin relations through social mobility in a War-Khasi family** by *Éva Rozália Hölzle, Bielefeld University*
(discussant Mohini Gupta)
- Chinese-Filipino and Indian-Filipino Academics: Family and the Allure of the Academe** by *Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu, Ateneo de Manila University* (discussant Éva Rozália Hölzle)
- 16.30 – 17.00 General discussion
- 19.00 - Dinner at Lamfuz Restaurant hosted by the Navigating Universities project, Bielefeld University.