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RÉSUMÉS

During the last decades international migration has changed in form and nature. It is less frequently one-directional, but more often characterised by multi-layered, complex processes. Taking the empirical case of a South Lebanese village and its translocal migrant connections, A. J. wants to show in this paper how and by what means people at home and abroad are involved in constructing their 'village beyond borders'. In the presented case people's daily lives are strongly linked as in times of accelerated globalization, communication technology, transportation and broadcasting systems facilitate social interaction despite geographical distance. It will be argued that not only people move but with them and independently from them goods as well as social and religious events. In this process a 'translocal community-in-the-making' emerges from the practices and identities of transnationally connected social actors residing within Lebanon as well in Lebanese migrant communities worldwide.