Diasporic Media Engagements: Senegalese Networking in Berlin and Dakar

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In this paper I'll present part of an ongoing PhD research project centering on media practices and translocal networking of Senegalese in Berlin. In my research I examine how networks are created through the production and reception of media and how through these practices (embedded within a wider social context) a sense of belonging is produced - within the country of residence but also to the country of origin.

For the panel on Muslim Media Practices I want to focus on uses and appropriations of online social media in Muslim everyday life in a translocal setting. How are Senegalese facing the challenges and contestations of everyday life in terms of their Muslim identity in a diasporic setting? In focusing on new tendencies of media engagement and mass-mediated appearances of individual brokers I intend to contribute to an ongoing debate on Morality and Media.