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報告タイトル: Urban life-worlds of Cameroonians in Dubai (United Arab Emirates)(アラブ首長国連邦ドバイにおけるカメルーン人たちの都市生活世界)

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報告要旨

This presentation deals with the life-worlds and social spaces of Cameroonian migrants in Dubai, a major metropolis linking African and Asian markets.

In recent years, Dubai has attracted large numbers of African traders and labour migrants who contribute significantly to the town's commercial development and social life. The streets of Deira, Dubai's ancient trading district, are populated by African merchants from all over the continent, exploring shops and markets, bargaining prices, arranging their acquisitions in hotel launches, taking a break in a street café, enjoying a meal in an Indian or African restaurant, or hanging out in an Ethiopian or Congolese night club.

Many Cameroonians who reside permanently in Dubai act as intermediaries and conduits to these merchants, facilitating their accommodation, purchases and transport of acquisitions back to Africa. They tend to organize their lives around economic constraints and the caprice of immigration regulations. At the same time, they struggle to create social spaces of mutual comfort and support, for example in the context of shared housing, church congregations, or aid and saving groups. However, reproducing social networks similar to those in Cameroon poses difficulties, as migrants' realities differ considerably from life-worlds back home.

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