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TANJA BASTIA (University of Manchester) “Diverse transnational care practices: a view from the South”

We know that families practice transnational care from a distance. However, we are yet to acknowledge the full extent of how different families practice this transnational care in different ways. This paper draws on a larger writing project on the ways in which transnational care differs according to place of origin, the migrants’ parents socio-economic status and type of migration. The view put forward here is definitely one from the South, based on how migrants’ parents experience and practice transnational care. These are parents who ‘stayed’ in the country of origin, while their (usually adult) children migrated. I focus on transnational care that spans material, personal as well as emotional aspects of care and base my analysis on around 100 interviews carried out with migrants’ parents in Bolivia. Overall, the paper argues that temporality and the type of migration practiced are fundamental for understanding the diversity found in transnational care practices. The paper contributes to widening our understanding of ageing in the Global South. It also highlights the diversity of transnational care practices and identifies instances where such care is lacking as well as those where such care is possible. I acknowledge funding by the Leverhulme, British Academy and the Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing, who have supported this research.

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