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Accompanying the thesis

Challenging masculinities?

Senegalese men returning from Europe to Senegal under conditions
of deportability

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1. Ideals concerning masculinity can be both painful and empowering after return to one's country of origin under conditions of deportability. (*This dissertation*)
2. Despite aspiring to be in Europe, not all Senegalese migrant men choose to stay in Europe (*This dissertation*)
3. Transnational connections beyond family members, such as with volunteers, can be important relationships in migrant journeys, including in processes of deportation and return (*This dissertation*)
4. Deportation triggers intense emotions, tension and stress that can accumulate and circulate, not only for the people who are removed and their kin, but also for the wider support networks in the countries from which they are deported. (*This dissertation*)
5. It takes courage to return and considerable work to be welcomed and to stay. (*This dissertation*)
6. To question Eurocentric biases in research it is crucial to keep on investigating experiences beyond so-called destination countries and challenge the structural inequalities in research practices. (*Broader discipline*)
7. Serendipity is crucial for original and valuable qualitative research. Researchers should therefore have enough space and time to embrace this in their inquiries. (*Broader discipline*)
8. There is much work that goes into making people 'illegal'. It is a reminder that illegality is not a natural or an all-defining characteristic of a person but rather something that is made up by people and institutions. It is therefore necessary to study the time, money and effort to create and sustain such categories. (*Broader discipline*)
9. The proposed budget cuts in Dutch higher education will further increase existing inequalities in academia. It will make those with care responsibilities and other (structural) disadvantages more susceptible to leaving academia. (*Broader discipline*)
10. Als het niet kan zoals het moet, dan moet het maar zoals het kan.
11. Maerge is d'r wer 'nen daag, wao gen múske á geknabbeld haet.
Literal translation of the Horster dialect: Tomorrow is another day on which no mouse has nibbled