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“Quest for citizenship in their own country: case study of Cameroon’s migrants”



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This presentation deals with the complex relationships between land belonging, political participation and citizenship for migrating populations. Data are drawn for previous and current field research and publications in land issues, ethnicity, democratization process, citizenship and migration in Cameroon since 1990’s. The major point of contention is to know whether a migrant is still considered as a “full citizen” of the departure country or “ethnic citizen” of his home village of origin.

In this exposé, I intend to analyse the complex relations between the migrant status and his status as national or ethnic citizen in Cameroon. I also want to explore the difficulties encountered by migrants both outside and inside their hometown at the social, cultural, political and economic levels.

Keys words: *Cameroon, citizenship, ethnicity, land struggle, local politics, migration.*

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