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Patterns of Marriage and Divorce among Second Generation Migrants in Germany

This lecture is based on the results of a completed research project on processes of integration and exclusion of Turkish second generation migrants in Germany and discusses their patterns of marriage and divorce. Taking the theories about social exclusion into account (Kronauer 2002) the project investigated, amongst other topics, the influence of social networks on immigrants' opportunities and the interdependency between the development of their social networks and their career on the labour and housing market.

The patterns of marriage and the concentration of social contacts to family members are two relevant factors for the quality and the quantity of immigrants' social networks. The vast majority of them have a family network. Firstly the marriage patterns and the causes and functions of these patterns will be presented in this lecture. Secondly the main reasons for divorce amongst immigrants and the consequences of divorce for their social networks will be described.

The lecture will focus on two questions within this context: What kind of gender-specific differences can be observed between women and men concerning their marriage and divorce patterns and which influence do these patterns have on their gender relations.

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