

Coming back home? Albanian migrants intentions to return

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Abstract

Return migration is a highly discussed topic in academia. This emphasis by scholars and academics translates into developing and enriching both theoretical approaches and empirical studies around the world. Attempting to better comprehend this phenomenon, several aspects of return migration have been considered, including but not limited to: return intentions, motives encouraging return, re-integration and its challenges. Return migration in Albania is still an unexplored phenomenon despite the long tradition of migratory flows.

This study considers Albanian migrants' intentions to return and the factors involved in their decision to return or stay in their host country. The results of the research emphasize that Albanian migrants express a low intention to return to Albania arguing that the low quality of life in Albania, lack of jobs, lower wages and perceiving Albania as a country where "you have no future" are reasons which led them to not return. Even though they have strong bonds with their home country, transnationalism is not a critical factor in migrants' intentions to return while socio-economic conditions in Albania play an important role. The data does not contradict the suggestion that the higher the level of integration of the migrant the less likely the migrant intends to leave the host country.

Keywords: socio-cultural integration, economic integration, transnationalism, intention to return.

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