

# Understanding Transnational Family Dynamics

## A Study of Bengali Student Remittances from Tübingen and Their Impact on Relationships within the Paribar (Family) in Bangladesh

### Overview

This study project is develop to explore how family relationship in Bangladesh are influenced or transformed by remittances sent by Bengali students studying at the University of Tübingen. My aim during my mobility semester was to apply the ethnographic knowledge I had gained in my previous semester and collect empirical data that could help deepen my understanding of remittance behaviour and its impact on kinship dynamics in the Bangladeshi context.

The focus of the project would be sketching studying remittance and understanding relations within transnational familial grounds. To understand the relation within Paribar, this project will discuss traditional Bengali family.

### Research Question

The main target of this research is to explore how do relationships within “Paribar” change because of the remittance?



### Theoritical Framework

This project will follow practice theory, which provides valuable insights into dynamic relationship between human actions and systematic structures (Ortner 1984: 148), moral obligation, where the giver creates a situation with the receiver based on the obligation to reciprocity (Mauss 1974[1925]).

### One of the Participant House



### Methods

To understand Bengali community, participant observation was one of the important method. It is also a Multi-sited ethnography (across various sites to capture the full picture of the project)(Marcus 1995: 106-109) which follows open- ended and semi-structured interviews.



Food That I was served at the participant house in Bangladesh

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