



# Lecture Series in Social Anthropology

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## Being Watched: Migrants Returning from the USA to Mexico

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My talk is about the (un)told stories of migrants who have returned from the USA to Mexico to a small-town environment. The focus is on the returnees' strategies to achieve (or not) (re)integration into their community. Specifically, I ask how they deal with perceived status differences and questions of belonging. In this vein, my research assumes that returnees are exposed to observation in their everyday life, and that they are aware of this. I argue that returnees develop strategies of introspection and reflection as a response to being watched, and often seen as "different", in their own community. Which stories they tell or not about their life in the US depends not only on the individual migratory experience, but also on how the returnees imagine they are perceived by others. I show the ways returnees attune themselves to their social environment by articulating (or not) their migration experience as they navigate their new social situation.

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