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Abstract

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Between city and village: cultural practices, socioeconomic relations and “liquid” localities.

The paper attempts to determine the relationships between cultural, social and economic practices, exploring how people originating from mountainous communities in Greece are trying to establish their cultural identity between two often conflicting “places”, the home place and that of residence in urban areas. After the economic disruption (collapse) of mountainous villages and the emigration to Greek cities, the deconstruction - almost rupture, ostensibly - of the social net of the village attempted to be replaced with the development of another communal solidarity based on the “fatherland”. This, in many cases, reconstructs an alternative communal network and attempts to create a new economic environment in the villages, in the margins and often beyond the rules of the market. These processes are created in a context completed by the forms of urbanization of the mountainous area, as well as the entire socio-economic inequalities associated with the hierarchy of cultural practices and values and contribute to the transformation of the identity of mountain communities