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Cultural Geographies of Counter-Diasporic Migration: The Second Generation Returns "Home"
End of Year Report for 2007

We have collected extremely rich data during the pilot phase of our empirical research and we are in the process of transcribing (and translating when necessary) the oral narratives, in-depth interviews and focus group discussions conducted in Athens, Berlin and New York. The project has been progressing very well. Year 1 involved literature and data reviews, design and piloting of field methodologies (one month in Greece and Cyprus), and one-month visits to three migration 'source' sites – New York, Berlin and London. More specifically we have attained the following:

- Assemble relevant literature and data on Greek migration and diaspora
- Literature review on second-generation and ancestral return migration worldwide
- Review article almost ready for publication (will be sent to AHRC DMI website)
- Design and preparation of research instruments
- Review article on life narratives of migration research (in preparation)
- Pilot visit to Athens to test life narrative approach and to lay plans for the main fieldwork in Year 2
- Review of pilot visit, transcription of tapes
- One-month field visits to New York and Berlin: focus groups and key interviews
- Transcription of focus-group and key-informant interviews from NY and Berlin

Outputs from Year 1: two papers for publication, transcribed material and notes from Athens pilot, Berlin and New York

- Public presentations (all by Anastasia Christou):

- 1) Hellenic Broadcasting Interview June, Athens, English speaking programme
- 2) Cosmos FM, Public Broadcasting Radio, Interview August, New York
- 3) "Gender, Migration, Urban Space", Conference Athens, September
- 4) Seminar Presentation at London Metropolitan University, November (with Russell King)

Data collected during pilot research:
Athens, 17 oral narratives; 3 written narratives
Berlin, 26 oral narratives/focus groups
New York, 29 oral narratives/focus groups

Participant observation, cultural gatherings, social events
150 photos, 60 videos