

Language teachers and the off-duty expectations: Work-leisure configuration on a transnational scale

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This talk explores the transnational mobility of international volunteer Japanese language teachers, with a particular attention to their expectations regarding life outside their official duty. The off-duty expectation is an often neglected but important aspect of language teachers' transnational experiences. To focus on this aspect, I will report on the participants' multifaceted expectations and careful examination of the experiences and resources accessible at their destinations, imagined prior to departure. The aim here is to better understand participants' mobility both holistically and in totality, as a form of 'transnational lives of the middle' (Clarke 2005) while focusing on language. Bridging mobility studies and linguistic inquiry, this talk explores two themes: obtaining a more nuanced and holistic understanding of transnationals' subjectivity; and combining linguistic inquiry and mobility studies to contribute to such an exploration.

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