

## **Transborder as Essence of Religion and Commerce**

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Today, the transborder phenomenon characterizes our world. It means that there exists a threat to the established system concerning society and political apparatus like nation state or an ideological transformation that appears in the culture and religions. However, the transborder phenomenon, at the same time, means strengthening of the existing borders and building new ones. In a word, becoming of transborder world not only makes conflicts where borders exist, but also gives us the possibility to find new relationships and meanings among various phenomena.

In this lecture, we think about the meaning of “human moving” as the transborder phenomenon on this diversified view. Concretely, taking the people who is called “Soninke” which originated from West Africa, we discuss the transborder phenomenon with thinking about the meaning of moving for Soninke and what kind of meaning was given to them from outside.

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Through these topics, we argue that Soninke realized the expansion of the commercial networks taking use of religious networks, and they were given the different meaning to those activities in the so-called the study of émigrés. In fact, very few noticed the significance of the relationship between religious and commercial network.

Finally, we present three points concerning today's matter. Firstly, even though religions are very important as the mutual relationship including “human moving” among ethnic groups, they are sometimes taken as the reason of conflicts which the transborder phenomenon bring about in contemporary society, with emphasizing its exclusive tendency. Secondly, though the commercial activity gets the much profit by the way of “human moving” among various communities, for that it needs the emotional, mental and spiritual supports beside the desire for profits. Religions themselves could give such a support to them by the name of Absolute existence like God and, at the same time, expand the belief in the world using commercial network and “human moving”. And then, different religions are accepted through the daily commercial activities of moving people.

We can conclude that the mutual relationship between the commercial network and religious network would be the base for constructing the transborder society