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Transnational functions of Kyrgyz communities in Moscow

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History of this research Positionality

- Why Kyrgyz Diaspora
 - Kyrgyz Club
 - I live abroad
 - Empty space. Knowledge decolonization.
- Higher School of Economics
 - Assess to the field
 - It is own lens
- Practical application
 - Kyrgyz Migration state service
 - Policy brief

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Research
strategy

Data collection methods:

- Semi structured interviews
- Observation
- Active participation

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Cases characteristic

		Members are communities
Members are persons		
Countrymen and tribal communities	Institutional diaspora organizations	Umbrella organizations
Kok Jangak	Kyrgyz Birimdigi	Kyrgyz Congress
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Countrymen and tribal ties communities



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Institutional diaspora organizations

- community is uniting residents of one country of origin who speak one language, but not bound by kinship or membership in one local community, and they are not fellow countrymen's. Diaspora organization defined by the fact that its unite people who didn't know each other before they meet in host country (Varshaver, Rocheva)
- **Kyrgyz Birimdigi**
 - Classical diaspora characteristic.
- **International Association of Entrepreneurs**
 - White collars union

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Umbrella organizations

- Characterized by
 - Membership. Unite communities, not people
 - Represent interests of all people under one “brand” (Kyrgyzstani)
- **Kyrgyz Congress**
- **Kyrgyz-Russian cooperation Center**

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Results

- Types of communities define by members and their strategies toward KR and RF
- Types of communication :between members, between diaspora organizations. International.
- Functions overlapped by type of community but can be group by community type, and focusing:
- Compatriot communities focus mainly on functions related to Kyrgyzstan,
- and umbrella organizations focus on functions related to Moscow.
- Institutional organizations of the diaspora have the greatest characteristics of transnational communities and perform functions in the Kyrgyz Republic and the Russian Federation equally.

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Function what Kyrgyz communities in Moscow perform in Kyrgyz Republic

	Participation in political processes	Infrastructural projects	Mechanisms for transnational knowledge transfer, technology sharing
countrymen - tribal organizations	on local levels. City council or mayor, participation on local elections	3+1 projects with UNDP and local government infrastructural development, with common found.	new standards of building technology
institutional diaspora organizations	participation in parliament elections		business trainings
umbrella organizations	absence in Kyrgyz political life	agents of collection	applications and info sharing

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Function what Kyrgyz communities in Moscow perform in Moscow

	Participation in political processes	Infrastructural projects	Mechanisms for transnational knowledge transfer, technology sharing
countrymen - tribal organizations		sport club financialization	Cultural events
institutional diaspora organizations	representatives in city council	business establishers	trainings for compatriots
umbrella organizations	Russian parties members, representatives in city council		trainings for compatriots

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Social remittances by communities?

- Apart from “usual” knowledge, technology, cultural practices transfer
- More sustainable and extensive effect
- To be in 2 “worlds” as a group gave opportunity to adapt faster and to support changes in both
- mobilization in crisis. Example during pandemic (Van Kyrgyz supported Issyk-Kul museum workers; medicine, materials, so on)
- “bigger projects” built a bridge in small town, or built business property in Bishkek

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