

Changing Mobility and Globalisation from Below: The Experiences of Transnational Traders in Ghanaian cities

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Ghanaian international traders engage in short-term circulatory movements in their bid to ensure their livelihood and these movements have evolved over time. Initially, moving to neighbouring African destinations, these traders have ‘graduated’ to other intercontinental destinations. This paper draws on the experiences of different generations of transnational traders in Ghanaian cities who move to ‘new’ destinations in the Middle and Far East, the strategies adopted and networks formed as they negotiate their place in the globalised space. Findings of the study suggest a stepwise pattern in the traders’ movement to new destinations, their use of various networks and modern technology among others in the facilitation of the transnational trading business.