

Deportados

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This paper investigates the experience of being deported from Europe back to Africa. Taking its point of departure in fieldwork among deported migrants in Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, it looks at deportation as a state of displacement. Though returning home deported migrants feel forcibly dislodged; they feel that their lives have been unsettled and shattered in temporal and social terms. Focusing on this experience of fragmented aspiration and disrupted becoming the article illuminates the social repositioning and reintegration of deportees and looks at the social effects of the increasing deportation of migrant back to West Africa.