

ABSTRACTS

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THE INTERACTION BETWEEN ELDERLY IMMIGRANTS AND CARE WORKERS IN MEDICALIZED CARE HOMES: THE CHALLENGE OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

This research took place in a context characterized by a progressive diversification of the origins of elderly migrants residing in medicalized care homes in Switzerland (“EMS”), and by the growth of their numbers. Its aim was to identify the resources and the difficulties associated with this cultural diversity, in order to foster a better mutual understanding between care professionals and residents. The results of a field inquiry conducted with migrant residents and care professionals in 14 institutions of the cantons of Vaud and Genève are presented under four headings: the interactions between migrant residents and care assistants; the expectations of migrant residents and the institutional response; the observation of key accompaniment situations; and the institutional policy pertaining to the integration of various cultures. The conclusion sums up the main actual or potential resources and problems of the accompaniment of elderly migrant residents in medicalized care homes.

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FROM SHELTER CONSTRUCTION TO THE HUMANIZATION OF HOUSING IN TWO POPULAR NEIGHBORHOODS IN IRAN AND IN FRANCE

This article, based on the methods of ethnological observation, seeks to highlight the existence of an “art of living”, which manifests itself in the humanization of urban space, among the inhabitants of two popular neighborhoods situated in the margins of the respective dominant urban societies. The first one, Islamâbâd, in the Iranian city of Karaj (area of Teheran), is an old shanty town, built illegally with recycled materials, inhabited by immigrants from the countryside, and neglected by the State to a large extent. The second neighborhood, Saint Blaise, in the eastern part of Paris, is mainly inhabited by families come from abroad, placed by the State in low-rent dwellings of which they are nothing more than “users”. The idea is not to assimilate two situations which cannot be compared, but to compare the strategies worked out by the inhabitants of these two neighborhoods, aiming at the construction of a sustainable social order, of a pacific and dynamic mode of coexistence.

Roger BASTIDE

INTERPENETRATION OF CIVILIZATIONS AND « PSYCHOLOGIE DES PEUPLES » (REPUBLICATION)

This text was originally published in 1950 in the *Revue de psychologie des peuples*, a review created and animated by A. Miroglio, which Roger Bastide never failed to support. Here, Bastide intends to submit the “psychologie des peuples” to the test of dynamic situations where cultures and mentalities come to encounter one another, and this position leads him to underline the importance of life histories, of the experiences and interactions of the “marginal man” placed at the center of migration processes or at the crossroads of several cultures, in the shaping of “mentalities”. He thus outlines a research agenda and a problem setting which sociologists and anthropologists have rediscovered only recently, namely the consideration of the interplay between psychic phenomena, biographies, life histories, and the global social, institutional, and cultural