‚Indianness' as refuge
Constructions of belongingness among ‚migrants of the second generation'

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Structure

1. The *Indernet*

2. Space of multiple belongingness

3. Imagining ‚Indianness‘

4. Questions

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The *Indernet*

- internet portal www.theinder.net
  - made by ‚Indians of the second generation'
  - for ‚Indians of the second generation'
- symbollically refers to ‚India'
  - name, logo, project description, topics
- is localised in ‚Germany'
  - language, topics, users

A space for multiple belongingness

- ‚Indians of the second generation'
  - faced with norm of univocal natio-ethno-cultural belongingess
  - experiencing multiple natio-ethno-cultural belongingness
  - resulting in experiences of othering and discrimination
- the *Indernet*
  - an own space of the ‚second generation'
  - multiple belongingness as implicit norm
  - a refuge

Imagining ‚Indianness‘

- belongingness to ‚Germany‘ refused
  - belongingness to ‚India‘ ascribed
- belongingness to ‚India‘ imagined
  - in reaction to experiences in ‚Germany‘
  - while in ‚Germany‘
  - to an imagined ‚India‘
- imagined ‚Indianness‘ more linked to ‚Germany‘ than to ‚India‘

Questions

- What is specifically ‚German' in this analysis?

- What questions does the *Indernet* raise in you?

Thank you!

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