

*diaspora engagement:*

*what, how, why?*

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# *w h a t: i n s t i t u t i o n s*

## **diaspora building**

- *cultivating diasporic identity*
  - *broadcasting & print media*
  - *rhetoric & symbols*
  - *celebrations and awards*
  - *community organizing*
- *recognizing diaspora communities*
  - *statistics & monitoring*
  - *identity legislation*
  - *bureaucratic coordination*

## **diaspora integration**

- *extending rights*
  - *voting rights*
  - *legislative consultation*
  - *consular assistance*
  - *benefit portability*
- *extracting obligations*
  - *taxation*
  - *remittances & investments*
  - *political influence*
  - *knowledge transfers*

# how: politics

## local

- *reactive*
  - “governments enter the picture as the importance of the phenomenon becomes evident”

*Portes 1999, ethnic & racial studies*

- *proactive*
  - “state-led transnationalism”

*Margharitis 2006*

- “diaspora strategies”

*Jarner 2007, transactions*

## international

- *aid agencies*
  - outsource aid provision
  - cultivate brokers
  - pacify domestic left and right

- *international*

### *organizations*

- fulfill a mandate to ease conflicts of interest
- free markets &

# *why: norms*

- *interests*

- *imperatives: adapting to transnationalism*

- *obligations*

- *ad hoc and arbitrary treatment can be unjust*

# *conclusion*

1. *a cluster of institutions, more or less ubiquitous*

➤ *the emigration state*

*gamlen 2009, political geography*

1. *pressures on states to engage diasporas*

➤ *transnationalism from below and above*

1. *not "whether" to make policies but "how"*

➤ *coherence*

## *some further reading*

- *Sherman*
- *RT Smith*
- *Eva Ostergaard-Nielsen*
- *Levitt and De la Dehesa*
- *Gonzalez-Gutierrez*