

Abstract of diploma thesis

Title: Strangers at home – In Search of Indigenous Identity at the Suburbs of a Glocal Mexican City

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The presented thesis is based on a fieldwork realized during five months in the city of San Cristobal de Las Casas, Chiapas in south of Mexico and deals with different strategies through which are young Tzotziles and Tzeltales living in the new suburbs of the old colonial city constructing their identity. Main axes of the thesis are first the relationship of these young people to the native communities of their parents and second to the rich and turistic city centre. As a main ethnographic method I use participant observation and also the material culture studies (the tesis focus mostly on identification through visage and consequently on the consitution of identity through styles and modes of dressing).