

Abstract

Myanmar Buddhist in Frankfurt/Germany - how do they practise their religion in diaspora?

The objective of this paper is to present an overview about all Myanmar Buddhist activities in Frankfurt am Main/Germany in order to find out whether the attitude and practise has changed from the habits in the homeland. It explores migration patterns in diaspora as a narrowly focused and limited case study, where I will gather all the information available to describe the situation as it presents itself in the beginning of the year 2019. The methods employed are participant observation by the author, handout of questionnaires and personal interviews. The results will be structured around the well know categories of generosity (Dāna); moral restraint (Śīla) meditation (Bhāvanā) as common ways of making merits. The hypothesis is that cultural adaptation of the religion to German society can be observed to some extent. The conclusions will show whether this is really the case or not, and if yes in what way.