## SPRING-Alumni as Change Agents

## Presentation of research project SPRING.fluence

When: **April 27<sup>th</sup>** | Time: 2:30 - 4pm (German time) | Where: Digital via zoom You can register for the event with the following link. Please register by April 25<sup>th</sup>. <u>https://umfragen.tu-dortmund.de/index.php/371949?lang=en</u>

Over the past 1 ½ years, we had the opportunity to interview numerous Ghanaian and Nepalese SPRING-alumni about change processes they may have initiated in their home countries and to jointly reflect on their role as change agents in their home countries.

Supervised by Prof. Dr. Susanne Frank, the research project *SPRING.fluence* was carried out at *Urban and Regional Sociology* research group by Dr. Karin Gaesing and Annika Guhl and funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Building on a standardized survey of all Ghanaian and Nepalese SPRING-alumni from the starting years up to and including 2015/16, in which we were able to achieve a response rate of 63%, 32 qualitative intensive interviews with selected alumni took place. The results show that the alumni explicitly see themselves as change agents who can and want to initiate sustainable changes in their home countries, not only in their professional but also in their private environments and in the field of civil society. More details will be given at the final presentation, to which we hereby cordially invite you!

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