English summary

Approximately one in ten Ghanaians live abroad. Since many Ghanaians originate from the Ashanti Region, Ashanti rural life is greatly influenced by migrants. This book describes how Ashanti rural dwellers use migrant ties in their social networks to obtain their social security. It uses a transnational approach and contains many real stories from respondents’ lives. The findings show that rural people, through their ties with migrants, can be agents of change in the development of their local communities. The book contributes to debates on transnationalism, social security, and migration and development.