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This project aims to generate knowledge about civil society groups' (CSG) actions in relation to transparency campaigns with the example of oil production in Chad. Only recently, oil studies have started to focus on local actors and frontline oil communities affected by oil production. CSGs who inform much of the debate on oil, have, however, so far not been in focus of anthropological research. This project intends to study the effects of CSG initiatives for the population-oriented transparent management and use of oil resources. CSGs working with oil started to flourish in Chad after the World Bank introduced a wide-ranging law-based model for fair revenue distribution in 1999. This model was supposed to guarantee the use of oil gains for large-scale poverty alleviation and development. Despite some flaws, which became apparent later on, the model's inherent ideas of involving local populations in decision-making processes and claims led to a boost of CSGs in Chad, giving them a stronger voice in advocacy and training of the local population. As intermediaries between international development agencies and local people in Chad, CSGs act independent from the national government and oil companies. As translators of global initiatives, they constantly gain in importance within the Chadian social and institutional landscape, particularly as oil activities in Chad continue and new mining sites are constantly developed.Ultimately, by drawing on the Chadian CSGs' local translations of two international initiatives in the realm of extractive industries, this study aims to further develop the translation theory and the concept of travelling models to analyze how global ideas induce new social dynamics in Chad.

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