

Reviewer comment-2

The manuscript offers an instructive presentation of an in-class discussion process about cultural dynamics that are not well known.

The title needed a grammatical change and consistent capitalization: Speaking Across Borders: Gendered Harm and Transnational Identity Testimony in a Social Work Class

The abstract incorporates the major components of the article.

The references seem appropriate. The manuscript should include references, not bibliography. A bit more could be offered about human international long distance migration. Most migrations are within shorter distance, but more long-distance ones have occurred since 1990 – (Our world data).

Castles, S., de Haas, H., & Miller, M. J. (2020). The age of migration: International population movements in the modern world (6th ed.). Guilford Press.

Hollifield, J. F., Martin, P. L., & Orrenius, P. M. (Eds.). (2014). Controlling immigration: A global perspective (3rd ed.). Stanford University Press.

O'Reilly, K. (2012). International migration and social theory. Palgrave Macmillan.

Scholten, P. (Ed.). (2022). Introduction to migration studies: An interactive guide to the literatures on migration and diversity. Springer.

Replace Bibliography with References. List only the references used in the text and check APA formatting.

Page 3 paragraph 2. This process was disorienting at times, and confusion confusing in for creating an ideal home seeking setting. This sentence was unclear. If the modification is inaccurate, please address it. Section I: Transnational man migration as identity reconstruction After paragraph 5, Insert a bit more about human international long-distance migration.

While the reflection is focused on the masculine identity, the inclusion of a discussion about Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) in Ethiopia presents a need to say something about possible social work concerns for the transnational woman's identity who may have experienced this practice.

Specific Comments:

Comparative Perspectives and Cross-Cultural Insights Something could be said in this section about the larger social advocacy and human rights concerns and about the possible

impact and approach to the transnational woman's identity issues. For example, some comments regarding the expanse of contexts and comparisons may help social work students appreciate the range of concerns in this area. Possible references: Johansen, R. E. B., & Ahmed, S. A. E. (2021). Negotiating Female Genital Cutting in a Transnational Context. *Qualitative Health Research*, 31(3), 458–471. – A qualitative interview study with Somali and Sudanese women in Norway analyzing how women navigate contradictory social norms (traditional vs. international rights-based norms) after migration and how this negotiation shapes values and decisions surrounding FGM/C. Lien, I. L. & Schultz, J. H. (2014). Cultural protection against traumatic stress: traditional support of children exposed to the ritual of female genital cutting. *International Journal of Women's Health*, 3, 207–218. – Discusses support structures and cultural frames that shape women's identity after FGM/C, including within migration contexts.