

Review of: "Encounters with Others: Student Growth through Fieldwork Studies in Rural Areas"

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A very interesting topic to research.

The trend shown in the paper is represented in all countries of the world, regardless of whether they are developed or underdeveloped. In most countries of the world, rural areas are depopulated and economically neglected areas, which in recent years have been developed and revitalized through various cross-border cooperation projects. These projects are particularly pronounced in Europe. They contributed to the education of the rural population in terms of starting their own business and self-employment.

On the other hand, it is generally known that with the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, rural areas have become an important segment of the world market, especially the tourist market. For this reason, in future research, the author could draw a parallel to the development of rural areas, that is, through examples of good practice, point out the importance and contribution of the development of agritourism, which results not only in the revitalization of rural areas, but also in the relocation of the population from urban to rural areas. Many famous people (musicians, singers, actors, etc.) choose rural areas for their place of residence.

I sincerely hope that the author will build on his research and that he will connect experiences from Japan with experiences from other countries.