

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

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I think this preliminary manuscript is a good contribution. This topic is highly relevant and in this field is very useful to rural areas nowadays. I recommend expanding the literature review or empirical research based on some developed countries and highlighting their contribution in this same research line, e.g., approaches, instruments, and others that have been implemented and how they have analyzed their findings.

Also, I think that this work could have a solid theoretical framework if the author integrates a view from Human Capital theory or an economic system perspective, but that decision could be discussed with his/her supervisor. However, I think that the qualitative approach should be highlighted, and also the research design could be explained; multiple cases in qualitative could be expanded and justified. I mean, clearly stated for readers. Thus, the participants' selection criteria are not clear unless the author indicates at the end of the discussion that the participants were volunteers. That is the reason why the selection of the participants' process and criteria could be described. I suggest including or justifying the interview design and describing the validation of the interview instruments, and how the instruments' items or questions emerged. I think that the author could describe how data analysis was processed. I suggest connecting the discussion with the literature review; I notice that some authors like Collins (2019), Florida (2005), MacDonald (2022), Rubinger (1982), and Sin (2009) were not considered in the theoretical framework. And for all the authors that support your literature review, only two were considered in the discussion section. E.g., In the discussion, the author refers to Horiuchi (2019), but the literature review and theoretical section point out the same author(s) in different years of publication, i.e., (Horiuchi 2022; Horiuchi & Takahashi 2016; Horiuchi & Matsuzaka 2022). Finally, I recommend adding some implications to implement this research; likewise, some limitations, and recommendations that I am sure all of these elements could make this article a more solid piece.