

# Review of: "Post-Conflict Reconstruction: How Social Identity Change Informs our Understanding of the Ukrainian Experience of Forced Migration"

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The paper "Post-Conflict Reconstruction: How Social Identity Change Informs our Understanding of the Ukrainian Experience of Forced Migration" presents a dive into the experiences of Ukrainian women refugees in the UK. It is timely research, examining the experiences of the first months in a foreign country as refugees and asylum seekers, a condition that is normally beyond the scope of much research in migration studies. In fact, most published research is interviewing people long after their arrival, settled in the host country, even when this settlement is precarious. Based on the Social Identity Model of Identity Change, the paper is attempting to understand such experiences in the light of adopting new (social) identities.

The talking stones methodology was a wise choice and produced interesting insights into the participants' experiences as well as identity changes occurring during their forced migration to the UK. The themes of helplessness, solidarity, and self-determination provide a thoughtful account of the identity journey that parallels the experiences of the women participating in the research. The author approaches their accounts with respect.

The paper offers a methodological and analytical pattern for scholars to examine similar experiences of migrants, asylum-seeking people, or refugees in other contexts. In such an endeavor, such patterns could be used to explore experiences of settled migrants from the previous migratory 'crisis' of the mid-2010s, or the difference between 'European' and Third-World refugees.