

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

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Author's attempt to highlight the positive outcomes of FWS (fieldwork studies) in rural areas, mainly bridging rural-urban divide and its contribution to rural development, is highly commendable. The paper successfully covers almost all related socio-economic issues, i.e., rural-urban divide, rural to urban migration and depopulation of rural areas. The study is not only relevant for developed countries, but it also presents best case study for developing countries. In many developing economies, the developmental linkage between rural and urban areas is missing. Educational program, highlighted by the author, can be crucially important. I would appreciate if author shares some data on depopulation of rural areas in Japan, as it needs to be mentioned in the paper to understand the necessity of FWS. I thank author for highlighting successfully the importance of FWS in rural areas. The paper presents a case study which should be included in educational policy.