

Peer Review

Review of: "The Inter-Factor Zone: A Transitional Phase Between Push and Pull Factors in Post-1968 Migration from Czechoslovakia to Switzerland"

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This is a nicely written paper, but in my opinion, the empirical part could be more developed to include more migrants' stories and narratives, so that the picture becomes more diversified. I am not convinced by the theoretical contribution because the inter-factor zone is not as contingent as we might think: nobody returned to the country of origin, and migrants only choose the next destination, so the 'classic' push-and-pull model becomes simply a two-step decision (decision to leave the country of origin, decision to leave or stay in the transit country). Such staged migration is reminiscent of pioneer migrations where the final destination was a matter of chance. Incidentally, the proposed modified model (Fig. 1) lacks the push factors that were crucial at the time – these factors are discussed in the manuscript but not implemented in the proposed theoretical model.

Declarations

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