

## AFTERWORD

All the contributors to this special issue offered their insights on the impact of the International Doctoral Seminar (IDS) in their journey as doctoral students. More than this, their collaborative work demonstrates how the participants attained the primary interest of the seminar, which is to promote research collaborations by engaging in collaborative, interdisciplinary, scholarly activities. Reading the manuscripts in this Special Issue, we were honoured to be participants ourselves. We witnessed how authors selected essential details of their transcultural experience and perspectives, reflected on them, and gave them an order to thereby make meaning of what constitutes their international journey. Beyond what these manuscripts tell us about transculturalism, the importance lies in the multiple ways in which they worked through dialogue and collaborative work. Undoubtedly, papers presented in this Special Issue have helped to shed light on the positive impact this seminar has for doctoral students.

Through our collaborative work in putting these papers together, many questions arose concerning future cycles of the seminar and possible ways to further reinforce collaborative research. In considering the future of IDS, we would like to see similar partnership opportunities with this journal and beyond. To accomplish that, there is a mutual impetus to analyze strategies to involve a greater level of participation and to open the conversation to more specific topics behind transculturalism. From the lessons we have learned as editors in facilitating this Special Issue, we would like to reflect on the impact of sharing experiences and the ways authors managed to see themselves in the Other. We want to thank the authors for agreeing to share their perspectives, arguments, topics and ideas with our audience.

We hope that you, the reader, have also found these articles transformative in shaping your understanding and your future work. We encourage those who can, to apply to the IDS and take part directly, and, regardless of whether you can participate or not in the IDS, to continue these important conversations. We appreciate you taking the time to read this Special Issue and now the collaborative circle expands to encompass you, and your experiences—Thank you!

Sincerely,

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