



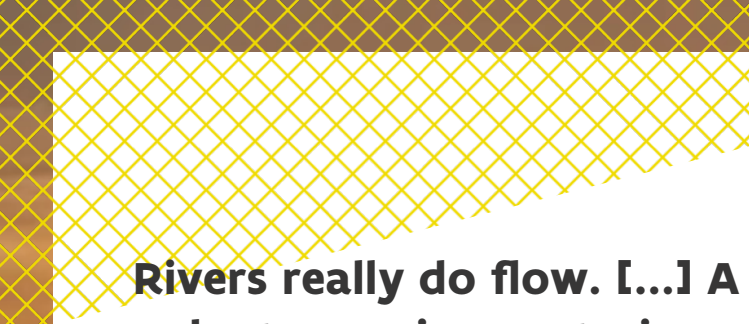
What migration means for (transnational) social work

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Rivers really do flow. [...] A river goes from point A to point B only by traversing, watering, and connecting the territory that lies between the two points. But [...] the “global” does not “flow”, thereby connecting and watering contiguous spaces; it hops instead, efficiently connecting the enclaved points in the network while excluding (with equal efficiency) the space that lie between the points.

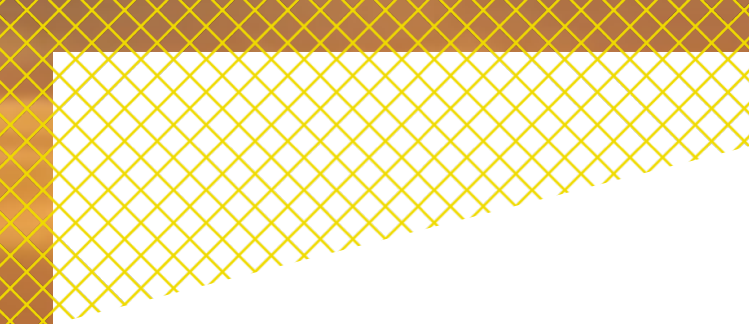
Ferguson, 2006, p. 47

The mobility potential of people depends very much on their positionality in time and space.

Salazar & Smart, 2011



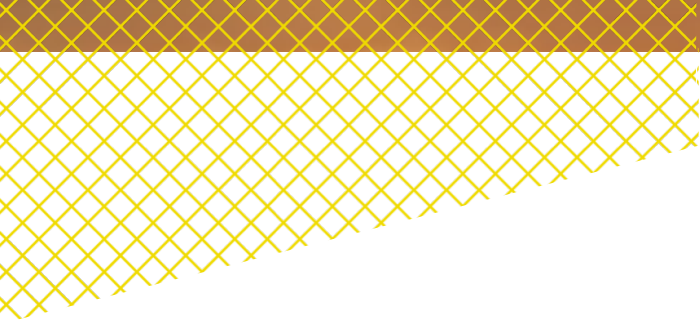
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Social workers can no longer pay attention to relationships, resources, structures, laws and history in one locale and not consider the same in another country where the systems may be informed by a significantly different world view for their clients (Hunter, Lepley, & Nickels, 2010, p. 222).

Through transnational communication, “relationships are established and maintained, attachment and intimacy are created, children are socialized, gender roles and expectations are formed, decisions are made, problems and conflicts are resolved, social support is provided, and the physical and mental wellbeing of others are affected” (Caughlin et al., 2011, 683)

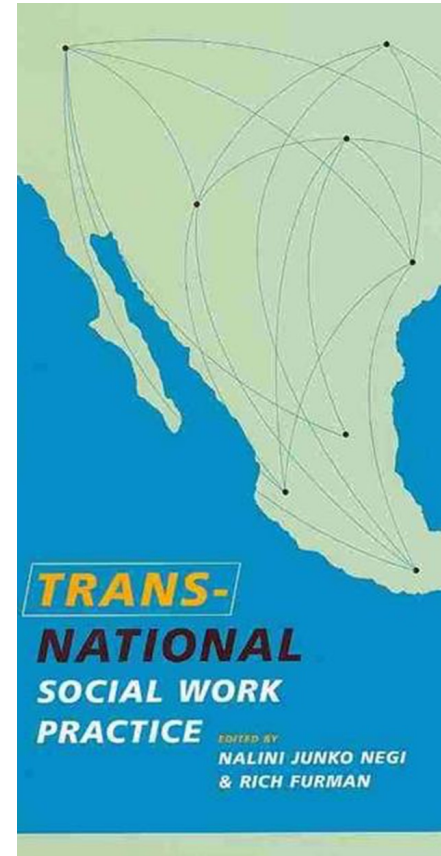


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- ▶ **Social work is just at its beginnings in systematically reflecting and analyzing the significance of border-crossing developments**
 - ▶ **In general, transnational perspectives have been employed rather sparsely, irregularly and, above all, not explicitly (Walliman, 2014)**
 - ▶ **Social works' local and sedentary focus is contrary to several clients' mobile and/or translocal life and/or to the border-crossing nature of the themes social workers encounter**

Transnational social work

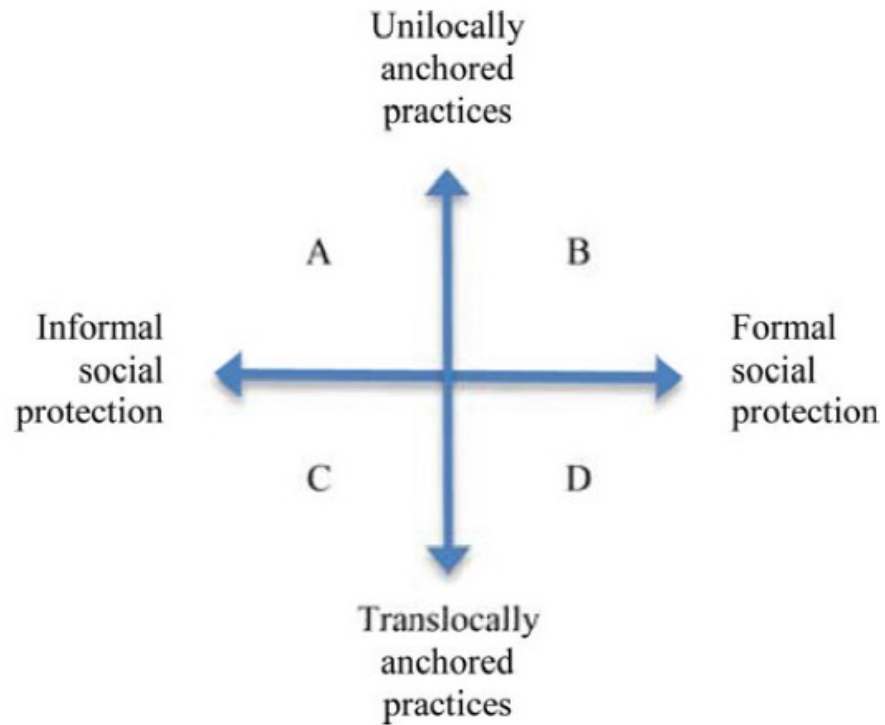
Transnational social work is an emerging field of practice that

- (a) is designed to serve transnational populations;
- (b) operates across nation-state boundaries whether physically or through new technologies; and
- (c) is informed by and addresses complex transnational problems and dilemmas

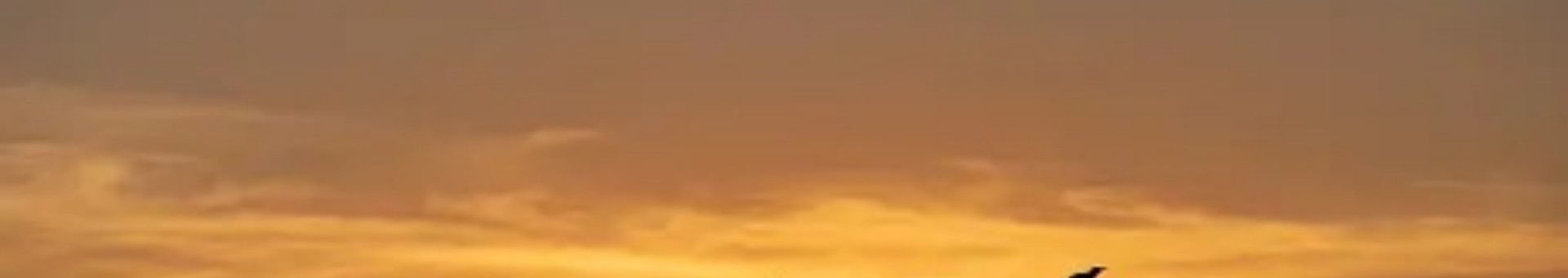


Taking into account the transnational nature of contemporary social work implies a fundamental rethinking of social work legitimacy, concepts, research, methods and frames of reference





The field of social protection as a continuum of degrees of formalization and mobility (Righard & Boccagni, 2015, p. 233)



Even as social work becomes increasingly aware of the transnational, it may find itself trapped within state systems, policies and ideologies that can remain intransigent to social concerns that move across borders

- development and institutionalisation of transnationally and translocally anchored social work practices**
- challenging and pushing the national boundaries of social policy**
- political work on transnational issues**



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Barka = Boat, Lifeboat, Barge

Presentation Contents:

- 1. Barka-Poland (Ewa Sadowska)**
- 2. Barka-UK and Barka-International**
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- 4. Ukrainian Refugee Support in Poland**
- 5. Africa: Kenya and The Congo**



1. Barka-Poland Foundation is one of the longest Running Homeless Community Networks in Poland



- 1989 – BARKA (Lifeboat – Barge)
- Influenced strongly by values of the solidarity movement, dignity of the individual, community and mutual support.
- First Barka Supported Community of 25 Homeless individuals.
- Social Integration and Vocational Training Centres
- Social Enterprise support through Economic Centers
- Affordable Housing
- Life-long learning programs at Folk University.
- Polish Legislation between 2002- 2006. Social Enterprise Laws, Co-operative arrangement laws.

30 Barka Communities and over 250 Integration Centers for the homeless and unemployed



2. **Barka UK and Barka International**

- A10 Countries, EU Expansion 2004
- Post-Banking Crisis, Streets of London, new Homeless Population
- Hammersmith and Fulham Council 2006 invitation
- Additional 13 London Boroughs
- 6000 Reconnections 2006 -2014 through our 'Outreach Team' model



Barka – International

Barka-Poland

Barka-Ireland

Barka-UK

Barka-Belgium

Barka-Netherlands

Barka-Canada

Barka-Iceland

Barka-Germany

Barka Outreach Teams

- ▶ **Leader, A Rehabilitated person with long-term sobriety, training and lived experience of homelessness.**
- ▶ **Assistant, Language Skills and Social Studies Qualifications.**

3. The Barka Reconnection Service

Service-Users: The BARKA RECONNECTION SERVICE is for Central and Eastern Europeans (CEE) Citizens. Can be extended to Citizens from Balkan Region, Western Europe and Ukraine. No Recourse to Public Funding. **Process:** Contact/Outreach, Trust, Decision, Further Support.

AIMS OF THE SERVICE

- To reconnect Homeless/Vulnerable EU Citizens with their Family in countries of Origin by providing transportation including flights and onward support.
- To provide EU Citizens access to Barka's European network of supported living Communities in home countries.
- To maintain regular contact with Returning Citizens
- To support EU Prison Leavers. Homelessness prevention.
- To establish strong working links between District Councils (Homeless Outreach Teams)
- To provide rehabilitation options in Country of origin (Detox, Residential Therapy)
- To Provide EU Citizens with an opportunity to rebuild their lives, through the Barka Network's programmes of mutual assistance, training and entrepreneurship
- To assist Ukrainian Refugees with affordable housing solutions in Barka's Social service system.



3. The Barka Reconnection Service

Outreach Teams offer homeless Individuals with an opportunity to Voluntarily Return Home to their Family or our European Network of Communities. We establish close contact with local service-providers to deliver our service, including:

- **Daycare Centres, Shelters, Hostels and other Charities (De Paul and WNS)**
- **European Consulates & Embassies. (CEE Consulates, London)**
- **CEE shops, Churches, Cultural Centres**
- **Regional and local Courts.**
- **Prison System and Probation System (FNO Prisons)**
- **Detention Centres, Council Housing Departments. (Bedford IRC)**
- **Rehabilitation Clinics and Hospitals. (Visitations)**
- **Police Community Officers, Council Outreach Teams.**

Additional Services: One-to-One support, ID (Job Support), Local Transport support, Referrals, Sign-posting.

Barka Reconnection Service

**Milton Keynes Council –
Janusz, K**



**Milton Keynes Council –
Hungarian Family**



Barka Reconnection Service

Letchworth Garden City,
Hertfordshire – Janusz, D



Great Yarmouth, Norfolk –
Andrzej, P



Barka – Ukrainian Refugee Support in the EU and UK



Africa: The Congo and Kenya





Thank You

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