

Expatriates or skilled professionals? Travellers or migrants?

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- Career expatriates, highly skilled (temporary) migrants, privileged migrants, mobile professionals, transnational corporate elites, skilled professionals
- expatriate: a person who lives outside their native country
- colonial history
 - class and race
 - Sarah Kunz
- temporary sojourns
- privileged – or not?



Expatriate childhood: Children's experiences of temporary migration (2019-2024, Research Council of Finland)



8-15-year-old expatriate children in Finland

- position in Finland and on the global arena
- belonging
- everyday lives in Finland
- Ethnographic project

Third Culture Kids

Pollock & Van Reken 1999



Adults

- Career and practical organization
- temporary stay

Children

- a more holistic experience
- future global elite
- grand tour

VACATIONS & TRIPS



Vlog

- Exploring Finland – the World’s Cleanest country
- Trips to specific towns or areas or places
- Meeting Santa Claus
- Visiting snow castle
- Playing in snow
- Activities: Strawberry picking, rowing boat
- **Trip to Incredible India**



- Officially: labour migrants
- On personal level:
career, tourism, adventures

- (Skilled labour) migration is seldom only about work
 - Intersecting with travel and tourism (leisure)
 - Lifestyle of mobility (TCKs)
 - Educating children often an implicit reasoning for the mobile lifestyle

