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Súčasť outlinu je:
- problem statement
- research question a sub-questions
- conceptual map
- literature review

V prípade potreby doplňujúcich dokumentov ich rada poskytnem a doplním.

**Problem statement:**
Since the Fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989 followed by opening of the border, Slovakia and the Czech Republic started to experience `brain-drain` caused by migration of young highly-skilled Czechs and Slovaks abroad. I am looking for the motivations of this group to leave their country of origin, settle in Canada and thus become `voluntary foreigners abroad`.

By comparing voluntary migrants to the forced migration of Czechoslovaks emigrating during communism era, within perception of `home`, `feeling of belonging`, place-affiliation and transnational connectedness between home and host country of both groups, I raise the question of `return` to the country of origin to enhance the economic development of their own countries.

**Research question:**
How do young `voluntary migrants` from Czech Republic and Slovakia to Canada perceive, experience and express `home`, `feeling of belonging` and place-affiliation compared to the group of forced Czechoslovak migrants moving to Canada during communism regime and how does it influence their motivation to return to the country of origin suffering from brain-drain?
Sub-Questions:

- How do ‘feeling of belonging’ and place-affiliation to Czech Republic, Slovakia and Canada project in migrants’ lives?

- How do migrants perceive and experience transnational connectedness in their everyday lives?

- What importance play virtual media and compatriotic clubs in both groups of migrants?
Literature:

I have sorted my literature by topics in relation to my research question. Please see below:

Home-feeling:


Brain-drain:


**Belonging and Place-Affiliation:**

Cicognani (2010). "University Students’ Sense of Belonging to the Home Town: The Role of Residential Mobility."


**Social Networks:**


**Return:**

(Transnational) migration:


