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Traversing the Borders: Strategies and Challenges of International Research

Internationalization of higher education has been pervasive in the past few years. As part of this trend, increasing number of faculty and students are involved in international research. Conducting international research poses various challenges yet it also creates rich and valuable experiences. This presentation will provide some insights on preparing and conducting international research. The presentation will address various themes including how to gain entry, how to deal with ethical, cultural, and social issues, how to negotiate our identities as outsider, and other pertinent topics. Using my own experience in conducting various international research as examples; I hope that this presentation will not only address some methodological and theoretical issues but also practical strategies.

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