

Can we cross the border or are we blocked by invisible boundaries?

: Impact of new UK immigrant policies on international students in higher education sectors

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Outline

The number of International students in UK :

679,970 in 2021/2022 (HESA, 2023)

UK average salary in 2023:

£33,402 (ONS, 2023)

Tuition fees for international students vs local students:

International students even pay 14 times more than local students

Working visa requirements for university graduates in UK:

£38,700 (BBC, 2023)



If international students cannot meet this unreasonably high salary requirement and cannot get the work visa, where should they go after graduation? How would they feel?

Aims

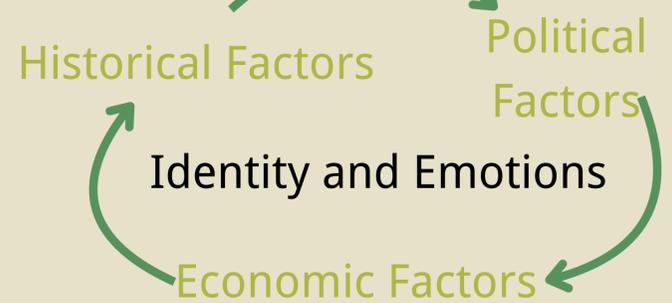
To investigate the impact of the new immigration policies on international students in the UK by understanding their emotional experiences and future planning.

Methods

Qualitative interviews, journals with prompts, and photo-voice.

Theoretical Framework

Diaspora Theory and Post-transnationalism



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