

## Transnational Families: Maintaining Relationships Across Borders


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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The manuscript would benefit from a more precise definition of "transnational families" early in the text. This should include a discussion on how these families differ from diaspora or immigrant families in terms of sociocultural and economic contexts.

While the manuscript draws on several key studies, it could be enriched by incorporating a broader range of literature, including critical perspectives on the digital divide and its impact on family communication dynamics across different socioeconomic statuses.

Finally, the manuscript would benefit from a section discussing the gaps in current research and suggesting directions for future studies. This might include the impact of emerging technologies on transnational family dynamics, the long-term effects of transnational living on family cohesion, and the interplay between global mobility and family structures.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The discussion on cultural transmission within transnational families is valuable but could be deepened. Specifically, exploring how cultural identities are negotiated, resisted, or embraced by second-generation members of transnational families would add depth to the analysis.

The manuscript highlights the importance of technology in maintaining connections. It could be improved by discussing not only the benefits but also the potential downsides of technological reliance, such as over-reliance on digital communication possibly leading to weakened emotional bonds or misunderstandings.

The economic aspects of maintaining transnational families, including the costs associated with technology use, travel, and remittances, deserve more attention. Discussing how economic stressors impact family dynamics and communication would add an important dimension to the manuscript.

The manuscript could be strengthened by a discussion on the legal and policy frameworks affecting transnational families, especially concerning migration policies, citizenship, and the right to family reunification.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

## **2. Revised**

Editor's decision: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.