Technologies of Freedom

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Promise of social technologies

- No phone calls
- No emails
- No need to buy newspapers
- No need to travel anywhere but be able to connect with friends and family
- The physical world co-exists in parallel to the digital world

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We are stronger when we listen, and smarter when we share

Have social technologies delivered?

- Have our quality of life got enhanced by knowing things instantly?
- Have we managed to pay attention to the real stories or are we dwelling on things that makes all of us identical to each other?
- Are we able to share knowledge, ideas?
- Is trust getting enhanced?

Migrants' use of social media

- Barun from Bangladesh
- Liz from the USA
- Quynh from Vietnam

Why do migrants feel more like inmates?

- Identity
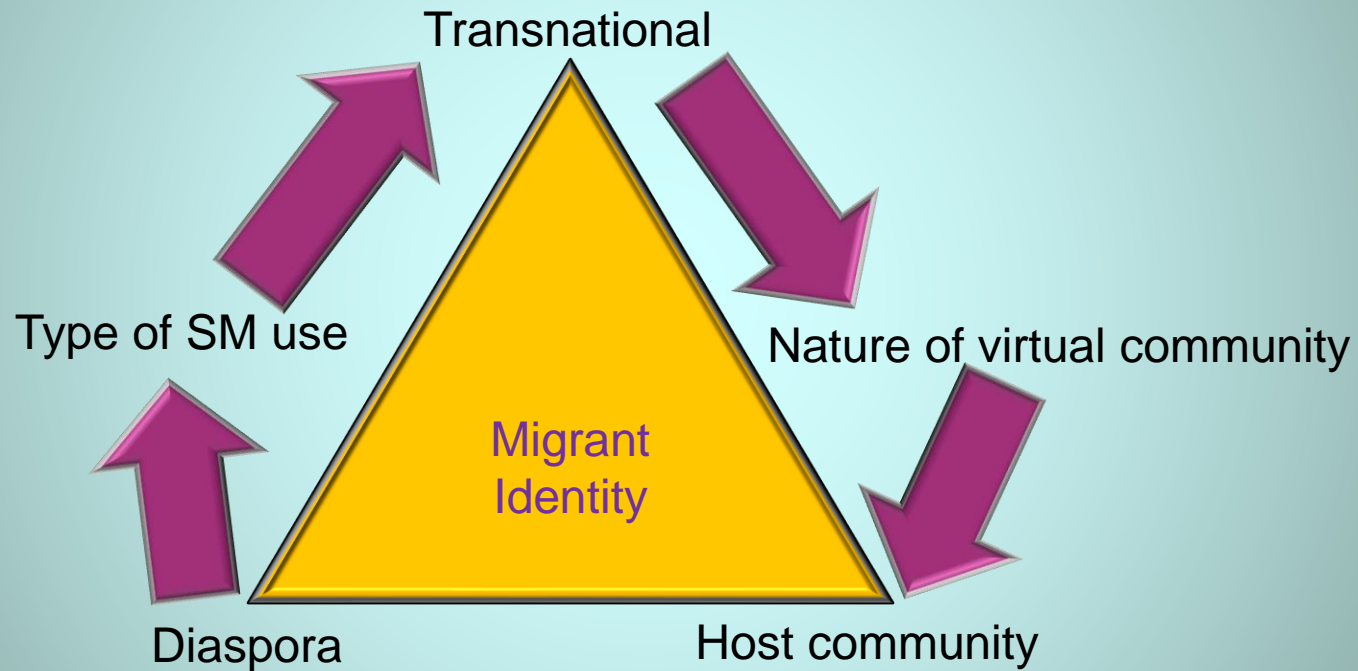- Content generation
- Community

Where are we?

- Is integration a myth?
- What is the nature of a secure online identity?
- Social inclusion or exclusion?

Digital ethnicity

- Diaspora
- Transnational

Dynamic of digital ethnicity

Transnational

Type of SM use

Nature of virtual community

Migrant
Identity

Diaspora

Host community

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