

‘Exploring Belonging in Regional Settlement: An Examination of Syrian Refugee’s Settlement Experience in Newfoundland, Canada’

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Belonging, how is it defined in regional communities?

By.... Settled refugees?

By.... Longer term residents?

Is there a Difference?

What is the impact of this ‘difference’ on Inclusion/Exclusion?

What role does it play in decisions to stay or leave?



- Multiculturalism, Culture, Citizenship, Ethnicity and Identity
- Space, Place and the Politics of Belonging
- Globalization and Affects of 'Movement'
- Existing Focus on 'Integration' and Resettlement 'Markers'
- 'Limitations in regional space identity...
- 'Limitations in refugee settlement in smaller towns..'

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Newfoundland: <http://cbc.ca>





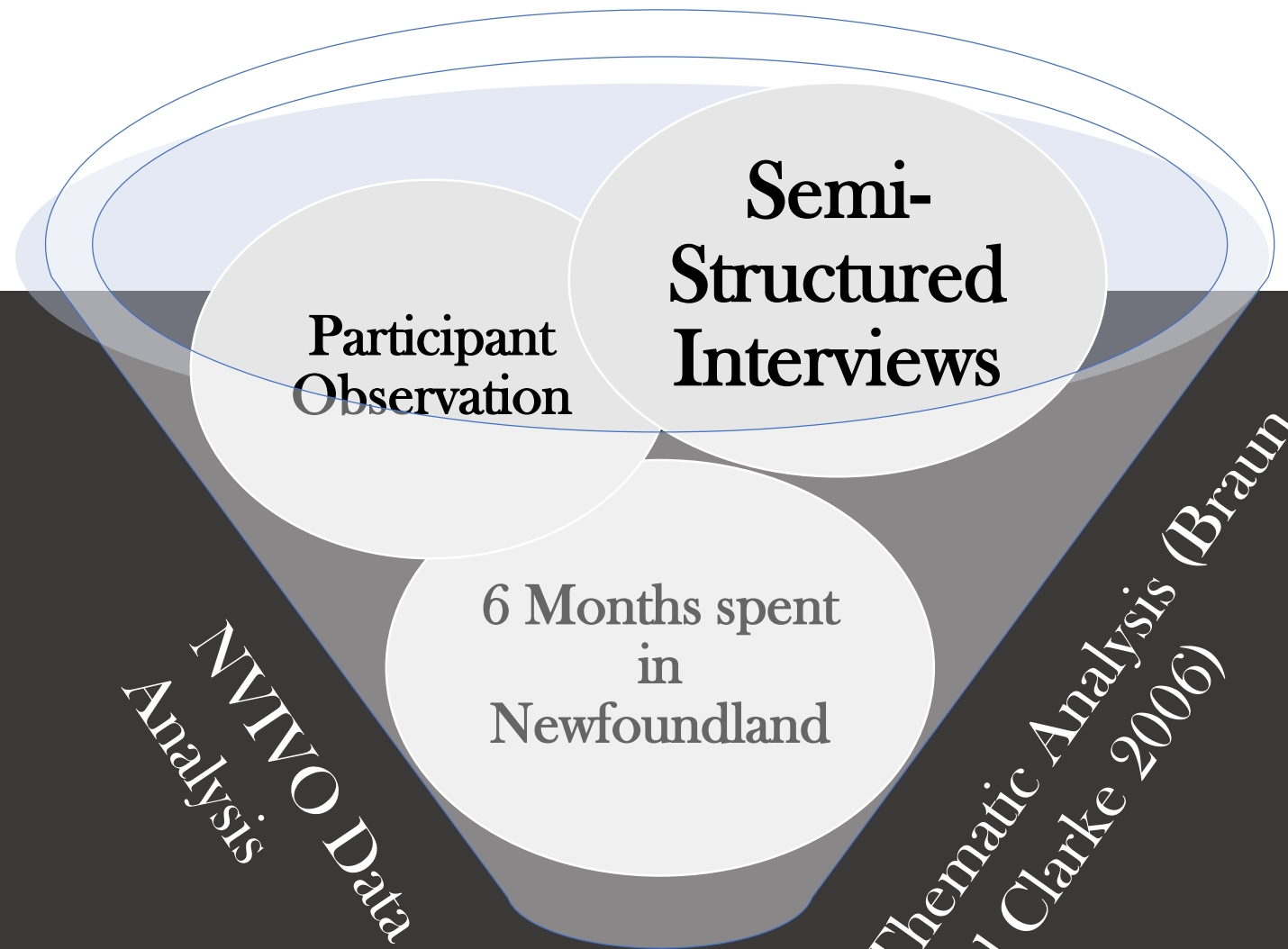
‘Belonging is ‘feeling at home’

-(Yuval Davis 2006, p. 197)

‘The term transnational captures **the attachment** people feel **to multiple places** beyond borders, in which transnational networks **collectively** constitute a site of **belonging or home** through which social affinities are created and sustained’

- (*Marlowe 2017, p. 10*)

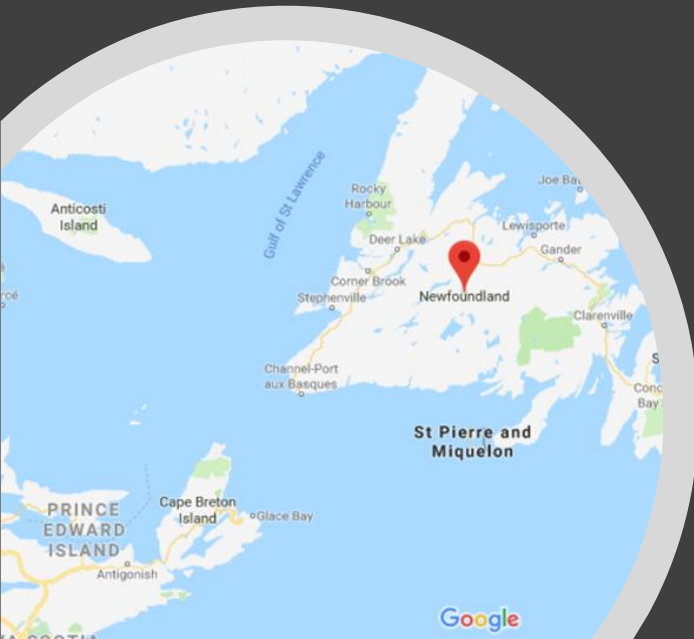




'Belonging'

The Chosen Region of Study....

- Why Canada?
- Why Newfoundland?
- Why Syrian Refugees?





“This Syrian refugee isn't leaving St. John's, no matter how many others head for bigger cities”-
CBC News

"We don't have any problem with migration, but look at the Canadians first"
— Mike Carter, St. John's Newfoundland

**"Anti-Immigration Protestors take to Streets in St. John's-
*The Telegram***

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The Island of Newfoundland

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HOME

Stories of Newcomers
to Newfoundland & Labrador

“Settling into a new community means learning to navigate complicated sets of identities: the community’s place within the Province [of Newfoundland], the Province’s place within the rest of Canada, and Canada’s place in the world.”

- HOME, 2019

'I'm a Newfoundlander born and bred and I'll be one till I die. I'm proud to be an Islander and here's the reason why. I'm free as the wind and the waves that wash the sand. There's no place I would rather be than here in Newfoundland....'

- *The Islander by the Navigators*

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Syrian Settlement in Newfoundland

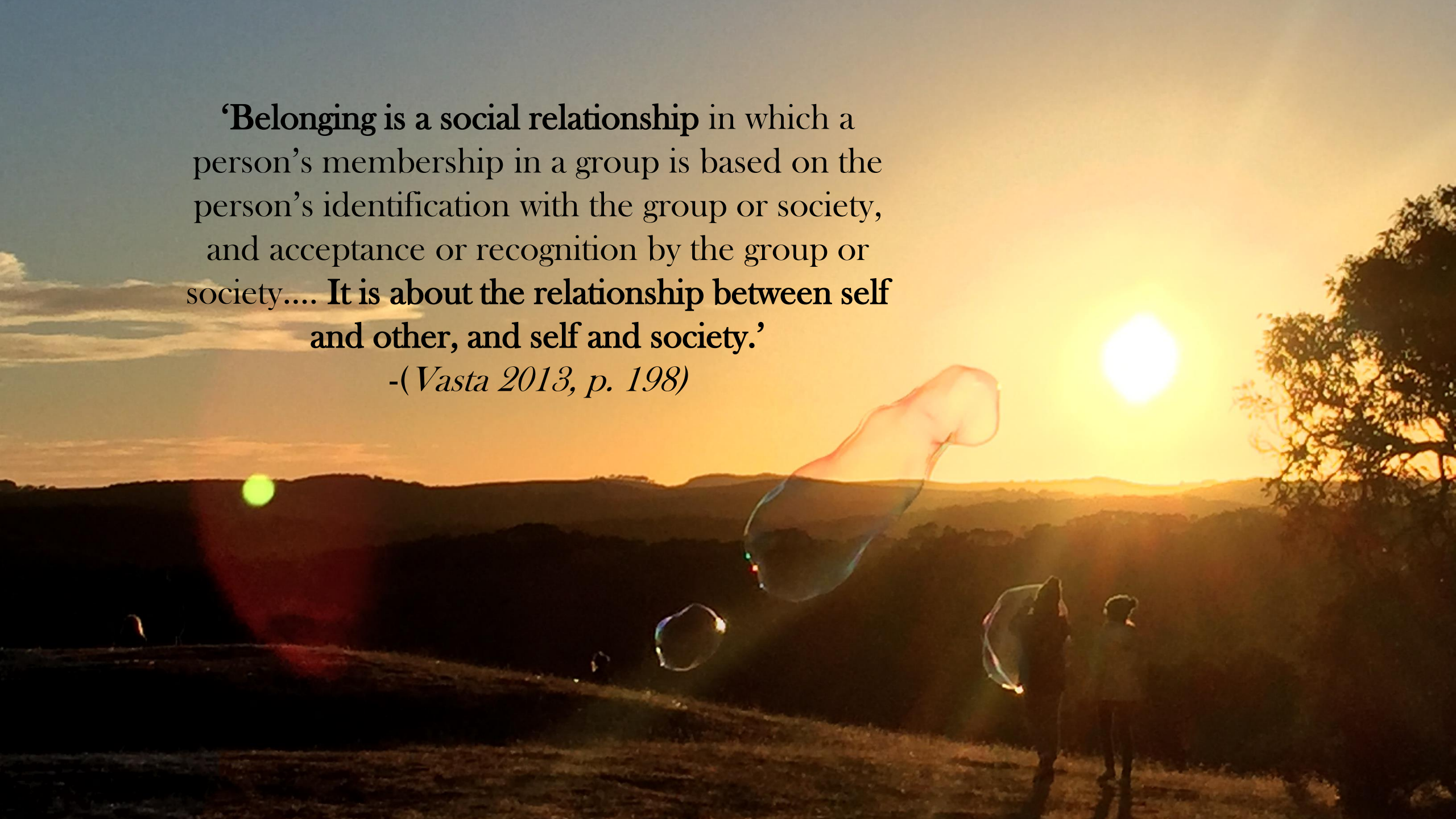
- **May 2016:** Syrian refugees **77%** of total refugee population in Atlantic Canada
- **By May 2016-** 300 Syrian's resettled in Newfoundland*
- Refugee retention went from **36%** in 2010 tax year to **52%*** in 2016 (*StatsCanada 2019*)
- 'unlike any other group that came before'- Settlement Worker in NL



Photo Courtesy of "Bring Syrian Refugees to NL" on Facebook- (872 followers & 886 likes)

‘Belonging is a social relationship in which a person’s membership in a group is based on the person’s identification with the group or society, and acceptance or recognition by the group or society.... It is about the relationship between self and other, and self and society.’

-(Vasta 2013, p. 198)



Any
Questions...?

