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Dr. Deborah Zuercher is an expert in qualitative research methodology, planning and management transnational education programs that strive to empower indigenous educators while respecting indigenous cultures.

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