Sociological analysis of the racial identity development process must use a social constructionist perspective. This would assist a better and more accurately informed thinking of how racial identity is flexible, diverse and of multiple status.

For Intercountry adoptees…
Real and imagined ideas about the birth country and the adoptive country intertwine with one another in order to create a framework of both choice and restriction which racialised individual works within, in their negotiation of a multi-racial identity.

Each adoptee had a varied racial identity. However, all had gone through a similar process of having to negotiate racialised similarities and differences in order to settle on a racial identity that (i) they felt comfortable with, and (ii) which best represented how they saw themselves. The racial identity that emerged was one that was based on a multi layered hybrid identity, created in an alternative space. This constituted a new racial category, that of the multi-racial identity.