Reviewer's report

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Minor essential revisions

The authors improved their manuscript substantially building on the comments of the reviewers.

I support the publication of this manuscript but have one minor comment:

The cited Obrist et al. article highlights a framework that refers to the role of cultural (!), social, economic and symbolic capital (and not human capital). The respective sentence in the manuscript should be revised accordingly.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'