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**Lifestyle Migration in East Asia. A Comparative Study of British and Asian Lifestyle Migrants**

**Topic Guide for Interviews with Migrants**

Notes: Interviews draw on the methodology described in *Ethnographic Methods* (O’Reilly, 2011). Interviews will be in-depth and unstructured. Often one answer will lead naturally to another question that might not be in the same order as the guide. Interviews will permit conversation to flow as naturally as possible while ensuring that the following topics are covered where possible. New topics will be permitted to be introduced where they would contribute to the theme or where bringing the respondent back on track would stilt the conversation. Not all of the following themes are relevant for all respondents.

**Background.**

So can I start by asking you to tell me a bit about yourself, why you came here, how you came to move to xxx, that sort of thing? Do you like it here? What are good and bad points? Reasons for coming.Where else have you lived?

**Property**

How much time do you spend here each year, how long have you lived in xxxx, do you own your home or rent. Whereabouts. Who lives in same house?

**Family background**

Married, single, divorced. How many children/ grandchildren? Where do they live? Any family in xxxx.

**Work situation**

Do you work, your partner? What do you do? What did you do before (if retired). If own business, what is it like starting a business here? How do you find out about rules and regulations? How do you cope with the language? Is your business for foreigners as well as local customers? Do you have customers of all nationalities? Is it going well? What are good and less good points?

**Learning the language?**

How are your language skills? Have you had lessons, where, who with, how many. Do you get much opportunity to practice? Tell me about your experiences.

**Communicating with local people?**

Do you spend time with non-British people? How? How often? What sorts of things do you do? How does that go?

**Friends**

How many friends have you got here, of what nationalities? Tell me about them. How do you get on with other British here? With other nationalities?

**Links to home**

How often do you return to UK (or elsewhere considered home), what for, when was the last time. How do you feel about going home? What about the rest of the family? How else do you communicate with friends and family? Do you use email, skype? Do you send photos home?

**Visitors**

Do you have visitors from home? How often, who, what is that like?

**Spare time**

What do you do in your spare time? Are you a member of any clubs or associations? Tell me about them. Do you go the cinema/theatre/shows in xxxx? Do you watch local television, listen to radio, read local newspapers? Are you interested in photography?

**Home and belonging**

Do you feel you belong here? Why/why not? Where is home? Why? What does home mean? Do you think you are integrated? What do you think that means? Do you think other British here are integrated? Do you feel safe in xxxx, compared with UK?

Are you registered with the British embassy? Have you got a residence permit or visa? How did that go? Do you think the authorities help the foreigners to integrate? Do you think they should?

**Lifestyle**

Tell me more about your life here in general. What is it like? Would you move elsewhere? Do you think lifestyle migration is a useful term? How do you think your life compares with migrants in Europe (such as Spain)? What impact do you think you have had on the society you have moved to? Are you involved politically? Economically?Socially?Emotionally?

**Children**

If they have got children, where do they go to school, what friends have they got, how is their language? How do they see their futures?

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