

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

(This page tells you the purpose of this study and what will happen to you if you take part).

The Domestic Moral Economy: a study of value in the Asia Pacific Region

We would like to invite you to take part in our research. Before you decide we would like you to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for you. **One of our team will go through the information sheet with you and answer any questions you have.** We'd suggest this should take about fifteen minutes. Talk to others about the study if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear.

What is the purpose of the study?

We are interested in understanding how families cope with the problems of surviving in the world today. Money is very hard to find these days. Jobs are scarce and the pay is often very low. The price of food is rising. Family members often have to travel to urban areas and overseas to learn money. They also have to take out loans from family, friends and the banks in order to pay for school fees, church dues, weddings and funeral expenses. Different families have worked out different strategies for coping with these different demands we want to understand how they do this. Many government and Aid organisations have little understanding of the problems that householders face and the results of our study may be able to help them do their work better.

Why have I been invited?

You have been invited because one of our researchers has known both you and other members of your household for a long time. Alternatively, you have been invited to take part because you have been introduced to us by people we already know well and who also know you. Your taking part in this study will help us by enabling us to create a record of insights about your household as people we have known over many years. Later, in a second phase of the study we will invite approximately seven to ten households to contribute to our study over a longer period as you have family members who are spread throughout the region.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide to join the study. We will describe the study and go through this information sheet. You are free to withdraw at any time, without giving a reason.

Who is organising and funding the research?

The University of Manchester is organizing this research and leading the project, which also involves two other major universities, Queens University Belfast, and Australian National University, where the other team members are employed. The research is funded by a grant from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) to the University of Manchester, and builds on research conducted over many years while the members of the research team has been employed by their respective home universities.

What will happen to me if I take part?

We will ask questions about your work and personal history: your birthplace, schooling, marriage, children and other family relations in the house and overseas. We are also interested in understanding something about your neighbourhood and of the relationships you have with people here. We will also ask about the problems you have had getting bank loans and about the availability of other sorts of loans from family and friends. We are also interested in hearing your views about your own culture and about your aspirations for the future. It will take about thirty minutes to answer them. One of the team will write down your answers.

We will then select up to ten households to follow up in more depth. Before we select which households to follow up and continue to participate in our research, we will ask you if you would like to continue to help us. You may choose to stop meeting with us at any time.

If you do decide to continue, you will be invited to attend several interviews with the researcher. If you choose to continue to be part of our study, you can choose to space out these interviews over approximately one year. Hence, it is expected that you will be asked to meet with the researcher four or five times over this period with meeting lasting about two hours

What will happen at the meetings?

Most interviews will take place with you and other members of your household to explore examples of how money is used between you.

- First, we will discuss who are the household members, both those present and absent.
- Second, probably the same day, we will discuss how members of the household use money every day as well as in family ceremonies and celebrations. Hence, we will discuss the role of money in your relationships with those family members who are absent.
- Third, we will ask you to collect information in a diary about how you use money in the community more generally. We will then meet with you to discuss the contents of your diary related to how you use money with people you meet in your settlement or village, at work, church, in the offices of local government, and also the strangers that you meet.
- Fourth, and throughout the research, we will focus on dilemmas and difficulties, as well as your normal habits. We will hold a discussion group with household members all together so that we can understand the many points of view in the household.

Expenses and payments

We will not pay you to be interviewed. However, if you have to travel to meet us we will pay transportation expense. If our work spans a meal time, we will arrange for your food. We will cover the costs of keeping a diary, and completed diaries will be collected by the team members, in exchange for gift vouchers with local businesses and services.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

Fieldwork records, notes made on interviews, descriptions of case studies will be coded for future reference so that no one's personal identity is inadvertently released into the hands of the community. On return from the field, all data will be stored either in locked cabinets, if these take the form of a hard copy or in encrypted form in password protected hard-drives if they are electronic documents. If it is necessary to reveal a subjects' identity in the course of publishing ethnographic accounts of research, this will occur with the consent of the person concerned.

What if something goes wrong?

If a participant wants to make a formal complaint about the conduct of the research they should contact the researcher Karen Sykes in the first instance. If you are still not satisfied with the response you are given then please feel free to contact Associate Dean for Research, The Faculty of Humanities, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL. If you are harmed in any way as a consequence of taking part in this research then The University of Manchester has insurance to cover this.

Who has reviewed the study?

The study has been reviewed by an independent group of people, called an Ethics Committee. This study has been given favourable opinion by the University of Manchester Research Ethics Committee number one.

Who can I contact for further information?

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CONSENT FORM

The Domestic Moral Economy

If you are happy to participate please complete and sign the consent form below

Please initial each box

1	I confirm that I have read the attached information sheet Version 2 May 2011 regarding the above project and have had the opportunity to consider the information and ask questions and had these answered satisfactorily.	
2	I understand that my participation in the study is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without detriment to any treatment/service	
3	I agree to the interviews being audio-recorded.	
4	I agree to the use of anonymous quotes in future publications.	
5	I agree that any data collected may be discussed other researchers involved in this project for the purposes of general analysis.	
6	I agree that any data will be kept indefinitely, and archived in the form of an anonymous database.	
7	I agree to take part in the above project.	

Name of participant

Date

Signature

Name of person taking consent

Date

Signature