

## Participant Information Sheet

**Project Name: From Military to Market: the Global Political Economy of Race and Gender in Private Military and Security Company Labour Chains**

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**Purpose of the Research:** This is an Economic Social Research Council (ESRC) sponsored study on migrant labour chains that supports private security and logistics labour operations in Qatar. The researcher seeks to better understand how these chains are established and managed and where best practices may exist. The study hopes to explore the broad governing structures that surround the chains as well as document individual insights experiences from the migrants and the families.

The research methods for this project include interviews with key stakeholders, focus groups with migrant workers and participatory observations.

Overall, the objectives of this study is to gain a much more holistic, rounded and comprehensive insights into how labour chains are established and how they remain integral to broader global economies of logistics and security governance.

**What You Will Be Asked to Do in the Research:** Given your particular expertise and involvement in security labour chains, you are being invited to participate in this study through either an interview or focus group. I will ask you general questions about your role and your experiences and knowledge. These questions are semi-structured and are intended to foster a broader conversation about security labour chains. The questions are designed to allow you to expand upon your own experiences and insights surrounding the practices of recruitment and management of migrant labour chains.

**Risks and Discomforts:** I do not foresee any risks or discomfort from your participation in the research. However, if you feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, anxious or upset, please let us know right away. I will then interrupt the interview, and you can take your time to decide whether to continue your participation or whether to withdraw from the study.

**Benefits of the Research and Benefits to You:** This research will help us to make an original contribution to our knowledge of migrant labour in Qatar. This research will



inform a larger research project on migrant labour in Qatar. There are no financial benefits available as a result of your participation in this research project.

**Voluntary Participation:** Your participation in the study is completely voluntary and you may choose to stop participating at any time.

**Withdrawal from the Study:** You can stop participating in the study at any time, for any reason, if you so decide.

**Confidentiality and Data Management:** With your permission, I will be making an audio recording of this interview. In compliance with ESRC and RCUK open access policies, with your permission, this interview will be recorded and uploaded onto an RCUK open access website where it will be made available to other academics and interested parties. The information you give me in this interview may appear in academic journals or books. The data generated from this research will be generalized and aggregated. Any identifying features of you or the company you work for will be removed before it is uploaded onto the site.

**Questions About the Research?** If you have questions about the research in general or about your role in the study, both before or after you have participated, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 44 (0) 7990737477 or email [amanda.chisholm@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:amanda.chisholm@ncl.ac.uk).