

Participant Information Sheet (PIS)

Transnational Lived Citizenship: Practices of citizenship as political belonging among emerging diasporas in the Horn

You are being invited to take part in a research study on how people living outside their country of origin (diaspora) establish forms of political belonging towards their country, the place where they currently live, and internationally, including with compatriots living around the world (transnational diaspora). Before you decide whether to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being conducted and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully before deciding whether to take part and discuss it with others if you wish. Please ask me if anything is not clear or if you would like more information. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

About the research

➤ **Who will conduct the research?**

Dr Mesghina Abraha, based at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, UK

➤ **What is the purpose of the research?**

This project investigates diaspora life in your city. Specifically, it focuses on belonging in relation to the people, community and city you are living in; your country of origin; and internationally including with others members of the diaspora.

The project is interested in understanding a wide range of issues about diaspora life for example: daily activities - including work, social time, time with family and friends; interactions with your local communities; how you feel about the city you now live in; if you are a member of any community organisation; if you participate in social network groups with people from your country of origin; if you are active socially, politically, culturally or artistically or in any other form; if you belong to formal or informal networks that provide social support to migrants or advocate for their rights; if you engage in visible political acts such as public demonstrations; and if and how you relate back to your country of origin, in relation to private networks/connections as well as in relation to taking part in any political or social activities.

Geographically, the project focuses on diaspora communities in the Horn of Africa, and specifically on members of the diaspora from Eritrean and Ethiopia who live in the three cities Nairobi, Addis Ababa and Khartoum, because little is known about diaspora who remain in their region of origin instead of moving further afield.

➤ **Will the outcomes of the research be published?**

Yes. Outcomes will be published in academic journals, potentially book chapters and policy-relevant publications, and be presented at conferences and in blogs. We also hope to produce local publications (like a one-off newspaper) and/or exhibitions in each city with research participants who are interested in such activities.

➤ **Who has reviewed the research project?**

The project has been reviewed and approved by The University of Manchester Research Ethics Committee.

➤ **Who is funding the research project?**

The research project is funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

What would my involvement be?

➤ **What would I be asked to do if I took part?**

You have been asked to participate either (a) as a member of the Eritrean or Ethiopian migrant community in your city; (b) as a leader/member of a diaspora organisation; a faith group leader; a leader of a civil society organisation, or upon recommendation by any such leader. If you decide to take part, I will ask you for an interview once of not more than one hour that gives you the opportunity to speak about your daily life and engagements and/or those of your organisation on any of the subjects outlined above. The interview will be guided by an interview guide, but you are free to raise any other issues, and also not to respond to any questions. I will, if you agree, audio-record the conversation, otherwise I will take written notes during the interview.

You are free to decline the recording and you should be comfortable with the recording process at all times, so you are free to stop the recording at any time. If at any point you feel uncomfortable during the interview you can terminate it immediately and withdraw from the project. Your data will then be deleted from the project.

In addition, if you agree, we would like to invite you to self-document your day-to-day activities using your mobile phones (as far as the COVI-19 situation permits this) - and then explain to me afterwards why certain activities were chosen and their importance. We also invite you to recommend and/or share any artistic or cultural activities you may be engaged with. I will in the future then ask to come to a meeting or performance of such activities

If you are the leader of a community organisation, you might want to share media or other information about your organisation's activities.

➤ **Will I be compensated for taking part?**

There will not be any payment for your participation.

➤ **What happens if I do not want to take part or if I change my mind?**

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. I will contact you a few days after you had time to read this form and confirm your willingness to participate. If you decide to take part, you will be asked to provide your consent (written or verbal). If you decide to take part, you are still free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without detriment to yourself. However, it will not be possible to remove your data from the project once it has been anonymised as we will not be able to identify your specific data. You have 48 hours, after the interview is conducted, to request the removal of your data from the project, because after that your data will be anonymised and it will no longer be possible to identify your data as yours. This does not affect your data protection rights. If you decide not to take part, you do not need to do anything further.

Data Protection and Confidentiality

➤ **What information will we collect about you?**

In order to participate in this research project, I will need to collect information that could identify you, called "personal identifiable information". Specifically, I will need to collect:

- Name, country of origin and arrival date in Addis, Khartoum or Nairobi (and role in any organisation if applicable)
- Email address if you are interested in findings or future publications and mobile number if you are interested in participating in any follow-up or dissemination activities

Anonymised interview recordings and the anonymised transcripts of the recordings will be stored in a secure University of Manchester server for five years after the completion of the of the project and then destroyed according to the University of Manchester regulations. During the five-year time, anonymised transcripts may be made available to researchers to access (but never the recordings). The project's website will also include access to anonymised data we generate as part of our outreach and engagement activities. As findings are tested and checked, they will be made publicly available through the project's website. The Principal Investigator will oversee the archiving/preservation of the research data in accordance with ESRC guidelines. This includes to upload anonymised interview transcripts to a database where those are available to other researchers.

➤ **Will my participation in the study be confidential and your personal identifiable information be protected?**

In accordance with data protection law, The University of Manchester is the Data Controller for this project. This means that we are responsible for making sure your personal information is kept secure, confidential and used only in the way you have been told it will be used. All researchers are trained with this in mind, and your data will be looked after in the following way:

This information will be collected and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 which legislate to protect your personal information. Your participation in the study will be kept confidential to me and the Principal and Co Investigator of the project (their details are below). ***Your personal identifiable information will be saved in a separate file in an encrypted secure University of Manchester server and will not be made available to anyone outside to the research team for the same amount of time as the interview and transcripts and will then be destroyed according to the University of Manchester regulations.*** I will anonymize any data that could identify you immediately after the interview; and I personally will transcribe and translate it into English. Therefore no one except me and my team will have access to the information you give. Your name and any other identifying information will be removed and replaced with a random ID number. Only the research team will have access to the key that links this ID number to your personal information. Your consent form and contact details will be retained for five years. All data will be immediately uploaded to a secure UoM server.

I will only add your email to a list of people to whom future information may be sent if you wish to receive this information. In case you want to take part in dissemination activities, your identity will be known but not linked to the information you provided in the interview. If you gave your consent to add your email/mobile to an email list of people to whom future information about the project findings may be sent if you wish, I will contact you after the end of the project in 2023 to ask if you still want to receive such updates. You can opt out of this offer at any time by sending me an email.

➤ **Under what legal basis are you collecting this information?**

I am collecting and storing this personal identifiable information because it is a public interest task and a process necessary for research purposes, in accordance with data protection laws which protect your rights. Only my team will have access to this information. This information will be collected and stored in accordance with the UK laws mentioned above.

➤ **What are my rights in relation to the information we will collect about you?**

You have a number of rights under data protection law regarding your personal information. For example, you can request a copy of the information we hold about you, including audio recordings or photographs.

If you would like to know more about your different rights or the way we use your personal information to ensure we follow the law, please ask me for a copy of the [Privacy Notice for Research](#).

What if you have a complaint?

If you have any complaints and wish to contact someone, you can do so by contacting the PI PROF TANJA MULLER at tanja.mueller@manchester.ac.uk. If instead you wish to direct your complaint to someone independent of the research team, this should be the RGEI Officer as listed below:

Contact details for the research team

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If you wish to make a formal complaint to someone independent of the research team or if you are not satisfied with the response you have gained from the researchers in the first instance then please contact

The Research Ethics Manager, Research Office, Christie Building, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL, by emailing: research.complaints@manchester.ac.uk or by telephoning +44(0)161-275-2674.

If you have any queries about the study or if you are interested in taking part then please contact the researcher **DR MESGHINA ABRAHA, GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER, ARTHUR LEWIS BUILDING, OXFORD ROAD,**

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