

## Call for Participants for Interviews: Migration to Australia Research Project (South Africans of Indian Descent)

### Overview

My name is Subashini Govender and I am a Ph.D. student at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. I am currently undertaking research on South Africans of Indian descent who have migrated to Australia and those who have chosen to return to South Africa. Since 2006, there has been an increase of migration of South Africans of Indian descent to Australia, however, this phenomenon has drawn limited research and analysis. Since there is no adequate research on the transnationality, identity construction, and notions of 'home' of South African Indians, this study aims to address these gaps in the scholarship. The main focus of my study is to understand how South African Indians adapt to Australia while maintaining ties to South Africa, their experiences living in an Australian society and their feelings about their identity and 'home' now that they live in a new country. This research also investigates the return migration of South African Indians and the reasons for return. I am interested in interviewing South Africans of Indian descent who have migrated to Australia as well as those who have opted to return to South Africa. Your participation is invaluable and will contribute greatly towards understanding the migration experience of South African Indians.

### Interview Criteria and Interview Dates

The following information provides a guideline for those interested in being interviewed, however I am flexible in responding to your interview requests.

- South Africans of Indian descent<sup>1</sup> who have emigrated to Australia.
- South Africans of Indian descent who have returned to South Africa on a permanent basis (not visiting).
- Only those who are 18 years and over are eligible to be interviewed.
- Face-to-face interviews will be conducted in Durban from December 2019 – March 2020. Those in Durban or travelling to Durban during this period are encouraged to participate in the research.
- Face-to-face interviews will be conducted in Sydney from 12 April 2020 – 23 April 2020<sup>2</sup>. Those who will be in Sydney during this period are encouraged to participate in the research.
- Interviews will also be conducted via Skype (or other apps) for those who are in other parts of South Africa or Australia (will not be in Durban or Sydney during the above-mentioned dates). Those who feel more comfortable or convenient using Skype (or other apps) to be interviewed may do so.
- Interviews are estimated to be 1 – 1 ½ hours in duration.
- Please note that your views in this interview will be presented anonymously. Neither your name nor your identity will be disclosed in any form in this study.
- Please note that this participation is of a voluntary basis and no gifts or monetary funds will be provided to participants.

If you are interested in participating in this research and want to set a suitable date, time and venue to be interviewed or if you have any further questions, please contact me:

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It would be greatly appreciated if this information is forwarded to friends, family members and colleagues in Australia and those who have returned to South Africa.

**This research has received full approval from the UKZN Ethics Committee: Protocol Number: HSS/0337/018D.**

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<sup>1</sup> South Africans of Indian descent refer to the descendants of the indentured labours or traders who came to work in South Africa more than 150 years ago and does not refer to those who have recently migrated from India to South Africa.

<sup>2</sup> Date subject to change depending on number of participants willing to be interviewed during mentioned period.