

***Migrant Memory and the Post-colonial Imagination (MMPI):
British Asian Memory, Identity and Community after Partition.***



We would like to invite you to take part in our study. This leaflet is meant to offer an overview of our research project. For more information please email us at: memoriesofpartition@lboro.ac.uk

What is the purpose of the study?

The research aims to answer the question: How are community identities produced and expressed by South Asian people in the UK through processes of remembering the 1947 Partition of India? To date, no research has comprehensively explored South Asian memories of Partition in the UK and their relevance to and their relevance to contemporary life.

In order to find out how and to what extent memories of Partition shape the experiences of people of South Asian heritage in the UK, we are conducting in-depth interviews with individuals and groups of people from a range of backgrounds and ages. We ask participants about what they remember or know about Partition and whether memories of Partition are important to them in their everyday lives. We also ask more general questions about people's other memories and experiences.

We will use the interviews to look for patterns and themes in the ways in which people remember Partition and its significance for people of South Asian heritage living in the UK.

What does participating in the study involve?

Once you have read this sheet and you are happy to participate we will arrange a meeting with you or your family/group. The interview will be conducted in a place where you all feel comfortable. This is usually your own home or the home of another member of the group.

The interview itself is a free-format conversation between you or your group and one of the investigators. We will ask you general questions about Partition and what it means to you.

With your consent we will record the interview on a digital Dictaphone so it can be transcribed. During the interview you may wish to show us photographs or listen to music to help you remember.

Where will these activities be based and how long will they last for?

Interviews are usually conducted in your home but if you would prefer another location just let us know.

Interviews are usually a minimum of 30 minutes and a maximum of two hours.

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

Yes, only members of the research team will have access to your personal details.

You can also have your data anonymised but this is not compulsory.

What will happen at the end of the study?

The results of this study will be used in academic publications, presentations or used for teaching purposes. Our partner organisations, Charnwood Arts, Equality Action and Tower Hamlets Council might want to use your data in artwork or promotional material but you can decide whether you are happy for this to happen.

Any information that might identify you (such as video recordings or photography) will not be used without your consent. Photographs and/or video recorded material may be available (with prior consent) on the project's website and related social media, and used for conference presentations.

Transcripts of interviews and focus groups will be stored on the Loughborough University Data Repository.

You are free to withdraw from the study at any time. We will delete any of your data from our repository but it will not be possible to remove your data from academic publications or creative outputs made by our partners if they have already been published by the time you inform us you wish to withdraw.

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If you are not happy with how the research was conducted, please contact the Secretary of the Ethics Approvals (Human Participants) Sub-Committee, Research Office, Hazlerigg Building, Loughborough University, Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3TU. Tel: 01509 222423. Email: researchpolicy@lboro.ac.uk

The University also has policies relating to Research Misconduct and Whistle Blowing which are available online at <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/committees/ethics-approvals-human-participants/additionalinformation/codesofpractice/> .

Emotional and Psychological Support Services:

Should you require any support after talking about memories of Partition please find details of relevant services below:

Samaritans: Offering emotional support 24 hours a day

Tel: 116 123; Email: jo@samaritans.org; Web: www.samaritans.org

Sane Line: Offering specialist mental health emotional support 4.30-10.30pm everyday. You can also email through their website.

Tel: 0300 304 7000; Web: www.sane.org.uk