

Plain Language Statement

Full Project Title:	Understanding the Effects of Transnational Mobility on Youth Transitions
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This Plain Language Statement contains information about the research project. Its purpose is to explain to you as openly and clearly as possible all the procedures involved in this project, so that you can make a fully informed decision whether you are going to participate. Please read this Plain Language Statement carefully and feel free to ask questions about any information in the document.

The purpose of this Australian Research Council Discovery Project is to examine transnational mobility amongst young people moving both in and out of Australia in order to understand its effects on their economic opportunities, social and familial ties, capacity for citizenship and transitions to adulthood. It charts how youth from various cultural backgrounds manage mobility and develop economic, social and civic benefits and manage challenges.

This research project will take place over a five-year period in total and 2000 participants will take part. You are invited to participate because we are interested in hearing from young people aged 18-30 who belong to the key ancestry groups of those who are Australian-born and Australia-bound: British, Chinese, Indian and Italian. Half of the participants will be citizens/permanent residents of Australia who are travelling 'out' and have left Australia for 6+ months, and half will be 'incoming' i.e. citizens/permanent residents from other countries who are travelling 'in' and have entered Australia for 6+ months.

We hope to survey 2000 young people (three times, over the course of the project). We're also going to ask a small subset of young people to take part in a series of in-depth Zoom interviews (three times, over the course of the project) and/or a series of tasks using a Mobile Ethnography App called Indemo (three times, over the course of the project). These tasks will include posting in-the-moment videos, screen recordings, photos and notes.

We will request participant consent for each component of the research separately and taking part in one component does not oblige commitment to all three components of data collection (survey/interviews/series of tasks using app).

Possible benefits of taking part in the study include the opportunity to reflect on and develop insight into your own mobility. More broadly, the research will assist in understanding the types, motivations, conditions and outcomes of transnational mobility amongst a diverse set of young people in order to understand its actual effects on their economic, social and civic wellbeing, as well as on their community and familial ties.

All participants who complete each annual survey during the specified entry period will automatically go into a draw to win a \$500 Mastercard gift card.

All participants who are interviewed will receive a \$20 Amazon egift card as a small token of our appreciation.

Participation in this research project is entirely voluntary and you are free to withdraw by opting out without being penalised or disadvantaged in any way. To do this you may contact the researchers at any time prior to the publication of findings. If you opt out, any data you have already supplied will be destroyed. The only exception to this will be any non-identifiable data that cannot be extracted from the database but can never be linked to you.

Your participation may involve the disclosure of sensitive personal information; for example, issues related to cultural identity, belonging and life plans and hopes will be explored. While it is highly unlikely, there is a potential for you to experience some discomfort or distress when responding to project questions. If this occurs, please contact Lifeline (a 24-hour counselling service) on 13 11 14 if you are in Australia. If you are outside Australia, please contact Befrienders Worldwide (they assist with finding an emotional support service in your country) <https://www.befrienders.org/>. Please also feel free to contact the research team directly and we will recommend an appropriate local service (ymap@deakin.edu.au).

All information gathered from participants will be kept securely on university networked and password protected cloud storage. Only the research team directly linked with the project will have access to the raw data during the project. All participants will be assigned a pseudonym and data used in reports or published findings will not contain names or identifying characteristics. Non-identifiable statistical data from the surveys may be made available to other researchers via university or government open data repositories at the completion of the project, in accordance with institutional open data policies. All the information you supply will be stored securely and it will be de-identified before it is made to available to any other researcher.

Research findings will be published in reports and academic journals and books. No names or identifying characteristics will be used in any published findings. Updates, progress reports and results of the study can be found on the project website (<https://www.ymapproject.org/>) for you to access any time.

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If you have any complaints about any aspect of the project, the way it is being conducted or any questions about your rights as a research participant, then you may contact:

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