

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

### Collective Action Amongst Pashtun Communities

Are you Pashtun and living in Melbourne? If you are, you might be interested in participating in this research project.

My name is Aneela Babar and I am an Endeavour Research Fellow at the Monash Asia Institute. I will be here till July 2007 undertaking a study on what people of Pashtun background living in Australia feel about being Muslim and Pashtun. The research will be focused on understanding how Pashtun communities live and interact with one another in Australia. By participating in this study you will help to create a better understanding of the community.

I would be very grateful if you would agree to be interviewed for my research project. Typically, an interview will take about 1 to 2 hours but this is entirely up to you. If you have less time that is also fine; of course longer is also not a problem! At any time in the interview you have the right to refuse to answer questions or to stop the interview. If at the end of the interview you would prefer not to be involved, my notes will be handed back to you. The information will be written into my research paper. All names will be changed, and no personal identifiers will appear in the paper.

If you are interested in participating in this project or have a Pashtun friend or family member who would be interested to participate, please send a mail to: [aneela.babar@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:aneela.babar@adm.monash.edu.au). Before you participate in this project, I will provide you with an **information sheet** that describes in detail the nature of this project, guarantees your confidentiality, and ensures that you can withdraw from the interview process at any time. Your formal approval to the interview process and the use of data will also be sought through a **consent form**.

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## INFORMATION SHEET

### **What is the research project about?**

The project is specifically interested in developing new knowledge and more complex representations of Muslim and Pashtun communities and their social relations in Australia and beyond. The project will give specific attention to their experiences in Australia in relation to ethnicity and gender. By participating in this study you will help to create a better understanding of the community.

### **What does the interview involve?**

My research involves interviewing people belonging to a Pashtun background in Melbourne.

Each interview will last about an hour, although it depends on how much you want to say. You may have the interview in the location of your choice - in a public space (such as a library, quiet area in a shopping mall or a park) or at the local community centre. I will take notes of the interview so they can be analysed in more detail

All participants will be given an information sheet on the project, and be required to fill in a consent form if they wish to participate.

The information will be written into my final research paper. All names will be changed, and no personal identifiers will appear in the paper. Every ethical consideration will be taken in conducting this research. It is emphasized that participants are free to withdraw at any time – during or after the interview process. The study is anonymous and confidential. Your name will not be used. You will be given a code name as identification. If you agree to be interviewed, we need to have you sign a consent form, but these will be kept separate from the interview material, and any identifying things you say in the interview will be changed on the transcripts.

Should I have the opportunity to subsequently formally publish the material in book form participants will be asked, once again, for permission to make use of the data collected from them.

### **What will participants be asked about?**

To participate in an interview where the participant will be asked to discuss the issues outlined below. I would like to talk about:

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- Your personal history
- Family history
- Your life in Melbourne
- Social relations in Melbourne
- Being Pashtun and Muslim
- How do you define Pashtunwali
- Your understanding of Non violence and Pashtunwali. Is it possible?
- Your ideas about exploring a framework of Islam that challenges militaristic values
- The effect of migration on gender relations in Pashtun communities

## **Who to contact if you would like to participate?**

Please feel free to contact me if you want to discuss your participation further or if you have any queries regarding this project. My contact details are:

Mobile: (0410 139114),

Email: [aneela.babar@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:aneela.babar@adm.monash.edu.au)

As I will be based at the Monash Asia Institute for the duration of the project, any questions regarding me as a researcher or my research may also be directed to the Director of the Monash Asia Institute :

Prof.Dr. Marika Vicziany

Email: [Marika.Vicziany@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:Marika.Vicziany@adm.monash.edu.au)

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## CONSENT FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read my copy of the information sheet and have had an opportunity to discuss my queries with the researcher involved to act as a participant in the Research Project called '**Collective Action Amongst Pashtun Communities**'. I understand that what I say or do may be recorded or noted, and later reproduced in print form, but that my identity will remain confidential and that all transcripts and recordings will remain with and accessed only by the researcher involved.

Furthermore, I consent to the following: (please tick)

- I am happy for the researcher to quote my words in written academic work that will result from this research.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: ---/---/07