

Background of the Research

The aim of my research project is to better understand how migrants from numerically small groups build and maintain their personal networks after having moved to a very diverse city. I have decided to focus this research on migrants from the Pacific Islands. There is hardly any academic literature on migrants from this region who have moved beyond the Pacific Rim. By exploring the migration histories and social contacts of Pacific People living in London and Toronto I hope to find out both about the extraordinary diversity in these two cities and about the specific stories of those Pacific People who are part of it.



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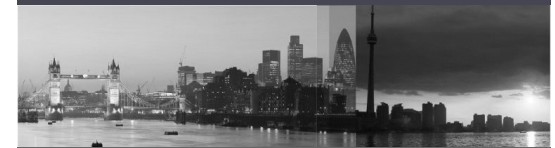


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Pacific People and their social networks in London and Toronto

A doctoral research project

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RESEARCH STAGES

Observing to learn

In the first part of my research I want to participate in various events and classes to meet people who have migrated from the Pacific Islands and are now living in London. Through this I want to learn about socialising opportunities and interactions in these settings but also to build up interest in participating my survey.

A social network Survey

Starting in late November I will be conducting a Social Network Survey to get comprehensive data about migrants from the Pacific region living in London and to better understand their everyday social networks.

In-depth Interviews

I will follow up this questionnaire with more in-depth interviews with a small sample of survey respondents to give me a more nuanced idea about specific migration experiences and perceptions of live in London. I will start conducting these interviews approximately in January.

PARTICIPATING

What It will Involve...

...During the first stage I **would be happy to find out about social gatherings and places of interest** for Pacific People living in London (or Toronto).

If you want to participate in my **survey** this will be conducted quite **interactively** and all I would ask of you is about an hour of your time and the willingness to respond to some questions about you, your migration experiences and your friends and acquaintances in London.

For the **in-depth interviews** I will be looking for volunteers who are also able to complete the social network survey and who are willing to devote some more time to **telling me about their specific migration experience** in potentially more than a single interview session.

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT MY RESEARCH OR WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO

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About the Data

Participation in this research is voluntary and I will treat all information and data collected confidentially. Your name or those of your personal contacts will not be used in any publication resulting from this work (unless otherwise agreed) and I will take all possible precautions to ensure your and your contacts anonymity. All data will be stored securely and I will be the only person who has access to it.

About me

My name is Fran and I am a DPhil student registered at the University of Sussex. I am also a doctoral research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the study of religious and ethnic diversity. My research is supervised by Prof Steven Vertovec (MPI) and Prof Richard Black (Sussex).

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