

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Interpreting Living Law amongst Muslim Women in the UK

I would like to invite you to take part in my study. Before you decide to participate, it is important that you understand the aims of this project. The project wants to understand your views about certain moral codes, crime, deviance and social control in Islam. The main aim of the research is to describe and understand the ways in which you view and interpret certain moral dilemmas and how you choose that specific route and the reasons for choosing one way over another in present-time Britain. This study will try to understand if religion, culture and secular rules have an impact on moral dilemmas that may be linked to forbidden actions in Islam. In order to understand your view, this project aims to include many different scenarios (Islamic law, Islamic criminal Law, customs, practices and secular norms) that the semi structured interview aims to cover. Please take your time to read the information properly before deciding to join.

Why is this study applicable to me?

This study suits you if you are a Muslim woman because this project will cover parts of the moral codes, crime, deviance and social control in Islam. This research is open to all Muslim women from a diverse range of backgrounds in terms of age, ethnicity and occupations.

Do I have to participate?

It is up to you if you want to take part in this study. If you decide to leave at any time, without giving a reason then this will not affect your rights in any way possible.

What is required of me, if I opt to participate?

If you decide to take part, then it is expected that on average the duration of the semi structured interviews would take at least 1 hour up to 2 hours, however if you want, you are able to finish the interview earlier. Before being interviewed, you are supposed to sign a consent form to show that you have agreed to the terms and conditions and that you want to take part.

Are there any disadvantages or risks implicated with this study?

The interview will consist of questions that are not sensitive and should not result in any psychological stress or embarrassment. The interview will involve questions that are based on homosexuality, marriage, polygamy and other issues in Islam.

How will my participation be kept anonymous and confidential?

Your involvement in this study will be kept private and unidentifiable as it is important that proper precautions and procedures are followed for data security during and after the study. This can be managed by following the Data Protection Act (1998). For example; a personal identity number will be given so that names are not used. All the data recorded, would be saved on a computer, which will have a secure password. In addition, the notes that are made by myself on hard paper and the audio digital recordings, would be stored in a locked cabinet. By doing this, I will make certain that your identity is well protected.

However, it is important to recognise that there may be a legal obligation to reveal any information that relates to criminal activities and/or something that is harmful to myself or others, that is told by the participant. For example, I will have to break confidentiality if the participant confesses to their involvement in a crime they have committed, or are about to commit a crime, any involvement in criminal activity or intended harm to others (different forms of abuse) will need to be reported. It is important If this happens then I will have to tell my supervisor of what has been discussed. I will then follow the advice that my supervisor gives to me.

What will happen to the data?

The data will be destroyed after 36 months. The data analysed will only be used for this study. The data will be completely anonymised.

Where can I find more information?

If you want more information about this research or if you have any questions or complaints about the research study, your involvement, and or myself then please do not hesitate to use the following contacts that is provided in the table below.

What if I am dissatisfied during my participation in the project?

If you are displeased with this research, then you are free to leave the process at any time and you do not have to provide a reason to leave. Also, any personal information you have given up to the point of your exit, would be deleted as soon as possible. It is also possible to delete the data you have given after the interview has ended, if you want to leave at this stage.

Furthermore, if you have any complaints then please contact me in the first instance, and I will try to solve your problems. However, I am aware that you may not wish to make a formal complaint to me, especially if I am the object of the complaint, therefore contact details of my supervisor would be given.

Additionally, if you are still not happy with the research and wish to complain formally you can do this by contacting the British Society of Criminology Code of Ethics for Researchers or by contacting the Research Centres Manager. Also, if you have been a victim of crime or experienced any form of abuse, it is entirely up to you to report this. You can do this by contacting the 24 hour domestic and sexual violence helpline.

*My Contact
Details*

*Supervisor:
Muzammil
Quraishi*

*British Society of
Criminology
Code of Ethics for
Researchers,
2006*

*Anish Kurien
(Research
Centres
Manager)*

*The 24 Hour
Domestic & Sexual
Violence Helpline*

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Thank you for taking out your time to read the participant information sheet. If you feel that you want to participate in the study, please can you fill and sign the consent form.