

TITLE OF RESEARCH: INTERPERSONAL AND FAMILY RELATIONS IN TRANSCULTURAL/ TRANSNATIONAL MARRIAGES

Interview questions for marriage migrants and their partners

- Can you tell me a bit about yourself?
- Have you been married before?
- Do you have any children from a previous relationship?
- How old are you/ how old is your partner?
- What sort of work do you do/did you do?
- Can you tell me about your partner?
- Can you tell me about your family/partner's family?
- What is it like being in a cross-cultural family?
- Can you tell me about how you met your partner?
- Did family and/or friends play a part in the introduction?
- Why were you interested in marrying a Filipina/an Australian?
- Can you tell me the story of how you got to know each other?
- Did your experience of courtship with your wife/husband differ from previous experiences of romance?
- Have you had pen-pals, boyfriends/girlfriends before who were not Filipino/Australian?
- How did you arrive at the decision to marry?
- Did your family and friends support your decision to marry/ support your intercultural marriage
- Where did you marry?
- Did you know any other Filipinas/Filipinos/Australians before your partner?

- Did you know anyone else with a partner from the Philippines/Indonesia/Australia before you met your partner?
- What did you know about Australia/Philippines/Indonesia before you met your partner?
- What was the visa application process like?
- What sorts of questions did immigration officials ask you?
- What did you have to show as evidence of your relationship?
- Can you tell me what it was like to migrate to Australia?
- Did you get support from your partner, your family/partner's family, friends to help you settle into your new life in Australia?
- Have you ever experienced racism in Australia?
- What sorts of expectations did you have of your partner before you married?
- Have your expectations of your partner changed now that you are married?
- What sorts of responsibilities do you and your partner have in the home?
- What issues, if any, have become sources of difference and how are they resolved?
- Do you have different points of view about religion?
- Who earns income in your household?
- Who manages the household budget?
- Do you and/or your partner send money back to your/your partner's family in the Philippines/Indonesia? How do you feel about that?
- Do you give any other sorts of support to other family members?
- What are your views on parenting and do they differ from your partner's views?
- What sort of education would you like your children to have?
- What language do you speak at home?

- Are there any people from a similar background to you/your partner in your workplace?
- Are you actively involved in the Filipino/Indonesian community? Do you attend fiestas, get-togethers, cultural activities, community school?
- Do you enjoy these activities?
- What sorts of stories and news reports do you read/see in newspapers, film etc about women and men from the Philippines/Indonesia, and intercultural families?
- Can you tell me about how you feel about these sorts of stories or news reports?
- What sorts of things, if anything, do you do in response to these stories/reports?
- Have you/your partner been/returned to the Philippines/Indonesia?
- Do you think there are advantages for women in intercultural marriages?
- Do you think there are advantages for men in intercultural marriages?
- Do you think there are advantages for children in intercultural families?
- Did you and your partner use internet, eg chat, websites, email, to meet and/or keep in touch with each other during courtship/marriage?
- Do you use internet to keep in touch with family members and friends?