

# APPENDIX 4:

## Questionnaire form

### Statistical information

- 1- Age:
- 2- Gender:
- 3- Relationship status:
- 4- Occupation:
- 5- Nationality by birth:
- 6- Citizenship(s):
- 7- Resident permit(s):
- 8- Type(s) of Residency:
- 9- Where are you residing currently:
- 10- Level of education/qualifications? In which field?
- 11- In which country(s) did you obtain your qualifications?

### Qualitative questions

#### Mobility

12- Please name the cities you have lived in and the length of time you stayed in each. Please explain the reasons behind each move. (As an example see my answer below).

	Cities	Length of stay	Type of visa	Reason for stay	Reasons for move		Notes
					Push (repulsion)	Pull (attraction)	
1	Tehran	24 years	Citizen	Born, school, university and work	Instability (economic, political, etc.) Limited professional /academic opportunities Religious restrictions	Financial/emotional support from family and friends Memories	I was not allowed to leave the country between ages 14 and 21 due to military requirements
2	Dubai	3 years	Visit visa for 9 months and working visa for the rest	Work as an architect	Bad weather Lack of relationship opportunities! Unsustainability and Inequality Lack of political freedom	Opportunities for professional and economic gains, Overseas experience	
3	London	6 months	Tourist visa	Searching for universities	Visa expired	Educational opportunities	Did not apply to anywhere then
4	Tehran	3 years	Citizen	Work in an NGO	Same as Tehran above Relationship break up	Same as Tehran above	
5	London	1 year	Student visa	University		Education	Ongoing

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13- To you where is 'home'? Please explain if you feel 'home' is more than a single place (you can either say how this notion changes with your moves or give estimated percentages if multiple places are home at a single time).

14- How often do you travel? What are the destinations? What are the main reasons?

15- What is your desired level of mobility? Do you see your current level of mobility enough, too much or too little?

16- Do you see your current level of mobility as a phase in your life until it's time to 'settle down' or do you prefer to keep changing locations through the different phases of your life (i.e. single, married, retired, etc.)?

17- What are your future plans in terms of mobility? Are you able to plan/predict well into the future or is your lifestyle more spontaneous/ unpredictable?

18- What are the obstacles to your mobility (i.e. visa issues, cost, professional or emotional obligations)? What would you like to change?

19- What are the obstacles to your settling down (i.e. push and pull forces that do not let you stay)? What changes do you like to see in the current situation?

#### Relationship

20- How do your relationships fit into your current state of mobility? Have you ever experienced conflicts between a mobile lifestyle and your relationships?

21- Do you (plan to) have a family life (get married and/or have kids)?

#### Social networks

22- Who are the most important people in your life (family, partner, friends, etc.)? Please count *at least* 5 of the most important ones explaining the type of relation, the city they live in, and the mode and frequency of communication with each. (It would be great if you can forward this questionnaire to some of them to fill).

	Relation to you	Nationality	Location they live	Communication with you		Notes
				Mode	Frequency (average)	
	Mother	Iranian	Tehran	Phone	Twice a week	Mostly she calls me.
				Visit	Twice a year	We meet in Tehran, Dubai, or we arrange trips abroad.
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23- Does the above network of important friends, family, colleagues, etc. remain unchanged when you change locations or not? In other words do you identify yourself more with your social network or geographical location?

#### Citizenship

24- Are you a citizen where you live? Please indicate which of the following apply to you: passport-holder, voter, taxpayer, worker, consumer, registered on a national welfare/ insurance?

25- Do you enjoy the same rights and level of acceptance as native-born citizens? Please explain if there are any special circumstances in the country where you live that would prevent you from enjoying the same rights and level of acceptance.

26- Have your Rights and freedoms improved or worsened now compared to the country you used to live in? Please explain.

27- Do you participate in any political or social action? If so, are the goals local, national or transnational/global? how do you participate (i.e. sign petitions on internet for Iranian feminists and the change of the name of the Persian Gulf; demonstrate against Israeli/American invasion of Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan; I donate to Oxfam to support fair trade, etc.)

28- Have you ever felt that the regulations of a state have been too limiting or restrictive for these activities? How did you deal with such limitations?

#### Identity

29- How do you define your identity in terms of ethnicity/nationality/religion/culture/race/etc? (e.g. Azeri/Iranian/Shi'ah or Persian/Canadian/Secular/Westernised). (You can also define a hybrid identity in terms of perceived percentages. e.g. 100% European and at the same time 70% Swiss and 30% German).

- 30- Do you feel you belong to any community or group that relates to your identity or shares your values?
- 31- What is your level of allegiance to your country of origin or your adopted country? How do you feel about its flag, its national anthem, its football team, or its art/architecture/literature?
- 32- Do you belong to the majority or a minority in your country of origin or your adopted country? Is there any conflict between your set of values and the norms of the society or the dominant regulations/institutions of its government? Please explain.
- 33- Which socio-economic class do you perceive yourself to belong to? (In your home country and in the country you reside).

#### Finances and investments

- 34- How do you finance your living expenses?
- 35- Have you taken more financial resources out of your country of origin or have you sent more back?
- 36- What are your preferred types of investment/spending a surplus income? (i.e. property, bank saving, travel, home remodelling, shopping, charity, etc.) Please indicate your preferred location for each type.
- 37- Are there people in your social circle with whom you share financial/investment interests? (i.e. financial support from family or joint investment with a friend).
- 38- Do you feel you have enough money/capital/material belongings/financial security?
- 39- What do you count on in times of trouble/financial hardship? (i.e. insurance, welfare, family and friends support, etc.)