

APPENDIX A

Participant Information Sheet

You are invited to take part in a research study. Please read the following information carefully. Feel free to ask me a question if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take your time to decide whether you wish to participate.

This research study – *Women of Transition: Collective Memory in Azerbaijan Republic*, is part of my Master's degree written for the Programme of Historical Sociology at Charles University. The objective of this research is to analyze how Azerbaijani women remember life under the Soviet Union and during the transition. The research study will be conducted in the form of an interview that is expected to last around 1-2 hours depending on your answers.

The research study does not have any commercial purposes. Therefore, you will neither benefit directly from participating in this research nor will be charged. The full transcript and audio-recording of this interview will not be published anywhere. The findings from the research (including some direct extracts from the interview) will be stored in the archives of Charles University. Further terms are illustrated in the Participant Consent Form. Please sign it if you are willing to contribute to this research study by participating in the interview.

Should you have any questions later, please contact me:

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APPENDIX B

Participant Consent Form

I _____ voluntarily agree to participate in the research study – *Women of Transition: Collective Memory in Azerbaijan Republic*, conducted by Husniyya Hashimova for the academic purposes.

- I have had the objective of the research explained to me in a written form and I have had the opportunity to ask further questions.
- I understand that I will neither benefit or get charged to participate in this research.
- I understand that I can withdraw at any time during the interview or refuse to answer any questions without any consequences of any kind.
- I agree to my interview being audio-recorded.
- I understand that extracts from my interview will be quoted in the research paper.
- I understand that my biographical data will be mentioned in the research paper with the exception of my full name.
- I understand that signed consent form, original audio recordings and full transcript of my interview will be treated confidentially by the researcher.

Further notes:

Signature of participant

Date

APPENDIX C

Interview Protocol

Project: Women of transition: collective memory in Azerbaijan Republic

Time of interview:

Date:

Place:

Interviewer:

Interviewee:

I. Biographical Information

1. Date of birth, birthplace
2. Birthplace: father, mother
3. Nationality and/or ethnic background
4. Education
5. Marital status
6. Children
7. Place of residence
8. Work before 1991
9. Work after 1991

II. Transition

1. Do you remember the day of the collapse of the Soviet Union and independence of Azerbaijan?
2. How was your reaction? What did you think/feel about that?
3. How did other people around you respond to it?
4. How did this transition influence your life?

III. Life under the Soviet regime

1. Where did you grow up?

2. Could you please describe your typical day back then?

IV. Life now

1. What is different now?
2. What comes to your mind first when you hear the word – Soviet Union?
3. Do you miss any aspects of Soviet life? If so, what are they?
4. How would you compare quality of life then and now?
5. What stories do you often tell to your child and/or grandchild about the Soviet regime?

V. Ending notes

1. Before we end the interview, is there anything else you would like to add?
2. Have we covered everything that you think is pertinent to this topic?

Notes:

APPENDIX D
Demographic Data Sheet

| Pseudonym | Age | Place of residence | Occupation |
|-----------|-----|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ramila | 70 | Sumgait | pensioner |
| Madina | 60 | Baku | musician (violinist) |
| Anja | 80 | Goychay | retired teacher (Russian language) |
| Meleyke | 73 | Goychay | mullah (funeral celebrant) |
| Rafiga | 66 | Zerdab | retired accountant |
| Gul | 84 | Zerdab | pensioner |
| Sariyya | 57 | Zerdab | music teacher |
| Afat | 59 | Zerdab | infectious disease doctor |
| Goychek | 70 | Zerdab | retired teacher (primary school) |
| Sevinj | 57 | Baku | housewife |

N.B. All appendices have been prepared according to Valerie Raleigh Yow's (1994) book – *Recording oral history: a practical guide for social scientists*.