

Phase II Questionnaire
Human Rights – Housing
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Canada

The Asia Pacific Program on Cross Cultural Dispute Resolution Research*

Interviewer Note: This information is for the purpose of disclosure to respondents and for the purpose of obtaining consent to participate in the interview.

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Project Purpose: This questionnaire was prepared as part of a research project concerning cross-cultural dispute resolution in Asia and North America. This project will benefit scholarly understanding of perspectives on dispute resolution, and the factors that affect such perspectives. The information provided in responses to the questionnaire will be used only for this research project.

Procedures: Each question should be answered truthfully based on the personal knowledge of the respondent. Completion of the questionnaire is expected to require 30 minutes, although additional time may be used if the respondent so desires. Participation in this project is voluntary, and any respondent may withdraw from the project at any time. If the questionnaire is completed, it will be assumed that consent has been given. The identity of the respondents is not requested and if supplied will be kept strictly confidential. Confidentiality will be maintained through the confidential nature of the questionnaire and by the researcher keeping all completed questionnaires under lock and key.

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Phase II Surveys: Rate Scale Descriptions

Agreement:

From 1-2-3-4-5

Strongly agree / agree / don't know / disagree / strongly disagree

Frequency:

From 1-2-3-4-5

Very frequent / somewhat frequent / don't know / somewhat infrequent / very infrequent

Importance:

From 1-2-3-4-5

Very important / important / don't know / unimportant / completely unimportant

Likelihood:

From 1-2-3-4-5

Highly likely / somewhat likely / don't know / somewhat unlikely / not likely at all

Always:

From 1-2-3-4-5

Almost always / often / don't know / not often / almost never

Usefulness:

From 1-2-3-4-5

Very useful / somewhat useful / don't know / somewhat not useful / not useful

Effectiveness:

From 1-2-3-4-5

Very effective / somewhat effective / don't know / somewhat ineffective / very ineffective

Appropriateness:

From 1-2-3-4-5

Highly appropriate / somewhat appropriate / don't know / somewhat inappropriate / highly inappropriate

Preference:

From 1-2-3-4-5

Highly preferred / somewhat preferred / don't know / somewhat not preferred / not preferred at all

Interviewer Note: This information is essential to the cluster analysis, and must be recorded accurately.

I. Background Information

1. Age:

- a. _____ 15-25
- b. _____ 26-35
- c. _____ 36-45
- d. _____ 46-55
- e. _____ 56-65
- f. _____ 65 +

2. Sex: a. _____ Male
 b. _____ Female

3. Education Level: (highest level attained)

- a. _____ not completed primary school
- b. _____ completed primary school
- c. _____ junior high school / middle school
- d. _____ senior high school / high school
- e. _____ technical / specialist diploma
- f. _____ undergraduate university degree
- g. _____ graduate university degree

4. What is your occupation (profession)? _____

5. What is your current employment status?

- a. _____ unemployed
- b. _____ trainee / student
- c. _____ temporary / casual
- d. _____ fixed term contract
- e. _____ permanent part-time employee (usually less than 40 hours/week)
- f. _____ permanent full-time employee (usually more than 40 hours/week)
- g. _____ self-employed

6. In your spare time do you volunteer?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes (If yes, please specify) _____

7. What is your involvement in your community? (choose those that apply).

- a. _____ community service
- b. _____ NGO
- c. _____ Other. Please specify _____

8. Have you ever lived outside of Canada?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
 - (i) If yes, please specify duration _____
 - (ii) If yes, please specify reason _____

9. Language capacity, please specify all that apply:

- a. Mother tongue _____
- b. Second language _____
- c. Others _____

II. Experience With Disputes

Please explain the circumstances of the most recent dispute you have experienced in relation to housing.

10. When did it occur? _____

11. Describe the parties. _____

12. What were the issues in the dispute?

13. What was the monetary value of the dispute? _____

14. How was the dispute resolved? _____

15. What was the outcome of the dispute? _____

16. What means were used to resolve the dispute? Please specify _____

17. Did you receive advice from a third party?

No _____

Yes _____ If yes, please specify the party _____

III. Standard // Norm Questions

18. Do you think every country should be required to ensure adequate housing for everyone?

a. _____ No

b. _____ Yes

19. Do you think housing is necessary to ensure an adequate standard of living?

a. _____ No

b. _____ Yes

20. Do you think governments should ensure the continuous improvement of people's housing conditions?

a. _____ No

b. _____ Yes

21. Do you think all people should have legal protection against forced eviction by the government?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes

22. Do you think every individual should have legal protection against forced eviction by private companies?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes

23. Do you think governments should ensure that costs of housing do not threaten other basic needs?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes

24. Do you think every individual should be permitted to live where they choose in their own country?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes

25. Do you think every individual should have equal rights to move their place of residence?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes

26. Do you think illegal migrant workers should have the same rights to housing as local residents?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes

27. Do you think legal migrant workers should have the same rights to housing as local residents?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes

28. Do you think minority nationalities should have the same rights to housing as other people?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes

IV. Specific Issues

29. Does international law require governments to ensure adequate housing for everyone?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

30. Does Canadian law require the governments to ensure adequate housing for everyone?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

31. Does international law prohibit governments from forcibly evicting people from their homes?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

32. Does international law prohibit private companies from forcibly evicting people from their homes?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

33. Does Canadian law prohibit the government from removing people from their homes without sufficient compensation?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

34. Does international law prohibit private companies from removing people from their homes without sufficient compensation?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

35. Does international law prohibit the government from interfering with people's choices about where to live?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

36. Does Canadian law prohibit the government from interfering with people's choices about where to live?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

37. Does international law provide that migrant workers have the same rights to housing as local residents?

Illegal Migrants

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

Legal Migrants

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

38. Does Canadian law provide that migrant workers have the same rights to housing as local residents?

Illegal Migrants

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

Legal Migrants

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

39. Does international law provide that minority nationalities have the same rights to housing as other people?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

40. Does Canadian law provide that minority nationalities have the same rights to housing as other people?

- a. _____ No
- b. _____ Yes
- c. _____ Don't know

41. Who should decide which rules should be used to resolve housing disputes?
(RATE EACH option from 1-5, with 1=highly appropriate , 5=highly inappropriate).

- a. Parties RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- b. Local government RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- c. Central government RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- d. International organizations RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- e. Dispute resolution body RATE 1—2—3—4 —5

42. What are the methods preferred to be used to resolve disputes over the right to adequate housing? (RATE EACH option from 1-5, with 1=highly preferred , 5=not preferred at all)

- a. Negotiation: RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- b. Government intervention: RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- c. Mediation: RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- d. Arbitration: RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- e. Court litigation: RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- f. Other, (please specify) _____ RATE 1—2—3—4 —5

43. Who has the right to file complaints when governments do not provide adequate housing? (RATE EACH option from 1-5, with 1=highly appropriate, 5=highly inappropriate)

- a. The individual(s) affected: RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- b. Family and friends of those who are affected: RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- c. Social and community groups: RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- d. International Organizations: RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- e. Organizations concerned with rights to housing RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- f. Trade Unions: RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- g. No limitations: RATE 1—2—3—4 —5

44. Do you think disputes over the right to adequate housing generally are resolved by reference to international law? (Choose one answer)

- a. _____ All of the time
- b. _____ Some of the time
- c. _____ Never
- d. _____ Don't know

45. Do you think disputes over the right to adequate housing generally are resolved according to local rules? (Choose one answer)

- a. _____ All of the time
- b. _____ Some of the time
- c. _____ Never
- d. _____ Don't know

46. What should be the result when a person or group has been denied the right to adequate housing? (For each, please specify **No** or **Yes** in agreement with statement)

- a. Nothing can be done _____No _____Yes
- b. They should receive monetary compensation _____No _____Yes
- c. They should receive adequate housing. _____No _____Yes
- d. They should receive an apology _____No _____Yes
- e. The group / agent or organization responsible should be punished..... _____No _____Yes
- f. Other (please specify) _____ _____No _____Yes

47. What should be the result when a person or group has been forcibly evicted from their home? (For each, please specify **No** or **Yes** in agreement with statement)

- a. Nothing can be done _____No _____Yes
- b. They should receive monetary compensation _____No _____Yes
- c. They should receive adequate housing. _____No _____Yes
- d. They should receive an apology _____No _____Yes
- e. The group / agent or organization responsible should be punished..... _____No _____Yes
- f. Other (please specify) _____ _____No _____Yes

48. What should be the result when a person or group has been denied the right to live where they choose? (For each, please specify **No** or **Yes** in agreement with statement)

- a. Nothing can be done _____No _____Yes
- b. They should receive monetary compensation _____No _____Yes
- c. They should receive adequate housing. _____No _____Yes
- d. They should receive an apology _____No _____Yes
- e. The group, agent or organization responsible should be punished..... _____No _____Yes
- f. Other (please specify) _____ _____No _____Yes

49. How effective are governments in ensuring that people have adequate housing?
(Choose one answer).

- a. Very effective
- b. Somewhat effective
- c. Not effective
- d. Don't know

50. How effective are international standards in ensuring that people have adequate housing? (Choose one answer).

- a. Very effective
- b. Somewhat effective
- c. Not effective
- d. Don't know

51. Decisions and laws passed by governments in respect of the right to adequate housing have authority because: (RATE EACH option from 1-5, with 1=strongly agree, 5=strongly disagree).

- a. They are consistent with basic values RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- b. They are legally enforceable and valid RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- c. They are fundamentally fair RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- d. They reflect the view of the majority RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- e. They are easy to enforce RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- f. It depends on the state's coercive power RATE 1—2—3—4 —5

52. Decisions and rules passed by international organizations in respect of the right to adequate housing have authority because:

(RATE EACH option from 1-5, with 1=strongly agree, 5=strongly disagree).

- a. They are consistent with basic values RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- b. They are legally enforceable and valid RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- c. They are fundamentally fair RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- d. They reflect the view of the majority RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- e. They are easy to enforce RATE 1—2—3—4 —5
- f. It depends on the organization's coercive power RATE 1—2—3—4 —5

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