

# What is your story?

**Are you an asylum seeker?**

**Are you about to have your asylum interview with the Migration Agency?**

**Will the asylum interview take place in Russian, English or a Turkic language?**

If the answer to these questions is “yes”, then we would like to invite you to participate in our research project, Migrants’ narratives in the asylum process. Your participation could help make the asylum process better. We want to hear what you think about the asylum investigation. You can make your voice heard.

Let us introduce ourselves. We are three linguists who study the role of communication in asylum investigations. We have expertise in researching oral interactions (how people talk to each other), texts, translation and interpreting. If you choose to participate in the study, here is what we would like to do:

- Record and/or be present during your asylum interview at the Migration Agency.
- Observe and/or record your follow-up meeting with the public counsel.
- Interview you and the other people involved in the asylum interview: the investigator, the interpreter and the public counsel. During this research interview we will ask questions about how you experienced the asylum interview:
  - Did you understand everything that was being said and discussed?
  - Would you say the communication was successful?
  - Were there any misunderstandings?
  - If yes, when do misunderstandings happen and why? How can information be shared more clearly?

**You and all other participants in the research project are guaranteed anonymity. We do not share your name or personal information.** All sensitive material is handled with great discretion. Our research project is approved by the Regional Ethical Vetting Board in Stockholm, which is the Swedish authority that ensures ethical guidelines are being followed in research.

We work at Södertörn University in Stockholm and at Stockholm University. Our research project is independent, not related to the Swedish Migration Agency. The project is financed by the Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies and continues until summer 2021. You can read more about our project here:  
[blogg.sh.se/asylberattelser](http://blogg.sh.se/asylberattelser)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want to know more or would like to participate in the project!

*Kind regards,*

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