

## Appendix A

### Online Survey Instrument: Immigrant Experiences in Germany

**Appendix A** presents the full questionnaire used to collect quantitative data for this study. The survey was administered online using Google Forms and was anonymous and voluntary. Unless otherwise stated, Likert-scale items were measured on a **5-point scale** ranging from **1 = Strongly disagree** to **5 = Strongly agree**.

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#### Section 1: Consent

##### Q0. Consent to Participate

This survey is anonymous and voluntary. Your answers will be used only for academic research and will not be shared with authorities. Do you agree to participate?

- Yes, I agree
- No

(Participants selecting “No” were directed to submit the form and exit the survey.)

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#### Section 2: Demographics

##### Q1. Age

- 18–24
- 25–34
- 35–44
- 45–54
- 55+

##### Q2. Gender

- Male
- Female
- Diverse / Non-binary
- Prefer not to say

##### Q3. Country of Origin

(Open-ended)

##### Q4. Year of Arrival in Germany

(Open-ended)

**Q5. Current Residence Status**

- Asylum seeker
- Recognized refugee
- Subsidiary protection
- Work visa
- Student
- Other

**Q6. Highest German Language Level Completed**

- No course
- A1
- A2
- B1
- B2
- C1 or higher

**Q7. Current Situation**

- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- Minijob
- Ausbildung
- University student
- Unemployed
- Homemaker
- Other

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**Section 3: Language Learning**

*(All items measured on a 5-point Likert scale: 1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)*

**Q8.** I can handle everyday situations in German.

**Q9.** My German course prepared me for real-life situations.

**Q10.** The pace of my German course was appropriate.

**Q11.** I have enough time and energy to study German outside class.

- Q12.** I regularly use apps or online tools to learn German.
- Q13.** Language barriers stop me from getting the help I need.
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#### **Section 4: Bureaucracy and Public Services**

*(5-point Likert scale: 1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)*

- Q14.** Registering for my German course was easy.
- Q15.** I experienced long waiting times for courses.
- Q16.** Official communication (letters, emails) is clear to me.
- Q17.** I often need help understanding official letters or forms.
- Q18.** I feel respected and treated fairly by German institutions.
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#### **Section 5: Housing and Employment**

*(5-point Likert scale: 1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)*

- Q19.** I am satisfied with my housing situation.
- Q20.** It was difficult for me to find housing in Germany.
- Q21.** I experienced discrimination when looking for housing.
- Q22.** My education or skills are recognized in the German job market.
- Q23.** I am satisfied with my employment situation.
- Q24.** I experienced discrimination when applying for jobs or at the workplace.
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#### **Section 6: Social Integration and Well-being**

*(5-point Likert scale: 1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)*

- Q25.** I feel comfortable interacting with German people.
- Q26.** I have German friends I meet or talk to regularly.
- Q27.** I feel welcome in my local community.
- Q28.** I often feel lonely in Germany.
- Q29.** My mental health has worsened since arriving in Germany.
- Q30.** I know where to find psychological or social support.
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#### **Section 7: Overall Integration and Suggestions**

*(5-point Likert scale: 1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)*

- Q31.** Overall, I am satisfied with my integration in Germany.
- Q32.** I believe my situation in Germany will improve over time.

**Open-ended questions:**

**Q33.** What is the biggest problem immigrants face in Germany?

**Q34.** What change could improve the integration process the most?

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## **Section 8: Closing**

### **Thank You Page**

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your contribution supports academic research aimed at improving immigrant integration in Germany.