**Risk Identification Form for Complex Travel**

* This form should be appended to your Notification to Travel Form and submitted to [Health.And.Safety@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Health.And.Safety@lse.ac.uk) as early as possible
* Taking into account your proposed travel, you should give a rating to each of the 7 ‘risk factors’ using the descriptors given and state the reasons for your rating.

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| **Risk Factor** | **NEGLIGIBLE** | **LOW** | **MODERATE** | **HIGH** | **EXTREME** | **Rating** | **Reasoning** |
| **Threat environment** | Insignificant rates of violence; no political violence or civil unrest; no history of conflict; infrastructure is sound | Low crime rates; generally free from political unrest; low-level / non-violent disruptions, limited terrorist / militant activity | Opportunistic crime common; violent crime infrequent; periodic political unrest with moderate violence; weak infrastructure; sporadic terrorist / militant activity; **rumours of government human rights violations** | High rates of opportunistic and violent crime; regular periods of political unrest; high incident risks of terrorist / militant activity, police corruption; very poor infrastructure; **limiting of academic freedoms** | State of war; government control / law & order minimal or non-existent, continuous threat from terrorist or militant groups, **frequent arbitrary arrests of academics by the state** |  |  |
| **Context fragility** | Political situation in context remains stable and is very unlikely to deteriorate in the next 5 years + | Political situation in context remains stable and is very unlikely to deteriorate in the next 2 years + | Political situation is relatively stable, although there are subtle undertones of civil / social unrest that causes periodic, low-level violence | Political situation is fragile and is likely to deteriorate significantly under next 6 months leading to widespread violence | Political situation is on the verge of collapse, and is likely to result in breakdown of law and order; or conflict. |  |  |
| **Traveller profile** | Profile bears no influence on risk | Profile may result in infrequent verbal harassment. Unlikely to lead to violent targeting or arrest | Profile will raise some suspicion, and may result in occasional confrontational abuse and questioning by authorities. | Profile results in frequent confrontational abuse, occasional violent targeting and extortion attempts | Profile is highly sensitive and will not be tolerated by communities or authorities, and will result in violent attacks. |  |  |
| **Research sensitivity** | Research topic is not controversial in any way, and is widely discussed in public spheres or in local media | Research topic does present some sensitivities, but is still widely discussed in public spheres. | Government has controversial policies or actions relating to research topic, but limited implications if discussed in public spheres. | Research topic is perceived as being sensitive by communities and authorities, and is not discussed in public spheres and not tolerated by government. | Research topic is illegal in-country, and those publicising information about will face arrest or imprisonment. |  |  |
| **Research methodology** | Data collected solely through electronic means | Data may be collected through interacting with people, but is done so in a controlled environment and accompanied. | Data collection may involve face-to-face interviews outside of controlled environments, but is likely to be accompanied | Data collection will involve face-to-face interviews outside of controlled environments and will be unaccompanied | Data collection involves deception of authorities, frequent face-to-face interview in hostile or sensitive environments, and will be unaccompanied. |  |  |
| **Length of travel** | 1-2 weeks | 2 weeks to 1 month | 1 – 2 months | 2 – 12 months | 1 year + |  |  |
| **Ethical implications** | Research / fieldwork places participants at no additional risks | Research may place participants in an uncomfortable position due to its sensitivity. | Research may place participants at mildly greater risk due to its sensitivity, but is very unlikely to result in arrest or targeting if not managed | Research may place participants at greater risk due to its sensitivity, and is likely to result in arrest or targeting if not managed | Research will place participants at greater risk which is beyond the travellers capacity to control. |  |  |