



My Name Is: Is Your Name a Gift or a Burden?

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This course reading...

- Highlights the importance of getting names right when interacting across cultures and backgrounds
- Draws from verbatim lived experience to explore the relationship between names and self-identity.
- Examines the impact of non-Western names in Western English contexts, and the relationship of names to pressures to conform.
- Extends the *My Name Is* research project and award-winning documentary series, for which author Dr Javeria Shah is the Principal Investigator

How do you feel about your name?

Names and how we feel about them are linked to our sense of self-identity. For people with non-Western names in Western English-speaking contexts, this relationship can be complicated. *My Name Is* explores verbatim narratives from research participants who have non-Western names, examining how individuals view their relationships with their names, how names impact self-identity, and how names can correlate to the pressure to conform with westernized English norms.

An extension of the **My Name Is®** research project and award-winning documentary, this book shares valuable lived experience as well as looking at the importance of getting names right.

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