

multaia

An Artistic Journey into Multicultural
Identity in a Globalizing World.
(september 2015 - working draft paper)

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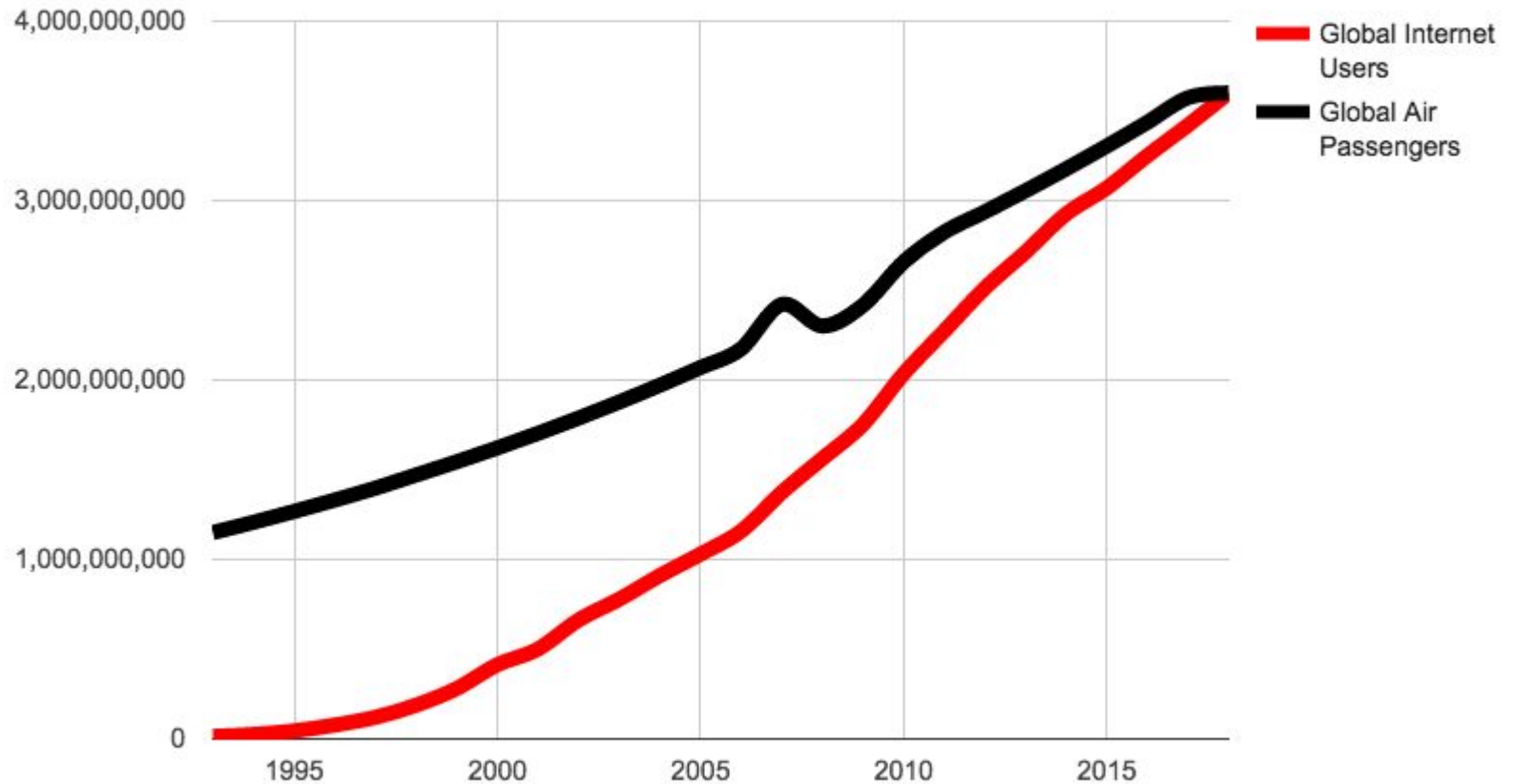
A photograph of a man with glasses driving a taxi, with a red overlay and text. The man is wearing a checkered shirt and is looking out the window. The text "So, where do you come from?" is overlaid on the image in a white font. The overall color scheme is dominated by red and orange tones.

**So, where do
you come from?**

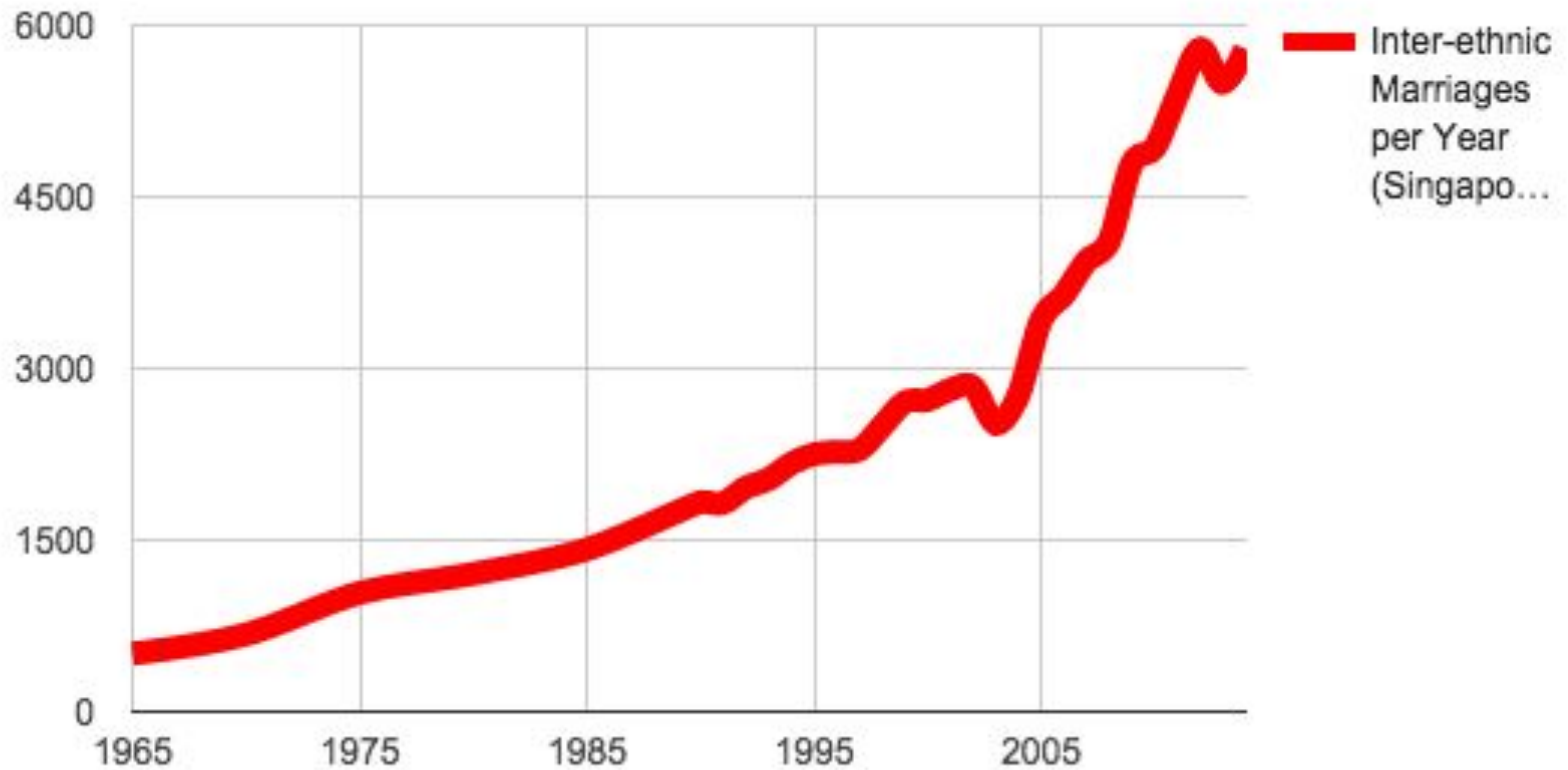
taxi uncles

in 1993 it
started to
change...





travel + internet = love



=multicultural marriages

A photograph of a man and two young children on a beach, overlaid with a teal graphic containing text. The man is in the center, looking directly at the camera. Two children are on either side of him, also looking towards the camera. The background is a bright, slightly cloudy sky over the ocean. The teal graphic is a vertical rectangle with a decorative top edge, containing white text.

**Three-in-ten
(31%) lesbians
and 16% of gay
men are parents.**

2013 PEW A SURVEY OF LGBT AMERICANS
Chapter 4: Marriage and Parenting

and new kinds of families

mailonline news

Mixed-race relationships are making us taller and smarter:

Children born to genetically diverse parents are more intelligent than their ancestors. (hybrid vigor)

PUBLISHED: 17:00 GMT, 1 July 2015

but often
met with
fear!

comments

[Ron](#), Leeds

That guarantees them another large funding grant. I expect they will find the children of same sex marriage are more intelligent as well. (BEST RATED)

[crewza](#), Insecure Little Englander., United Kingdom
Great news for our melting pot. (WORST RATED)

[hcee12](#), Northumberland, United Kingdom

So what this article is saying is that my children are stupid and short. I'm totally offended by that!. Bet I don't have a case for discrimination though

[chappers](#), edinburgh, United Kingdom

Rubbish. It depends what ethnic race we are mixing with.

[Seen that](#), York, United Kingdom

Fair enough but I'd want my child to look like me, not another race.

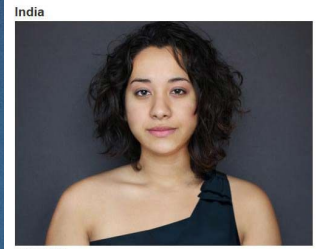
[dogooder](#), Edinburgh, United Kingdom

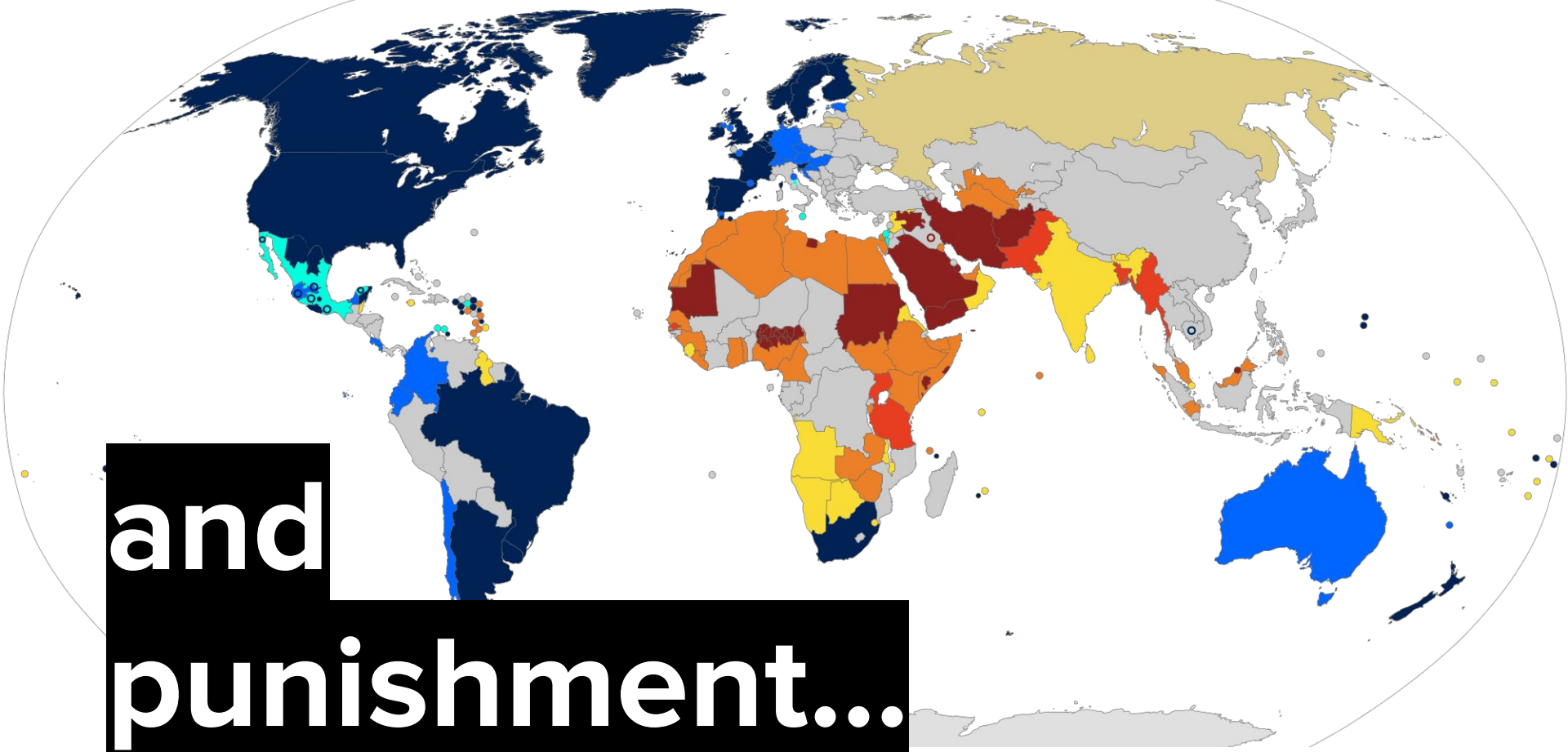
I'm attracted to many different women of all races but I will marry and have kids with a white woman.

[Leni88](#), London, United Kingdom

No thanks. I am white and tall and I want my babies blue eyed so white only.

and
ignorance...





and punishment...

Homosexuality legal

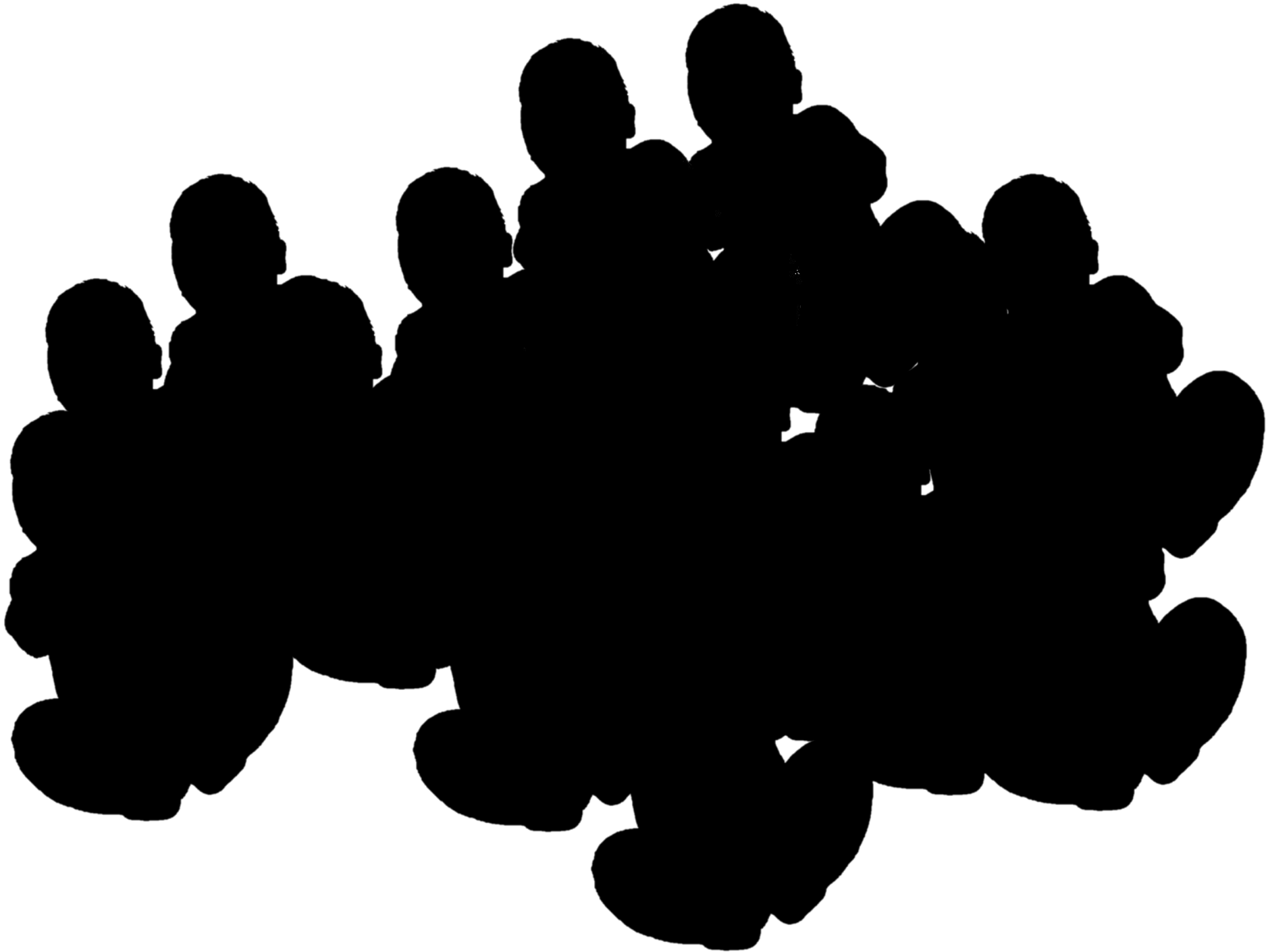
- █ Same-sex marriage¹
- █ Other type of partnership (or unregistered cohabitation)²
- █ Foreign same-sex marriages recognized
- █ Limited recognition of same-sex marriages at the federal level, no state level recognition
- █ No recognition of same-sex couples

Homosexuality illegal/restrictions

- █ Laws restricting freedom of expression and association
- █ De jure penalty that is de facto not enforced
- █ Imprisonment
- █ Imprisonment (up to life sentence)
- █ Up to death

story 

**in the beginning there
was a monotone
country called monaki.
its people were afraid
of outsiders. everyone
kept to their own.**



**monaki was a
monoculture. there was
only one way. life was
predictable. life was
dull. but they did not
know any different.**



**the moniakhs had grey
monotone babies, who
grew up to be black or
white. but one day it
changed. a blue baby
was was born. multi.**



**the moniaks looked at
multi and his pink
sister gaia. curiosity
overtook fear. curiosity
grew into tolerance.
and later into love.**



**then, more babies
came in multicolours.
yellow. blue. green.
purple. red. and all
shades between. every
little one was unique.**



**monaki became
multaia. moniaks
became multaians.
who all know that life
was never meant to be
grey!**



synopsis

**multaia is prism-shaped
multicoloured art
installation that reflects
100 facets of
multicultural identity.**

stories 

story brief

A 3-5 minute voice recording (just use your phone).

1. How did your parents grow up and how did they meet?
2. How did you feel as growing up as a "multicultural" child?
3. How has your background shaped you as a person in today's world?
4. What do you do today (work/hobbies)?
5. How is your own family (or future dream) set up like?



karla



jonathan



quinten



david



priscilla



cecilia



jody

artwork 



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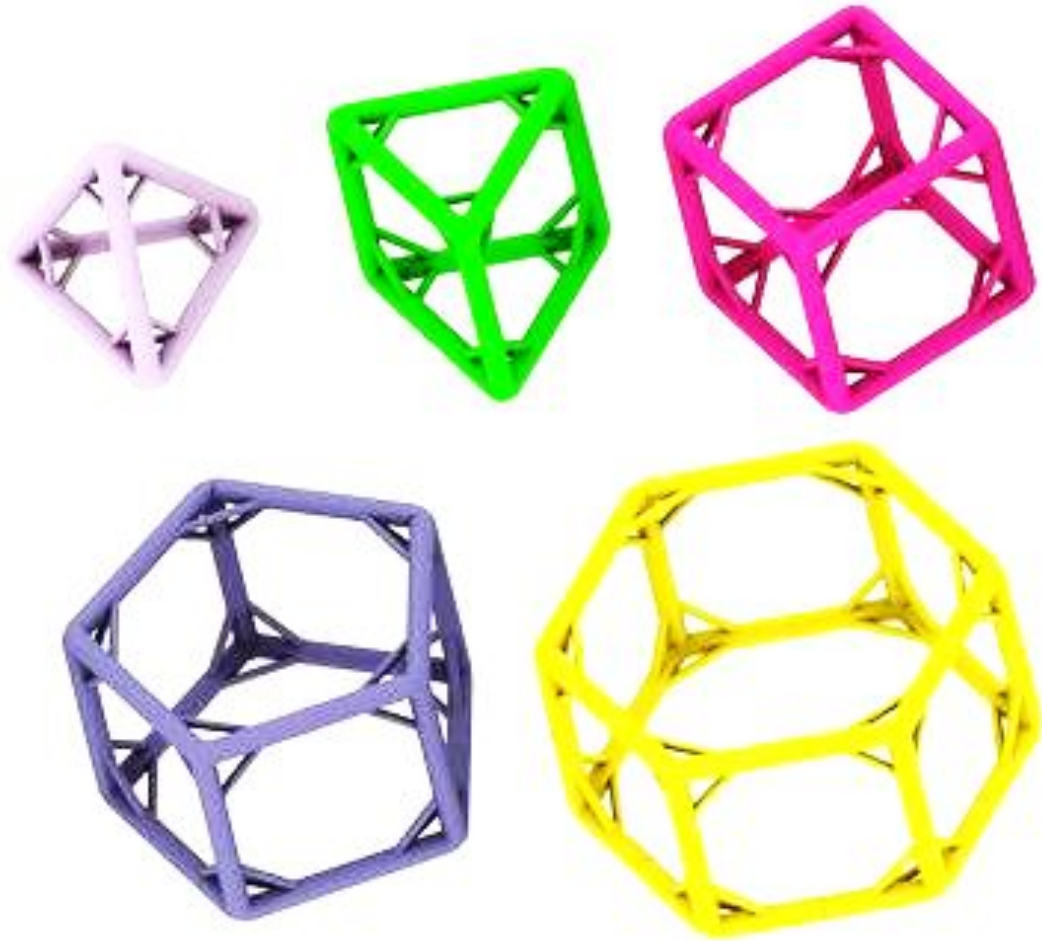
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inner shine



gaia



DNA origami

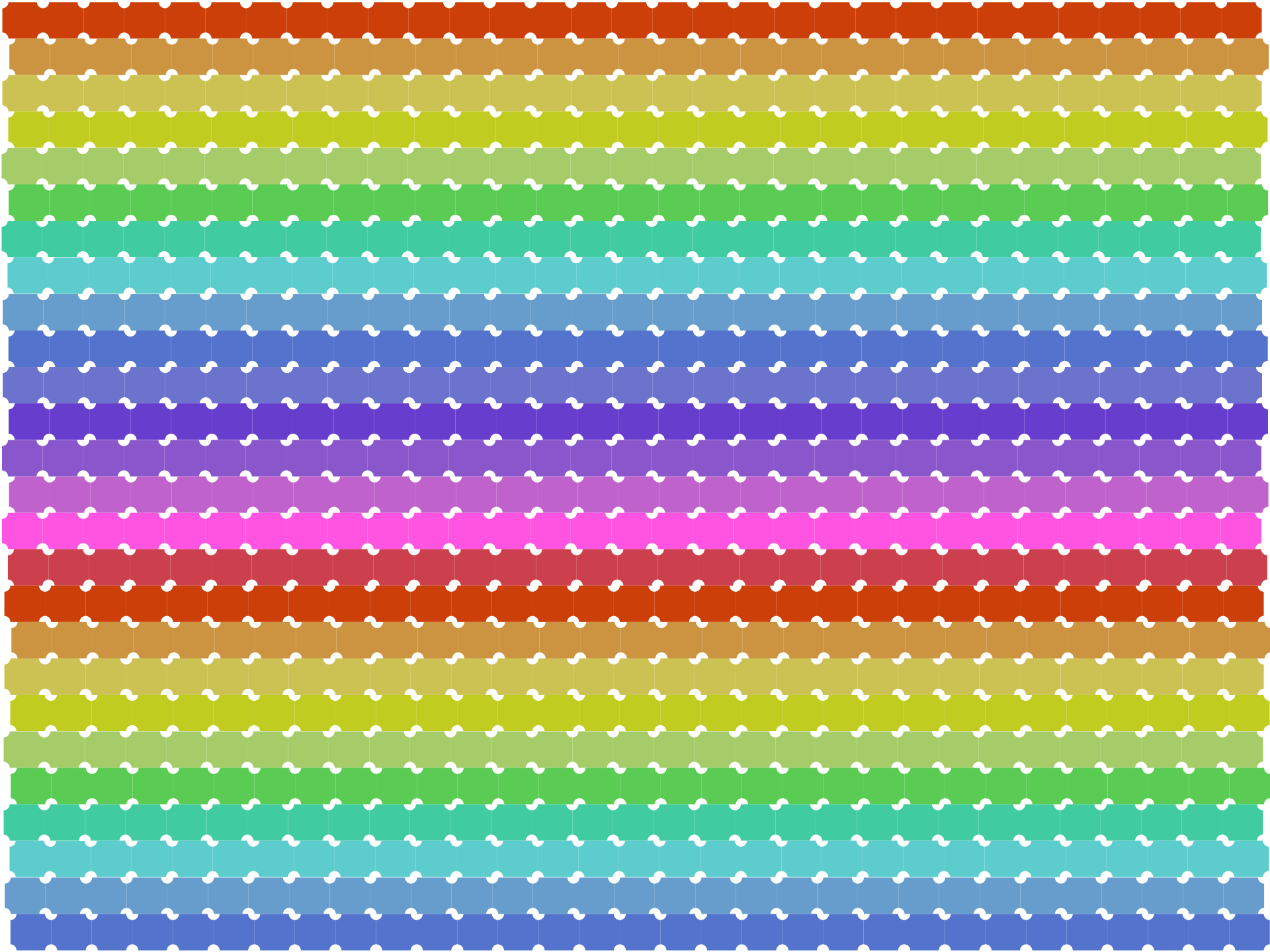


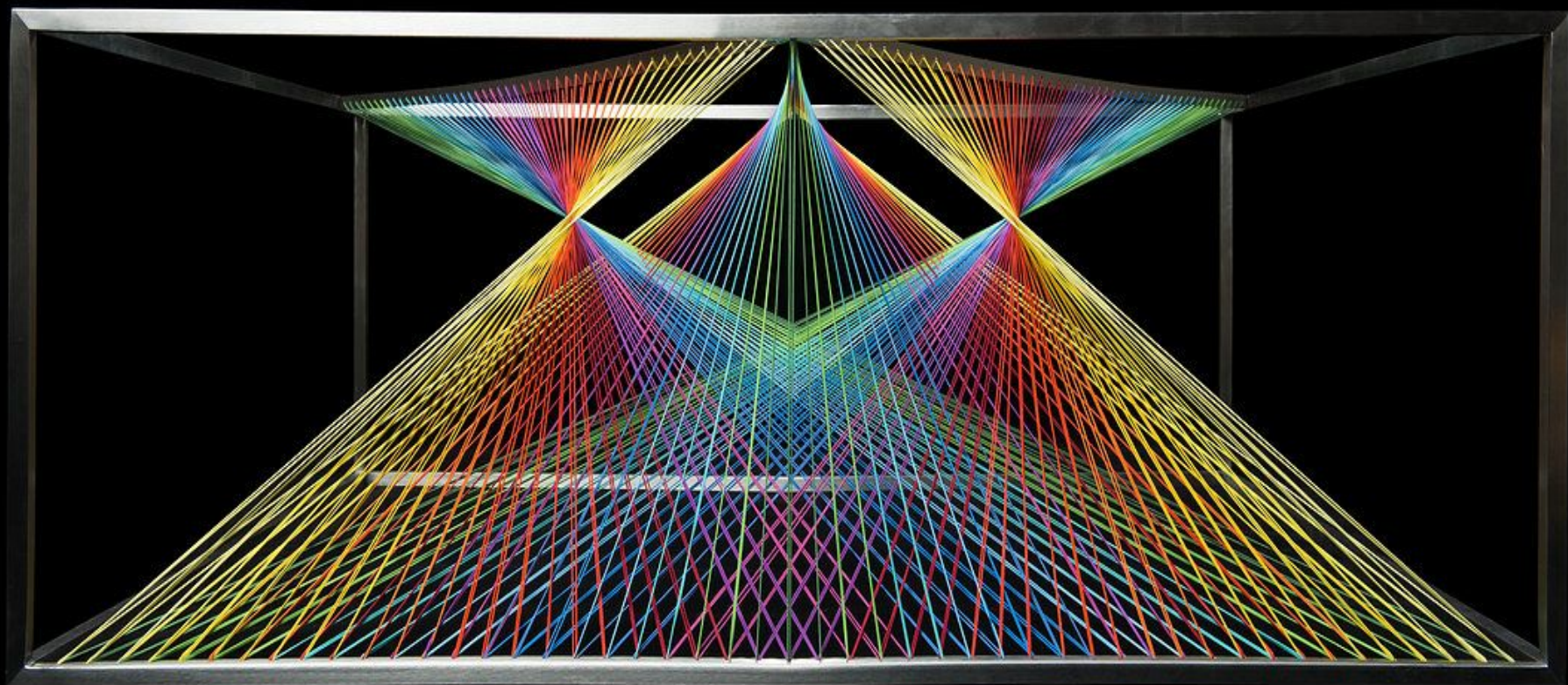
translucence

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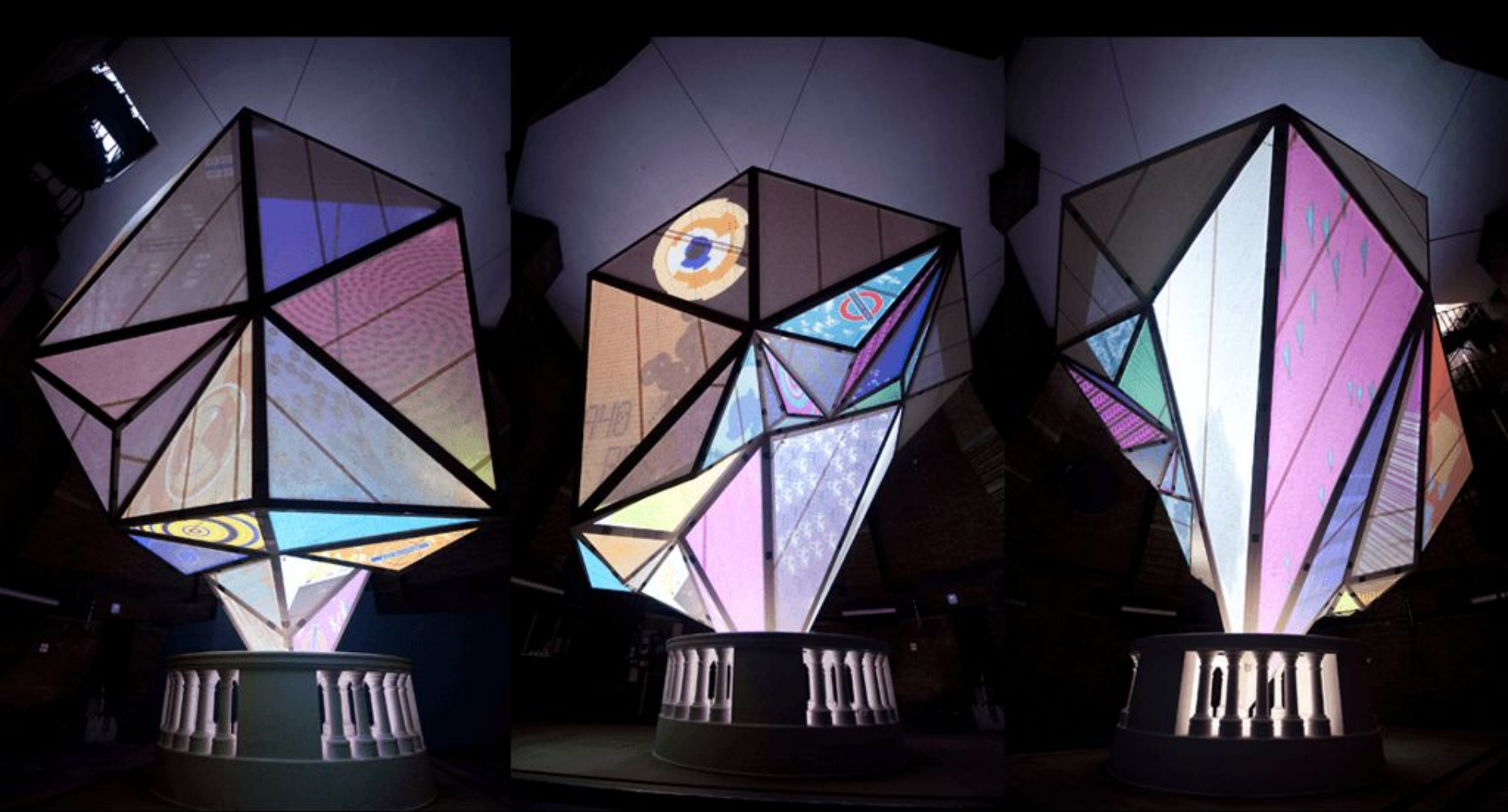
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<https://hedgehogsite.wordpress.com/2014/09/09/fun-with-a-lightbox-and-some-cellophane/>





prisms



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now you! 