**CONSENT FORM**

**Title:** ESL Students’ Experiences and Cultural Learning through an Intercultural Ethnography Project

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You are invited to participate in a research study. This study is about ESL students’ experiences and learning through conducting an intercultural ethnography project. This form gives you information about the study. Please read the information below before you decide whether or not to take part. If you have any questions, let me know. Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You can say “no” and refuse to participate without penalty or loss of any benefits you receive as a student at TSIE. Your decision to participate will also not affect current or future relationships with the University of Texas at Austin. You can stop your participation at any time by simply telling Minjung Park in person or by emailing her. Your teacher (Jacques Hardy) and TSIE staff will not know if you participate or not. If you agree to participate, please sign this consent form. If you do not want to participate, just return this form without signing it.

**The purpose of this study** is to learn more about how ESL students experience working together in an intercultural ethnography project, and what they learn from the process.

**If you agree to be in this study, we will ask you to do the following things:**

* Allow us to read the work you turn in for the intercultural ethnography project and, if you agree, allow us to analyze it for our research study.
* Fill out a short questionnaire about your background and English study experience at the beginning of the course
* I may contact you at the end of the semester to invite you to a one-hour interview about your experiences during the project. You will have the opportunity to accept or decline the invitation at that time.

**If you do not agree to be in the study**, you will not be asked to do anything different from your normal course activities. Your decision will not affect your engagement in the normal course activities.

**Total estimated time to participate** in study is:

* Normal class time
* Interview: 1 hour, if you agree to come

**Risks** of being in the study

* The risks of this study are no greater than everyday life. If you feel uncomfortable about having any of your written work used for the study, just let Minjung Park know and she will exclude it from our analysis.
* If you feel uncomfortable or have concerns during your participation in the study, the TSU Counseling Center or Student Health Center can help.

**Benefits** of being in the study:

* There are no direct benefits to being in the study. However, the results of this study may help English teachers to know more about ESL students’ experiences in ethnography projects. This knowledge will be valuable for teachers and ESL students in the future.

**Compensation:**

* There is no compensation for participating in this study.

**Confidentiality and Privacy Protections:**

* We will keep your name private and confidential. During the semester, only Minjung Park will know if you are participating in the study. Your teacher will not know until after the semester is finished and you have received your grades. Ms. Park will not share your private information or anything you tell her with any of your teachers at TSIE. If we publish the results of this study, we will not use your real name.
* We may use the data we get from this study and your participation for another study in the future. This data will be kept for 3 years. If we use it for another publication, the data will not contain any information which gives your name or identity.
* Any copies of your work will be coded so that no personally identifying information is visible on them, and the files will be kept on a secure, password-protected hard drive. All paper and hard copies of data will be secured in a locked box at our homes.

The records of this study will be stored securely in Minjung Park’s home and kept confidential. Authorized persons from The University of Texas at Austin and Texas State University and members of the Institutional Review Board have the legal right to review your research records and will protect the confidentiality of those records to the extent permitted by law. The results of this study may be published, but any publications will exclude any information that will make it possible to identify you. Throughout the study, Minjung Park will tell you if any new information becomes available that might affect your decision to remain in the study. If you are interested in the results of the study, you may request a copy of any published work and it will be made available.

**Contacts and Questions:**

If you have any questions about the study please ask Minjung Park now. If you have questions later, want additional information, or wish to withdraw your participation, call or email her. Her name, phone number, and e-mail address are at the top of this page.

If you would like to obtain information about the research study, have questions, concerns, complaints or wish to discuss problems about a research study with someone unaffiliated with the study, please contact Becky Northcutt, Director, or John Lasser of the Texas State University Institutional Review Board at (512-245-7975). You can also contact the University of Texas IRB Office at (512) 471-8871 or Jody Jensen, Ph.D., Chair, The University of Texas at Austin Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects at (512) 232-2685. Anonymity, if desired, will be protected to the extent possible. As an alternative method of contact, an email may be sent to [orsc@uts.cc.utexas.edu](mailto:orsc@uts.cc.utexas.edu) or a letter sent to IRB Administrator, P.O. Box 7426, Mail Code A 3200, Austin, TX 78713.

***You will be given a copy of this information to keep for your records.***

**Statement of Consent:**

I have read the above information and have sufficient information to make a decision about participating in this study. I consent to participate in the study.

(Below are two options for participation, “minimal participation” and “full participation.” Please read the statements below and put a check mark ( √ ) in the box for the statement if you agree. Please choose only one statement. If you do not want to participate at all, simply keep the form and do not return it to Minjung Park.) Next, there is a question asking if you would like to be interviewed at the end of the semester. Please choose *yes* or *no*.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ *Minimal participation*: I would like to participate. I allow you to access all the work I turn in for my intercultural ethnography project (for example: online collaborative work, worksheets, and presentation slides). But do not analyze and use my work for your study.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*Full participation:* I would like to participate. I allow you to access all the work I turn in for my intercultural ethnography project (for example: online collaborative work, worksheets, and presentation slides) and I allow you to analyze and use my work for your study.

In either case, your project-unrelated course work will not be accessed by Minjung Park.

May we contact you at the end of the semester and invite you to an interview? You can choose

to come or not at that time. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_no

Remember, you can change your mind at any time.

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: (only if you agree to participate) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Minjung Park will **only** use this email address to contact you for the following reasons: to send you the background questionnaire, to arrange time and place of interviews, to answer your questions about the study, and to give you other important information about the study. We will also contact participants at the end of the semester to see if you would like to participate in a voluntary, optional interview.)

Signature of Investigator:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_