

TERMS OF USE AND DATA CONTRIBUTOR LICENSE AGREEMENT

The Parametric Comparison Method. Reconstructing language history through formal grammar - **PCM_Hub**

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This Terms of Use and Data Contributor License Agreement (“Agreement”) governs access to and use of the PCM_Hub web platform (“Platform”). By accessing or using the Platform, Users agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

1. DEFINITIONS

“Platform” means the web application developed within the FAR 2024 POM project “Modeling crosslinguistic diversity in Differential Object Marking through the Parametric Comparison Method”.

“User” means any individual who accesses or uses the Platform.

“Admin” means Users authorized to manage and administer the entire database.

“Registered User” means Users who create an account and upload data to the Platform.

“Public User” means Users who access the publicly available portion of the Platform.

“University” means University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS

By accessing or using the Platform, Users accept this Agreement in full. Users who do not agree to the terms herein must refrain from using the Platform.

3. PURPOSE OF THE PLATFORM

The Platform is intended exclusively for scientific research activities conducted within the framework of the Parametric Comparison Method. No other use is permitted unless expressly authorized in writing by the University.

4. PERMITTED USE

Users agree to:

- Use the Platform in accordance with applicable laws and University regulations.
- Refrain from attempting to breach, circumvent, or compromise Platform security.
- Avoid redistributing non-public data obtained through the Platform.
- Not use Platform content for commercial purposes without prior written authorization.

- The public data of the Platform will be made available under a Creative Commons BY 4.0 license
- Materials provided on this platform may be used exclusively for scientific purposes (e.g., scientific publications). Any use of such materials must include proper citation of the platform as the source.

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5. ACCOUNT CREDENTIALS AND SECURITY

Each account is personal, individual, and non-transferable. Users must maintain confidentiality of their login credentials. Users are fully responsible for all actions performed under their account.

6. USER RESPONSIBILITIES

Registered Users are solely responsible for all data they upload and represent and warrant that:

- They possess all necessary rights to upload and share such data.
- The data do not contain personal information of third parties.
- The data do not infringe any intellectual property or other rights of third parties.
- The data are scientifically suitable for research purposes.

7. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The University shall not be liable for:

- Service interruptions or downtime.
- Loss, corruption, or deletion of data.
- Misuse of the Platform by Users.
- Events beyond the University's reasonable control, including force majeure.

8. ACCOUNT SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION

The University may suspend or revoke a User's access, without prior notice, in cases including but not limited to: misuse of the Platform, violation of this Agreement, security concerns or system integrity risks.

9. DATA CONTRIBUTOR LICENSE (FOR UPLOADED DATA)

9.1 User Declarations:

Users declare they have necessary rights, no personal data of third parties is included, and data may be used for research.

9.2 License Grant:

Users grant a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license to use, store, modify, and publish data as applicable.

9.3 Waiver of Economic Claims:

Users waive any financial claims arising from the University's use of the uploaded data.

10. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement is governed by the Italian laws.

11. AMENDMENTS

The University may modify the Agreement at any time. Continued use constitutes acceptance.

12. CONTACT

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