

Participant Information Sheet For Adult Participants

This study has been approved by X Research Department's Ethics Chair [Project ID: 3990/003]

YOU WILL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION SHEET

Title of Study: Social Decision-Making

Department: Experimental Psychology

Name and Contact Details of the Researcher(s): Joseph Marks, joseph.marks.14@ucl.ac.uk

Name and Contact Details of the Principal Researcher: Tali Sharot, t.sharot@ucl.ac.uk

1. Invitation Paragraph

You are being invited to take part in a research project. Before you decided it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Participation is voluntary and you can take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. The researcher conducting this experiment is a PhD student.

2. What is the project's purpose?

The purpose of this project is to see how people respond when observing simple distribution games between anonymous and varying pairs of players.

3. Why have I been chosen?

Participants for this study are recruited from the UCL Sona System. There are no exclusion criteria for this study.

4. Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. You can withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without it affecting any benefits that you are entitled to. If you decide to withdraw you will be asked what you wish to happen to the data you have provided up to that point.

5. What will happen to me if I take part?

The study consists of one session and will last approximately 1.5 hours. Participants will take part in a computer-based decision-making task. It involves the observation of simple distribution games between anonymous and varying pairs of players. They are playing for money and in real time via an online service. In accordance to the outcome of each of these games you will get the option to interact by changing their monetary pay-out. Following the task you will have to fill out a brief questionnaire, which will ask for basic demographic information about the participant and involve completing short personality questionnaires.

6. What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

There are no foreseeable discomforts, disadvantages or risks that will arise from the research process.

7. What are the benefits of taking part?

People participating in this research will receive £12 in cash in compensation for the time spent.

8. What if something goes wrong?

If you have any complaints about the researcher conducting this experiment, or about the experimental task, you should contact the Principle Researcher, Tali Sharot (t.sharot@ucl.ac.uk). Should you feel your complaint has not been handled to your satisfaction, you can contact the Chair of the UCL Research Ethics Committee (ethics@ucl.ac.uk).

9. Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?

All the information that we collect about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. You will not be able to be identified in any ensuing reports or publications.

10. Limits to confidentiality

Confidentiality will be respected subject to legal constraints and professional guidelines.

11. Use of Deception

Research designs often require that the full intent of the study not be explained prior to participation. Although we have described the general nature of the tasks that you will be asked to perform, the full intent of the study will not be explained to you until after the completion of the study at which point you may withdraw your data from the study.

12. What will happen to the results of the research project?

The results of the research are likely to be published in a scientific journal article and presented within a PhD thesis. You can obtain a copy of the published results from the Affective Brain Lab's website publication page: http://affectivebrain.com/?page_id=1981. Pseudonymised data will be stored by the Affective Brain Lab on hard drive and cloud storage facilities. Consent forms and personal identifiers will likely be stored for up to seven years.

13. Data Protection Privacy Notice

Notice:

The data controller for this project will be University College London (UCL). The UCL Data Protection Office provides oversight of UCL activities involving the processing of personal data, and can be contacted at data-protection@ucl.ac.uk. [UCL's Data Protection Officer is Lee Shailer and he can also be contacted at data-protection@ucl.ac.uk.](#)

Your personal data will be processed for the purposes outlined in this notice. The legal basis that would be used to process your personal data will be the provision of your consent. You can provide your consent for the use of your personal data in this project by completing the consent form that has been provided to you.

We will anonymise or pseudonymise the personal data you provide and will endeavour to minimise the processing of personal data wherever possible.

If you are concerned about how your personal data is being processed, please contact UCL in the first instance at data-protection@ucl.ac.uk. [If you remain unsatisfied](#), you may wish to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Contact details, and details of data subject rights, are available on the ICO website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/individuals-rights/>

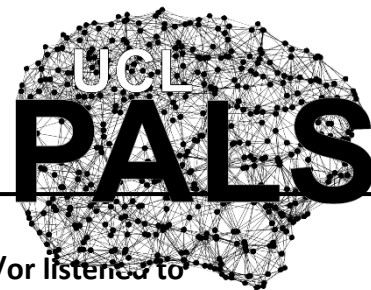
14. Who is organising and funding the research?

The Affective Brain Lab is funding this research.

16. Contact for further information

Dr Tali Sharot: t.sharot@ucl.ac.uk

Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering to take part in this research study.



CONSENT FORM FOR ADULTS IN RESEARCH STUDIES

Please complete this form after you have read the Information Sheet and/or listened to an explanation about the research.

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Name and Contact Details of the UCL Data Protection Officer: Lee Shailer, data-protection@ucl.ac.uk.

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Thank you for considering taking part in this research. The person organising the research must explain the project to you before you agree to take part. If you have any questions arising from the Information Sheet or explanation already given to you, please ask the researcher before you decide whether to join in. You will be given a copy of this Consent Form to keep and refer to at any time.

I confirm that I understand that by ticking/initialling each box below I am consenting to this element of the study. I understand that it will be assumed that unticked/initialled boxes means that I DO NOT consent to that part of the study. I understand that by not giving consent for any one element that I may be deemed ineligible for the study.

		Tick Box
1.	*I confirm that I have read and understood the Information Sheet for the above study. I have had an opportunity to consider the information and what will be expected of me. I have also had the opportunity to ask questions which have been answered to my satisfaction	
2.	*I understand that I will be able to withdraw my data up to 2 weeks after participation	
3.	*I consent to the processing of my personal information (<i>gender, age, nationality, education and subjective socio-economic status</i>) for the purposes explained to me. I understand that such information will be handled in accordance with all applicable data protection legislation.	
4.	*I understand that all personal information will remain confidential and that all efforts will be made to ensure I cannot be identified (<i>unless you state otherwise, because of the research design or except as required by law</i>). I understand that my data gathered in this study will be stored anonymously and securely. It will not be possible to identify me in any publications.	
5.	*I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason. I understand that if I decide to withdraw, any personal data I have provided up to that point will be deleted unless I agree otherwise.	

6.	I understand the potential risks of participating and the support that will be available to me should I become distressed during the course of the research.	
7.	I understand the benefits of participating.	
8.	I understand that the data will not be made available to any commercial organisations but is solely the responsibility of the researcher(s) undertaking this study.	
9.	I understand that I will not benefit financially from this study or from any possible outcome it may result in in the future.	
10.	I understand that I will be compensated for the portion of time spent in the study (if applicable) or fully compensated if I choose to withdraw.	
11.	I agree that my pseudonymised research data may be used by others for future research. [No one will be able to identify you when this data is shared.]	
12.	I understand that the information I have submitted will be published as a report and I wish to receive a copy of it. Yes/No	
13.	I hereby confirm that I understand the inclusion criteria as detailed in the Information Sheet and explained to me by the researcher.	
14.	I hereby confirm that: (a) I understand the exclusion criteria as detailed in the Information Sheet and explained to me by the researcher; and (b) I do not fall under the exclusion criteria.	
15.	I agree that my GP may be contacted if any unexpected results are found in relation to my health.	
16.	I have informed the researcher of any other research in which I am currently involved or have been involved in during the past 12 months.	
17.	I am aware of who I should contact if I wish to lodge a complaint.	
18.	I voluntarily agree to take part in this study.	
19.	Use of information for this project and beyond: I would be happy for the data I provide to be archived on UCL's data safe haven. I understand that other authenticated researchers may have access to my pseudonymised data.	

If you would like your contact details to be retained so that you can be contacted in the future by UCL researchers who would like to invite you to participate in follow up studies to this project, or in future studies of a similar nature, please tick the appropriate box below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I would be happy to be contacted in this way	
<input type="checkbox"/>	No, I would not like to be contacted	

Name of participant Date Signature

Researcher Date Signature