

HREC Template Informed Consent form for research study participants

Template in English:

INFORMED CONSENT FORM FOR PARTICIPANTS IN RESEARCH STUDIES

Please complete this form after you have read the Information Sheet and when you have received an explanation about the research project.

Project title : The metrics of online dating. A sociological study of matching algorithms

Principal Investigator (Name and First Name) : Pidoux Jessica

Participant (Name and First Name) :

Thank you for your interest in taking part in this research. Before you agree to take part, the person organising the research must explain the project to you.

If you have any questions arising from the Information Sheet or explanation already given to you, please ask the researcher before you decide to join in. You will be given a copy of this Consent Form to keep and to refer to at any time.

Participant's Statement

I,

- agree that the research project named above has been explained to me to my satisfaction and I agree to participate in this study on a voluntary basis.
- understand that if I decide at any time that I no longer wish to take part in this project I can notify the researchers involved and withdraw from the study without giving reasons and without any negative consequences.
- have read the Information Sheet for participants and I have received a copy of the Information Sheet and Consent Form.
- have been informed that all data will be collected and stored safely and reported in an anonymous form, in accordance with the CH Federal law on data protection ("Loi fédérale sur la protection des données" – RS 235.1).
- agree that the principal investigator has access to the original data under strict confidentiality.
- have been informed that any injury or damage occurring during or following my participation in the above-mentioned research project and for which the responsibility of the EPFL can be established, is covered by the general liability insurance of EPFL (insurance policy no. 501 402430.002 of La Mobilière Assurances), in accordance with the terms and conditions of the insurance. To complement the above-mentioned insurance, it is my responsibility to have adequate health insurance and accident insurance coverage.
- In case of doubt, just like in case of discomfort/undesirable effects related to my participation in this study, I will contact the researcher directly.

The extra copy of this consent form is for you to keep.

Signature:	
Date:	

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This study has been approved by the EPFL Research Ethics Committee (HREC No.):

Name Principal Investigator: Jessica Pidoux

Institution / Address: Digital Humanities Institute – INN 139 Station 14 1015 Lausanne

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We would like to invite _____ to participate in this research project.

Details of the study:

In this section, please include the following elements about your study:

- This is a FNS funding research project that seeks to understand how matching algorithms are quantifying personal criteria in dating platforms.
- For a qualitative analysis we are seeking users of online dating platforms as well as developers working with matching algorithms to conduct interviews with them. The participant, woman or man, must be min. 18 years old.
- During max. 45 min the researcher will ask the participant open questions about your personal experience in online dating or with matching algorithms. The interviews will be audio recorded in Free Lossless Audio Codec (FLAC) (.flac) format. Participant's name will remain anonymous.

- No compensation will be given to participate in the interviews

Please ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like to receive more information.

It is up to you to decide whether you will take part or not; choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. As a participant you have the right to withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason or facing negative consequences.

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