Participant Information Sheet - Interview

Researcher:
My name is Yaya Lu, and I am an honours student studying a Bachelor of Software Engineering at the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science. My research is on developing digital genealogical representations of complex relationships between Greek Mythology entities using Dr. Greta Hawes' MANTO database.

Project Title: Analysis and Visualisation of Complex Familial Relationships in Greek Mythology

General Outline of the Project:
- **Description and Methodology:** My goal is to provide an intuitive web-interface that displays the genealogical connections in the MANTO database. This involves graphical representations of the relationships as well as highlighting the complexities of said relationships.
- **Participants:** I intend to interview scholars of Greek Mythology from around the world, and survey interested students from the Australian National University. There will be approximately 30 participants total.
- **Use of Data and Feedback:** The data will be used to determine possible future research and potential amendments to the existing interface designs. The final data will be presented in my thesis publication in mid-2020 and possibly in peer-reviewed published articles and conference presentations.

Participant Involvement:
- **Voluntary Participation & Withdrawal:** Your participation in this project is voluntary and you may, without negative consequences, decline to take part or withdraw from the research without providing an explanation at any time until the work is prepared for publication. Within the research, you may also decline to answer any question. If you withdraw, the data you have provided prior to withdrawal will be destroyed and not used. If you would still like some parts of your interview to be used, you can choose to opt-in.
- **What does participation in the research entail?** You are invited to participate in an interview with me, either in-person or through video-conferencing. With your consent, I will video and audio-record the interview so that I can accurately reflect your interaction with the system. You will first be asked to explore the interface yourself, and then you will be given some guided exploration tasks. You will then be asked a series of post-interview questions about your experience with the platform.
- **Location and Duration:** Interviews are expected to last about an hour, and will be conducted at a place of your choosing, except if video-conferencing is preferred. You will only be required for one session, but I may contact you for some follow-up questions through another medium – such as email – if consent is given.
- **Risks:** The research carries little risk, however it does discuss unorthodox relationship types, and this may cause some distress or discomfort. If you feel uncomfortable, you can withdraw from the study at any time without negative consequences. Individual participant results will remain confidential unless there is explicit consent given –see below in "Confidentiality".
- **Benefits:** For participants, you will assist in the development of an interface containing extensive Greek Mythology resources, that aims to assist you and other scholars and research students with easy access to Greek Mythology data. I also hope that this project improves the perception of complex relationships, whether in Greek Mythology, in other cultures, in modern society, or in data visualisation techniques.

Confidentiality:

- **Confidentiality:** Consent will be given for in-person interviews by filling out the Written Consent Form provided at the start of the interview. Your level of identification will also be based on your responses on the consent form. Video-conferencing interview consent will be given at the start of the interview through recorded oral consent. Full confidentiality, however, may not be guaranteed (i.e. student and scholar status may be referenced) so please avoid providing any sensitive or defamatory information.

Privacy Notice:

In collecting your personal information within this research, the ANU must comply with the Privacy Act 1988. The ANU Privacy Policy is available at https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_010007 and it contains information about how a person can:

- Access or seek correction to their personal information;
- Complain about a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle by ANU, and how ANU will handle the complaint.

Data Storage:

- **Where:** Upon interview completion, the data will be uploaded and securely stored on the ANU server. A version of the files with individual results de-identified will be kept for reference on my personal computer. All files will be password-protected and encrypted.
- **How long:** All research data will be retained and securely stored for at least five years following publications arising from the research.
- **Handling of Data following the required storage period:** Upon expiration of the storage period, the data will be de-identified and archived, to allow use in future iterations of this interface.

Queries and Concerns:

- **Contact Details for More Information:** For further requests for information or queries regarding the study, please contact the following:

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Ethics Committee Clearance:

The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee (Protocol 2019/758). If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research has been conducted, please contact:

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