

Ethnographic Practicum

Informed Consent for Individual Interviews

_____ is conducting
STUDENT RESEARCHER'S NAME
research to fulfill requirements for a university course titled: _____

This research consists mainly of ethnographic fieldwork, which involves observations and interviews, as well as interpretation and analysis of information taken from these activities. The general purpose of ethnographic research is to learn how members of a community (for example, a particular social movement) make sense of their own community and its relationships with other people, communities, and institutions. Ethnography is a kind of research commonly done by scholars in social science fields like Anthropology.

The focus of this project is solidarity and justice across social movements in Canada – how different social movements experience solidarity and develop strategies of collective action.

We invite you to participate in this research, and respectfully request about one hour of your time for an interview to be conducted on-line, at a time convenient to you.

Voluntary Nature of Participation

Participation in this research is completely voluntary. You may decline to answer questions or withdraw from participation without any negative effects whatsoever. You may withdraw at any time and if you wish, data from an interview already conducted will be destroyed. To withdraw, contact the student researcher. Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

Confidentiality

If you opt for confidentiality (see below), every effort will be made not to reveal personally identifiable information in reports based on this research. Information identifying you will be kept separately from field notes, interview recordings and transcripts. Only the student researcher will have access to the interview recording and transcript, which will be destroyed after the study is completed. In public reports, your actions or things you say may be presented without specific reference to you, referenced only by pseudonym, or combined anonymously with the actions and words of other participants.

Risks and Benefits

Your participation in this project should not involve risks beyond those of ordinary life. You will not be paid for your participation in this research project, nor is it expected that your participation will bring you any benefits, tangible or otherwise. It is hoped that the student researcher named above will benefit from this project by learning how to do ethnographic research.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints about this research project, please contact the student researcher, the course instructor, or the undergraduate coordinator:

Student researcher: tel _____, email _____
Course instructor: _____, email: _____, tel: _____
Associate Chair, Undergraduate: _____, email: _____, tel: _____

If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this study, please contact the University of Toronto Office of Research Ethics, ethics.review@utoronto.ca

Consent Statement

I have read and understand the forgoing description of this research project, including information about the risks and benefits of my voluntary participation.

I do ____ / do not ____ wish my identity to be kept confidential. (Please initial one.)

I give my permission for this interview to be audio recorded ____ (Please check to grant consent)

Signature

Date

Print Name

There are two copies of this form. Please sign both. Return one to the researcher and keep one for your records.