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PRIVACY NOTICE

According to the EU General Data Protection Regulation GDPR (EU 679/2016), Art. 13-14. The researcher does not collect personal information. Please avoid disclosing personal details, such as name, name of family member, place of residence, date of birth. Any personal information that is disclosed by the participants themselves will be redacted.

The notice concerns:

Research project: Religion and social exclusion: Cross-cultural Approach and New Methodology (RelEx), Åbo Akademi University Centre of Excellence in Research 2024-2028

Data controller

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Åbo Akademi University is controller for the personal data collected and processed in the university's activities – in teaching, guidance, research, administration, and cooperation, internally and externally.

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Why do we treat your personal data?

Our purpose with this research project is to gather more knowledge about the worldviews and values of young people, and especially those who maybe face different forms of social exclusion. The research is

a continuation of previous research on the worldviews of young adults across the world. The research data is gathered with the following instruments: a) Survey, b) Faith-Q-sorting, c) Debriefing interviews.

We conduct this current research project in order to ensure that our research includes young people in different life-situations across a broader diversity of countries and cultural contexts.

Several hundreds of young people worldwide will take part in this study. Individual results will not be shared with anyone outside the research group. The results will be published in academic articles and books. All participants will remain totally anonymous.

According to GDPR there must always be a legal basis for processing personal data. The legal basis for processing your personal data is:

Public interest or official authority: Åbo Akademi University has statutory tasks of public interest and the right to exercise official authority according to the Universities Act. Scientific and historical research is an example of a statutory task of public interest. Personal data is gathered and processed for the purposes of scientific research. The topic of religion and social exclusion has clear relevance particularly for the study of religions and social exclusion.

Which personal data is processed and by whom?

Personal data processed includes name (if you choose to participate with your own name), e-mail or phone number, age, voice (if you choose to participate in recorded interview).

The data will be processed by the local research group at Åbo Akademi University (see <https://sites.abo.fi/relex/relex-core-team/>).

The following special category data, as defined in Articles 9 and 10 of the GDPR, will be processed: racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, data concerning a person's sex life or sexual orientation, criminal convictions and offences. These special categories of personal data are processed on the legal basis of 6 § in the Data Protection Act.

We do not explicitly ask questions about racial or ethnic origin, sex life or sexual orientation, or criminal convictions and offences. However, questions about religious or philosophical beliefs, and political opinions are included. Biometric data in the form of voice is gathered if you participate in the recorded interview. All interview recordings are properly destroyed when anonymized transcripts are available.

From where do we collect your personal data and how is the data processed?

From yourself in form of the personal data that you share in the survey, and during the Faith-Q-sort and interview, as well as on the informed consent form.

In connection with the gathering of survey answers, Faith-Q-sorts, and interviews, the researcher creates a register that includes the above-listed personal data of all participants. The register is stored separately from Survey answers, Pictures of the Faith-Q-sort board, the recorded and transcribed interview. Only the local research team at Åbo Akademi University has access to this register and is bound by confidentiality. If you choose to participate under a pseudonym, your other personal data will be included in the register under this pseudonym. All survey answers and Faith-Q-sorts are gathered under a code number and are stored separately from the informed consent with your name/pseudonym and contact details (e-mail or phone number). You have the right to deny that your personal data is included in the register.

The survey answers, pictures of Faith-Q-sorts, interview recording and transcription are stored on an encrypted, password protected server provided by the Åbo Akademi University, during the research process. Informed consent forms are collected in paper format, after which they are photographed and digitally transferred to the secure server, after transfer paper versions of the informed consent forms are destroyed.

The anonymized survey answers, Faith-Q-sorts, and transcriptions are archived at the Finnish Social Science Data Archive (FSD). The archive has no final end date for storage of the data. In case the archive should cease, the archive commits to ensure that the data is transferred to another equivalent archive with the same obligations that can continue to store the data.

If you have notified the researcher that you deny the archiving of your survey, Faith-Q-sorting, or anonymized interview transcription, this data will be destroyed before transferal of the research data to the archive.

If you have notified the researcher that you wish to withdraw from the study after the survey, Faith-Q-sort, or interview, the informed consent form and all your personal data will be erased.

Is your personal data transferred to a third party (outside Åbo Akademi University for processing?)

No, personal data will not be transferred for processing outside Åbo Akademi University for processing.

Is your personal data transferred to a third party (outside Åbo Akademi University) for the needs of the third party?

No, personal data will not be transferred outside Åbo Akademi University.

Is your personal data transferred outside EU/EEA?

No, personal data is not transferred outside EU/EEA.

What rights do you have when Åbo Akademi University processes your personal data?

Åbo Akademi University is responsible for taking appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect personal data against unauthorized or illegal processing and against damage to or loss of personal data. Personal data must always be processed in a fair and transparent manner in accordance with applicable data protection regulations

According to the EU General Data Protection Regulation GDPR, you have the right to

- get transparent information on how your personal data is processed and how you can exercise your rights (Art. 12)
- get access to your personal data at Åbo Akademi University and information on the processing of data (Art. 15)
- have your personal data corrected (Art. 16). *Note that employees and students at Åbo Akademi University can in most cases correct their own data according to the instructions on the intranet.*
- have your data erased (“the right to be forgotten”) in certain situations (Art. 17)
- restrict the processing of your personal data in certain situations (Art. 18)
- have your personal data transferred between systems in certain situations (Art. 20)
- object to the processing of your personal data in certain situations (Art. 21)
- not be subject to automated decision-making, with certain exceptions (Art. 22)

You have also the right to be informed of a personal data breach involving a high risk for your personal data (Art. 34).

When the purpose of the processing is scientific research, statistics or archival purposes, the rights may be restricted by the Data Protection Act (1050/2018). Restrictions on rights always require special protective measures.

If you have questions about your rights, you can contact the responsible contact person (see above) or the Åbo Akademi University Data Protection Officer (dataskydd@abo.fi). See also the overall information on the processing of personal data on the ÅAU website (www.abo.fi/en/processing-of-personal-data-at-abo-akademi-university).

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the data protection authority if you believe that the processing of your personal data is an infringement of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

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