



INFORMED CONSENT FORM

‘Vulnerabilities Under the Global Protection Regime. How Does the Law Assess, Address, Shape and Produce the Vulnerabilities of the Protection Seekers?’ (VULNER)

Project Information

This scientific research is conducted in different countries by a consortium of partners coordinated by the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology¹. It is financed by the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 870845, and by the Canadian Research Council (SSHRC) through matching funding for the Canadian research partners. The project objectives are to study how migrants’ vulnerabilities are addressed in law and in practice, and to document the vulnerabilities experienced by migrants, asylum seekers and refugees during the migration process. More information on the project can be found on www.vulner.eu.

You are invited to take part to the (country) national study, which is conducted by (researcher A) and (researcher B) etc under the leading of (WP leader) from (research institution).

Participation in the Project

Your participation in this project is *voluntary*. You understand that you will not be paid for your participation. You may withdraw and discontinue participation at any time without penalty. If you feel uncomfortable in any way during the interview session, you have the right to decline to answer any question or to end the interview. With your permission, the interview will be recorded with a digital device.

Confidentiality

Your confidentiality as a participant in this study will *remain secure at all times*, unless you explicitly waived your right to confidentiality. No information allowing your identification will be disclosed in the dissemination of results, unless you give your explicit consent. The interview transcript will be centrally stored in a secure and encrypted database located in the servers of the Max Planck Digital Library in Germany. Your identity will not be stored in the database and replaced with a pseudonym.

Data Use

The collected data will be used *for the purpose of scientific research exclusively*. They may be communicated to the scientific partners of the research project and to the authorities upon their explicit request in case of a criminal investigation. They may also be reused by the research team of (research institution) for the purpose of ulterior scientific research, under the condition that they remain fully pseudonymized.

¹ The scientific partners of the research project include: the Max Planck Gesellschaft, the Catholic University of Louvain (UCL), the Martin-Luther Universität of Halle-Wittenberg, the Università Ca’Foscari Venezia, the Institut for Samfunnsforskning, the University of Ottawa, the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning McGill University, the York University, the Education Development Centre in Lebanon. *Please note that the Education Development Centre in Lebanon is located in a non-EU country which legislation does not offer a similar protection to the EU one.* The University of Ottawa, the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning McGill University, the York University, the Education Development Centre in Lebanon committed contractually to respecting EU legal standards, including the including the ALLEA European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity and Regulation No 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.

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Incidental findings regarding serious offences, such as human trafficking, exploitation and other forms of severe human rights violations, will be reported to the relevant authorities.

Contact

This research project has been reviewed by the ethics review boards of the (research institution) and of all the research partners involved. For ethical problems or any other question regarding the research project, you can contact (contact details of the WP leaders).

Complaints on the data collection process and the use of your personal data may be addressed to the data protection officer of the (research institution)² and to the data protection authority of (relevant data protection authority).³

Consent and Signature

I, the undersigned participant, hereby confirm that:

- I have read and understood this informed consent form. I have had all my questions answered to my satisfaction, and I voluntarily agree to participate in this study;
- I have been given a copy of this informed consent form;
- I give my consent to the processing and storage of my personal data for the purpose of scientific research exclusively, according to the options I choose below:

I waive my right to confidentiality and give permission to be identified by name and affiliation.

I give permission for my affiliation to be reported but wishes my name to be withheld.

I give permission for any information provided by me to be used only if my name and affiliation are withheld.

I give permission for any information provided by me to be used only if my name and affiliation are withheld, and under the condition that no direct quotes to this interview are being made.

I give permission to: _____

Date and place of the interview: _____

Participant name and signature (or pseudonym): _____

Researcher name and signature: _____

² (Contact details of the data protection officer of your Institution).

³ (Contact details of the relevant data protection authority).