**Informed Consent**

for

**IDEAS Project with UNISA Students**

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| Please tick the appropriate boxes | Yes No 🞏 🞏 |

1. **Taking part in the study**

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| 1. I have read and understood the study information sent in the email with this form. I have been able to ask questions about the study and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. | 🞏 |
| 1. I consent voluntarily to be a participant in this study and understand that I can refuse to answer questions and I can withdraw from the study, without having to give a reason, at any time up until my data is anonymised, i.e., any references to my name, place of residence and email addresses are deleted. | 🞏 |
| 1. I understand that taking part in the study involves an interview by phone with researchers from the IDEAS team of around half-an-hour to an hour and that this call is audio recorded and then transcribed. | 🞏 |

1. **Use of the information in the study**

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| 1. I understand that information I provide will be used for academic research about the experiences of international distance education students. | 🞏 |
| 1. I understand that personal information collected about me that can identify me, such as my name or where I live, will not be shared beyond the study team based at The Open University. | 🞏 |
| 1. I understand that as soon as the interview has been transcribed and combined with my data from the questionnaire I filled in for this project previously, my information will be anonymised by deleting any information such as my name, the place where I live, and my email addresses. | 🞏 |
| 1. I give permission for the information I provide to also be shared with the research team at University of South Africa and University of Leicester after it has been anonymised as they are partners in this project. I understand that sending the database to South Africa involves anonymised research data crossing an international border and leaving the European Economic Area. | 🞏 |
| 1. I agree that I can be quoted in research outputs without any information such as my name or where I live that may identify me. | 🞏 |

1. **Future use and reuse of the information by others**

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| I give permission for the information I provide to be deposited in a specialist data centre called [UK Data ReShare](https://reshare.ukdataservice.ac.uk/) after it has been anonymised, so it can be used for future research and learning. | 🞏 |

1. **Signature**

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| **Name of participant [IN CAPITALS]** | **Signature** | | **Date** |

1. **Consent**

We will go through the consent form at the beginning of the interview to record your consent in the recording and transcript.

**Thank you.**