**INFORMATION & CONSENT SHEET**

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether or not to

take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will

involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully:

**Why have I been invited for testing and what will i do?**

We have been recruiting participants on Sussex campus by approaching them in person and

asking them to partake in our study. Our aim is to gather around 80 participants.

The aim of this study is to investigate the cultural differences in recognising emotional

experience and expression. You will be asked to fill out a questionnaire both before and after

watching a short clip. Whilst watching this clip, you will be recorded by the internal webcam

of the computer being used. Your participation in this study will take approximately 15

minutes.

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary, which means you have the right to

withdraw at any given time, up to the point of submitting your data to us, without providing

reason. If you decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be

asked to sign a consent form. Your involvement in this study will not in any way have impact

on your marks, assessments or future studies.

**are there any risks or benefits to taking part?**

Through your participation in this study you might learn more about certain aspects of

human behaviour.

**What will happen to the results and my personal information?**

The results of the study will be used as part of a BSc Psychology final project as well as

being part of a wider study conducted by a researcher at University of St Andrew’s. There is

a possibility that the results will be published. If you would like to obtain a copy of this

publication, please leave your email with one of the researches.

All information gathered from your participation will remain strictly confidential ensuring your

privacy and anonymity. Anonymity is also ensured during the storage and publication of the

research material. The recordings of you will only be shared with researchers on this project

during the coding process- none will appear in the final publication of the data.

**CONSENT**

* I understand that by signing below I am agreeing to take part in the University of Sussex research described here, and that I have read and understood this information sheet.
* I understand that my participation is entirely voluntary, that I can choose not to participate in part or all of the study, and that I can withdraw at any time up until the point of submitting my data- without having to give a reason and without being penalised in any way (e.g., if I am a student, my decision whether or not to take part will not affect my grades).
* I consent to the processing of my personal information for the purposes of this research study. I understand that such information will be treated as strictly confidential (subject to legal limitations) and handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.
* I understand that agreeing to take part means that I am willing to:

Use a computer to:

Allow my reaction to the clip to be videotaped

Fill out a questionnaire about my cultural identity

* I understand that any information I provide is confidential, and that no information that I

disclose will lead to the identification of any individual in the reports on the project, either by

the researcher or by any other party.

* I consent to the videotapes being shown to other researchers and interested professional

parties.

* I consent to the processing of my personal information for the purposes of this research

study. I understand that such information will be treated as strictly confidential and handled

in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Our research group at the University of Sussex carries out studies on recognising emotional expression. Please initial this box if you are happy for us to include your data again in future studies if these have gained independent ethically approval, based on the strict confidentiality terms described above.

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Name of Participant Date Signature

Independent Witness\*

I believe the above-named participant understands the information give and consents voluntarily.

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Name of Witness Date Signature

\*Witness required only where there is some relationship between participant and researcher which might be deemed to unduly influence participant’s voluntary consent.

Ethical approval

