**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**BIRKBECK UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

**INFORMATION SHEET FOR:** Uncovering mechanisms of attentional control by tracking preparatory states in real time

Before you decide to take part in this study, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take the time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. A member of the research team can be contacted if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

This research project looks at the mechanisms of attentional control by tracking preparatory states in real time. This study will be completed by July 2024.

In this study, you will be shown brief displays of stimuli on the computer screen, and will be asked to identify a particular target and respond to it as fast as possible.

There are no foreseeable risks or discomforts associated with your participation. There are no immediate benefits for your participation in the study. However, it is hoped that this work will contribute to our understanding of the brain mechanisms related to attention and distraction.

Your results will be kept confidential. They will be collected and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) guidelines. Your anonymised results will be uploaded to an online repository and may be used for additional or subsequent research. If these results are published, your identity will not be revealed.

After the experiment, you will be debriefed on the purpose of the experiment. If you want to contact the researchers for answers to pertinent questions about the research and the rights of participants, please contact Dr. Rebecca Nako, r.nako@bbk.ac.uk

The results of this project will be written up for publication. Your personal information will not be collected or published in this work.

You have the right to withdraw participation at any point up until the point that the anonymised data can no longer be identified. Your participation is voluntary, refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

The project has received ethical approval from the Department of Psychological Sciences Research Ethics Committee of Birkbeck University of London

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For information about Birkbeck’s data protection policy please visit:

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If you have concerns about this study, please contact the School’s Ethics Officer at: ethics@psychology.bbk.ac.uk

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