

**Application for Ethical Approval (Student)**

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| **Student status:** |  |
| **Supervisor/Tutor/Module leader:** |       |
| **Project Title:** |       |

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| **Details of the research**Outline the context and rationale for the research, the aims and objectives of the research and the methods of data collection  |
| Context - For the first assignment for MECS2031 I will be required to interview one person in relation to popular culture and identity Rationale- The rationale is to explore whether music, sport, film, television, books and or various forms of popular culture are important in how people perceive themselves. Aims- To explore identity in relation to popular cutluresObjectives- For one interview to be conducted in order to investiage the role that popular cutlure plays in relation to identity- Anonymous material from the interview will be related to theories of identities. Methods of data collection - One semi-structured interivew will be conducted |

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| **Who are your participants/subjects?** |
| - One person who has given their consent to the interivew |
| **How do you intend to recruit your participants?**This should explain the means by which participants in the research will be recruited. If any incentives and/or compensation (financial or other) is to be offered to participants, this should be clearly explained and justified. |
| - The interivewee will be someone who is willing to talk about their favouriate pasttimes such as watching or playing sport or listenting to music. - They will also be someone who will give their informed consent - They will be asked if they are happy to participate in the interview before any interivew takes place and before signing any consent form  |
| **How will you gain informed consent/assent?**Where you will provide an information sheet and/or consent form, please append this. If you are undertaking a deception study or covert research please outline how you will debrief participants below |
| - written consent will be obtained- the interivewee will be asked to read through the consent form and will be asked to sign two copies- the interivewer will also sign two copies- the interviewer will keep one copy and the interivewee will keep one copy - see the consent form on Blackboard and on Dr Barbara Mitra's website |
| **Confidentiality, anonymity, data storage and disposal**Provide explanation of any measures to preserve confidentiality and anonymity, including specific explanation of data storage and disposal plans. |
| - Confidenitiality will be preserved through changing the name of the participant on any writtne transcript of the interview- When submitting the transcript there will be no reference made to the actual name of the person being interviewed- I will store the information from the recording device to a PC or Laptop or password protected memory stick. - I will ensure taht no other person or person(s) will hear or see any material tthat has been recorded. - when the transcript has been written the recorded interivew will be deleted.  |
| **Ethical considerations and potential risks to participants/subjects**Outline the ethical issues you think the research raises and how you intend to address these issues.  |
| - The interviewee will be treated with the utmost respect and their wishes respected. at all times. -- if they wish to stop the interview at any time then I will stop the interview. - if they wish anything to be 'off the record' then I will respect their wishes.- The topics need to remain focused on mainstream popular culture such as films, music, teleivsion,sports etc. and should not focus on any sensitive issues.  |
| **Published ethical guidelines to be followed**Identify the professional code(s) of practice and/or ethical guidelines relevant to the subject domain of the research. |
| - the ethical guidelines include respecting the confidentiality of the interivewee- giving the interivewee the option to stop partaking in the interview at any time- allowing the interviewee to change their mind about taking part in the interview- respecting and ensuring their anonymity - respecting their confidentiality- University's Ethics Policy   |

**Student Declaration**

I have read the University’s Ethics Policy and any relevant codes of practice or guidelines and I have identified and addressed the ethical issues in my research honestly and to the best of my knowledge

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| **Signature:** |  | **Date:** |  |

**Supervisor/Tutor/Module Leader Declaration**

(Tick as applicable)

[ ]  I am satisfied that the student has identified and addressed the ethical issues and grant ethical approval for this research

[ ]  I refer this Application for Ethical Approval to the Institute Ethics Committee

[ ]  I refer this Application for Ethical Approval to the University’s Ethics & Research Governance Committee

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| **Signature:** |  | **Date:** |  |

**Institute Ethics Coordinator Declaration**

(Tick as applicable)

[ ]  The Institute Ethics Committee is satisfied that the student has identified and addressed the ethical issues and grants ethical approval for this research.

[ ] The Institute Ethics Committee is **not** satisfied that the student has identified and addressed the ethical issues in this research and **does not** grant ethical approval for this research.

[ ]  The Institute Ethics Committee is **not** satisfied that the student has identified and addressed the ethical issues and refers this Application for Ethical Approval to the University’s Ethics & Research Governance Committee

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**Chair of the Ethics & Research Governance Committee Declaration**

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[ ] The Ethics & Research Governance Committee is **not** satisfied that the student has identified and addressed the ethical issues in this research and **does not** grant ethical approval for this research.

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