

**INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT**  
**Global data justice in the era of big data: toward an inclusive framing of informational rights and freedoms**  
**Principal investigator: Dr. Linnet Taylor (TILT, Tilburg University, Netherlands)**

You are invited to participate in a research study to understand the use and sharing of the digital data you produce as a result of your use of news and mobile phone operator websites. This study is part of the DATAJUSTICE project of Dr. Linnet Taylor at the Tilburg University Law School, in the Netherlands, and is funded by the European Union ERC program.

**INFORMATION**

If you become a participant/collaborator in this study we will ask you to help us gather information by:

1. Loading a Firefox browser on your computer
2. Loading the Lightbeam add-on and visiting one news and one mobile phone network operator's website
3. Saving the resulting log of the trackers which these websites load on your browser and sending it to us.

I consent to installing the Firefox browser and the Lightbeam add-on

I consent to collecting data using the add-on and sending it to the DataJustice project

Your participation in this study is voluntary; you may refuse to participate or withdraw for any reason, at any point. If you withdraw from the study while the project is ongoing, your contact details will be deleted. Any data collected from you which is irrelevant to the concerns of this research will be deleted unused.

The project is designed to be repeated at one-year intervals (2018-2023): if you take part in the first iteration and indicate that you would like to do so again, we will contact you a year later to ask if you wish to be part of the next rounds as well. You do not have to participate again if you change your mind.

I consent to receiving follow-up communication with the DataJustice project about this study

**CONFIDENTIALITY, PRIVACY AND SECURITY**

The information on web trackers that you send us will become part of a larger cross-national dataset that will be freely accessible to researchers. It will not include any personal information that may identify you, including details of your computer, your browser or your internet provider. It will not include details of any other web browsing activity. If any other information is discovered in the course of our analysis which makes you identifiable, we will delete it.

Your contact details and participation in the project will **be treated as confidential**. You will not be identified by name unless we have asked you explicitly if we may do so. Our use and handling of any data you provide will be in accordance with your country's legal requirements on data protection and with the provisions of EU data protection regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679).

**RISKS**

We have designed this research to pose as low a risk as possible to participant/collaborators: if there is any risk to you from being in contact with a European research team, we encourage you to discuss this with the person who has invited you to collaborate and let them know you are not happy to collaborate in this study. We are recruiting participant/collaborators as much as possible through local and regional contacts for this reason. Our overall strategies to reduce risk are: 1) keeping your contact information confidential and secure; 2) making sure the data you send us does not identify you or any of your other web activity; and 3) keeping contact with you (or your representative) after your participation to help mitigate any possible risks that arise later on.

**BENEFITS**

The benefits of this research are that it will, we hope, contribute to a better scholarly and policy understanding of the global data market, and in turn to how digital data may be used fairly and for the benefit of those who produce it. The data from the entire study will be made available to the researcher community, including to participant/collaborators in the study. Our project as a whole aims to contribute information and frameworks for thinking about data technologies, rights and freedoms by bringing our conclusions back to countries around the world in order to publicly debate what is just treatment with regard to data. Benefits for the researchers involved in this project will come from being able to build theory and frameworks for understanding what constitutes the fair and just use of digital data.

**CONTACT**

If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact the principal researcher: Linnet Taylor, Tilburg University, Postbus 90153, 5000 LE Tilburg, Netherlands. Tel:+31 616626953, email: l.e.m.taylor@uvt.nl

**CONSENT**

I have read this form and received a copy of it. I have had all my questions answered to my satisfaction. I agree to take part in this study.

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail/tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_