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| **Understanding Australian Perspectives on Cultural Diversity**    The research is being carried out in partial fulfilment of a PhD under the supervision of  Professor Emiko Kashima and Dr Matthew Ruby.  The following researchers will be conducting the study: | | |
| **Role** | **Name** | **Organisation** |
| Post Graduate Investigator  Chief Investigator  Co- Investigator | Miss Ariane Virgona  Prof. Emi Kashima  Dr. Matthew Ruby | Department of Psychology and Counselling  School of Psychology and Public Health, La Trobe University  Department of Psychology and Counselling  School of Psychology and Public Health, La Trobe University  Department of Psychology and Counselling  School of Psychology and Public Health, La Trobe University |
| **Research funder** | This research has received support from the Research Training Program Scholarship and the Department of Psychology and Counselling. | |

1. **What is the study about?**

Australia is a highly diverse country, comprised of people whose ancestors are from many different countries across the world. You are invited to participate in a study that aims to understand Australian people’s perceptions and beliefs about cultural diversity. We ask you to share your personal views and experiences.

1. **Do I have to participate?**

Being part of this study is **voluntary**. If you wish to be part of the study, we ask that you read the information below carefully and ask us any questions before you volunteer.

1. **Who is eligible to participate?**

You are eligible if you meet all the following criteria:

* 18 years or older.
* Proficient in English.
* Have been living in Australia for longer than 5 years.
* Have a stable internet connection or a phone connection.

1. **What will I be asked to do?**

This study has two phases.

**Phase 1**: Participants will be asked to fill out a demographic questionnaire (e.g., age, languages spoken, cultural identity), which should take approximately 5-10 minutes.

**Phase 2**: Between mid-**September and mid-December 2020**, the research team will contact some participants to offer them a chance to take part in an approximately 30- 45-minute interview on views about cultural diversity. This will be done with a view toward interviewing people from a broad array of backgrounds and regions of Australia. More information about the details of the interview will be provided in the invitation.

1. **What are the benefits?**

The project’s expected **benefit to society** is contributing to an inclusive and cohesive society that appreciates cultural diversity.

There are no expected benefits to **participants** for completing the brief demographic questionnaire.

For those who later participate in an interview, participants will have the opportunity to share their opinion and have a voice reflected in the study on cultural diversity. It would also be an opportunity for self-reflection and to observe how academic research on cultural diversity is conducted.

1. **What are the risks?**

With any study there are (1) potential risks we know about, (2) risks we do not know about and (3) risks we do not expect. There are no foreseeable risks in participating in Phase 1 of this project beyond the level expected in everyday life, save potential inconvenience in completing the screener questionnaire. If you wish to discuss the survey questions, you can contact Post Graduate Student, Ariane Virgona, at the details provided in **section 9.**

1. **What information will be collected and what will happen to that information?**

By clicking on the **‘next’ button**, this tells us you want to take part in the study and be contacted for an interview.

We will **collect** information about your demographic background, personal beliefs, and opinions.

We will **store** your digital information about you in ways that will reveal who you are, until after four weeks your identifiable information will be de-identified.

The storage, transfer and destruction of your data will be undertaken in accordance with the [Research Data Management Policy](https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=106/) <https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=106/>. The personal information you provide will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws. Subject to any exceptions in relevant laws, you have the right to access and correct your personal information by contacting the research team.

**The purpose of this screener is to interview Australians from a variety of backgrounds and regions.**

**If you are not asked to complete an interview**, we will delete the data you provide in the demographic screener questionnaire by December 15, 2020.

**If you are selected for and complete an interview**: Four weeks after your interview, we will delete your personal identifying information and audio interview recording. De-identified information will be stored for 5 years after the project is completed. After 5 years, we will destroy all your data.

We may publish **de-identified** information about you in a PhD thesis, conference presentations, journal article or in future related projects conducted by Ariane Virgona or other researchers, in accordance with the La Trobe University Research Policy. We may share your de-identified transcript data with another qualified researcher if so requested. In all instances, including publications, information about you will not be identifiable as coming from you.

1. **What if I change my mind?**

You can choose to no longer be part of the study any time before or during the interview and within 4 weeks after the interview. Simply email us to notify us that you with to withdraw. Your decision to withdraw at any point will **not** affect your relationship with La Trobe University.

When you **withdraw**, we will stop asking you for information. Any identifiable information about you will be withdrawn from the file. However, once your data have been de-identified, 4 weeks after your participation in the interview, we may not be able to identify and delete your answers from the group data that we compile.

1. **Who can I contact for questions or want more information?**

If you would like to speak to us, please use the contact details below:

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| **Name/Organisation** | **Position** | **Email** |
| Ariane Virgona | Post Graduate Investigator | [A2virgona@ltu.edu.au](mailto:A2virgona@ltu.edu.au) |

1. **What if I have a complaint?**

If you have a complaint about any part of this study, please contact:

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| **Ethics Reference Number** | **Position** | **Telephone** | **Email** |
| HEC20396 | Senior Research Ethics Officer | +61 3 9479 1443 | [humanethics@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@latrobe.edu.au) |

**Consent Form – Declaration by Participant**

I (the participant) have read (or, where appropriate, have had read to me) and understood the participant information statement, and any questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate in the study, I know I can withdraw at any time until [four weeks] following the collection of my data. I agree information provided by me or with my permission during the project may be included in a thesis, presentation and published in journals on the condition that I cannot be identified.

\_\_\_ I certify the above and wish to proceed to the demographic screener questionnaire.

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Used for any future studies

Please provide your contact details for the researcher to contact you for an interview below.

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| **Name** | **Email (optional)** | **Phone Number** | **Postal address (optional)** |
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**Thank you for your interest in this research.**