**Ethics Committee of the German Linguistic Society *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft* (DGfS)**

**Short Questionnaire for Student Degree Theses (Status: February 2024)**

With the submission the applicant confirms

* that they are familiar with the research project's legal and ethical guidelines (e.g., Declaration of Helsinki) and have followed them in the design and preparation of the study,
* that any personal data (i.e., data that make it possible to identify individual subjects) and any video or audio recordings will be handled in accordance with applicable data protection rules,
* that all statements in the short questionnaire are correct to the best of their knowledge and belief,
* that the responsible supervisor agrees with the research project and the ethics application.

Short title of the research project (max. 10 words):

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Submission date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate box:**

**[ ]** New submission **[ ]**  Re-submission (number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) after revision

**[ ]** This is an ethics application in the context of a

**[ ]** course/seminar **[ ]** bachelor's thesis **[ ]** master's thesis

**[ ]** Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant (contact person)

Last name, first name: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty / Institute / Department / Building + Room: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible supervisor, if applicable

Last name, first name: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty / Institute / Department / Building + Room: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, other participating researchers

Last names, first names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Please answer all questions with *yes* or *no* (check the appropriate box):**  | DGPs\* | yes | no |
| 1. Are people participating in the study who belong to a particularly vulnerable group or cannot give their consent to participate themselves (e.g., children and adolescents under 16 years of age, people with a learning disability, people in psychotherapeutic treatment)?
 | 3 (b) |  |  |
| 2. Is it necessary that people participate in the study without having been informed of this at this time or having given their consent (e.g., covert observation)? | 6 |  |  |
| 3. Is covert observation or another method used in the study for which the informed consent of the participants, complete clarification to the participants and/or the possibility of subsequent data deletion is not ensured?  | 3, 9 |  |  |
| 4. Does the study include questions that are of an intimate nature for those questioned or the reply to which can be perceived as stigmatizing (e.g., about illegal or deviant behavior or about sexual preferences)? | 3 (d) |  |  |
| 5. Does the study include an active deception of the participants or will information be deliberately withheld from the participants?  (The withholding of the hypothesis does not fall in this category). | 8 |  |  |
| 6. Is there a risk that the study will cause psychological stress, fear, exhaustion or other negative effects in the participants beyond the extent expected in everyday life? | 3 (d),9 |  |  |
| 7. Is there a risk that the study will cause the participants pain or more than mild discomfort? | 3 (d),9 |  |  |
| 8. Will the study participants be administered medications, placebos or other substances (e.g., food, beverages, vitamin products) or will the participants be subjected to any invasive or potentially harmful procedures? | 3 (d), 3 (e),8, 9 |  |  |
| 9. Will video or audio recordings be made without the participants having given their consent to this in advance? | 3, 4 |  |  |
| 10. Will bodily substances (blood, saliva) be taken from the participants? | 3, 4 |  |  |
| 11. Do the applicants have a conflict of interest due to (a) economic or personal connections with the contracting entities or partners, whose interests could be positively or negatively affected by the results of the research or (b) due to other factors that could influence the independence of the applicants' scientific judgment? | –  |  |  |

Please note: \* This column refers to relevant parts of the *Professional Ethical Guidelines of the DGPs* (*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie* [German Psychological Society] 2016, Section 7.3).

If the response to all 11 questions was "no," please send this document to the Chairperson of the Ethics Committee as a PDF file (<https://dgfs.de/de/inhalt/ueber/ethikkomission>).

If the response to at least one question was "yes," please submit a full application.