



## **PERSONAL DATA AND GDPR POLICY**

### **LES DEMOCRACY TRANSLATION SURVEY**

The LES Democracy Translation Survey is a web survey administered by the University of Gothenburg. The survey is part of the interdisciplinary research project Linguistic Explorations of Societies (LES), which seeks to address issues of survey item comparability and measurement equivalence in cross-cultural surveys with a particular focus on survey translation. In accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), this type of research is carried out in the interest of the public. Project Director is Professor Stefan Dahlberg at the Mid-Sweden University.

#### **What personal data are we collecting and why?**

In order to participate in the survey, you have beforehand been contacted by LES and agreed to participate. As such, we have already collected your name, email address and institutional affiliation. However, this data is not going to be used for any other purposes, and as soon as the data has been collected, your responses will be anonymized.

The survey does not ask about any individual indicators or background information about you. However, the survey system collects certain metadata including your partial IP address, approximate location (latitude and longitude coordinates), start date and finish date of the survey, and survey duration. In a few instances where metadata is used, it is used solely to evaluate the progress of the survey in order to make estimations about coder reliability and validity, and to make future improvements to the survey.

#### **Processing, storing and sharing personal data**

Survey data collected is used solely for the purpose of social scientific research. All survey responses are anonymized and cannot be traced to you as an individual.

Personal metadata collected by the survey system is not available to anyone outside the research team at Linguistic Explorations of Societies. All survey data is collected and stored at encrypted servers hosted by the University of Gothenburg.

We will store your personal information for five years, until 2027. After this time, your personal data will be erased. However, all anonymized personal data will remain in our dataset. If you have participated in this survey, we might use your contact details for future survey invitations (unless we receive a request from you stating otherwise).

## Your rights under the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Just as the University of Gothenburg at large, Linguistic Explorations of Societies adheres to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This means that you as survey participant have complete control of how your personal data being used.

At all times, you are able to:

- request transcripts of your registered personal data;
- request more information about our use of your personal data;
- rectify any of your personal data;
- request limits to our usage of your data;
- request to transfer your information to a third party;
- request to be removed from our contact list if applicable; or
- remove all your personal information

Should you request to rectify or remove any of your personal data, or should you have questions about our use of personal data, please contact Project Director Stefan Dahlberg at [stefan.dahlberg@miun.se](mailto:stefan.dahlberg@miun.se) or Project Coordinator Sofia Axelsson at [sofia.axelsson@gu.se](mailto:sofia.axelsson@gu.se).

If you have additional questions about the application of the GDPR and the processing of personal data at the University of Gothenburg, please contact the Data Protection Officer at [dataskydd@gu.se](mailto:dataskydd@gu.se).

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