

Participant consent form

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Research ethics approval number:

Title of the research project: **Religious Freedom & State Recognition of Belief**

Name of researcher(s): Brandon Reece Taylorian, Dr. Carl Morris (supervisor)

Please tick box

1. I confirm that I have read and have understood the information sheet dated [DATE] for the above study, or it has been read to me. I have had the opportunity to consider the information, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily.
2. I understand that taking part in the study involves participating in a video and audio recorded interview for use in the final write-up of the research thesis.
3. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to stop taking part and can withdraw from the study at any time before the interview without giving any reason and without my rights being affected. In addition, I understand that I am free to decline to answer any particular question or questions if I feel uncomfortable due to the sensitivity of the topics on religious freedom being addressed.
4. I understand that I can ask for access to the information I provide and I can request the destruction of that information if I wish at any time prior to 1 month after my receipt of a copy of the thesis draft has taken place. I understand that precisely 1 month after my receipt of the thesis draft, I will no longer be able to request access to the thesis or withdraw any of the information I provide.
5. I have discussed with the research and understand that in accepting participation in this research as a Category One participant that I will not be anonymised for the duration of the study and anytime thereafter or that if I am a Category Two participant that I will be anonymised for the duration of the study and anytime thereafter.
6. (Category Two participants only) I understand that the only information about me that will be made public as part of this research is my religion and the country in which I have faced violations of religious freedom. I understand that this is taking place in order to maintain my anonymity.
7. I understand that the information I provide will be held securely and in line with data protection requirements at the University of Central Lancashire.
8. I understand that signed consent forms and original audio/video recordings will be retained in a UCLan sect until five years after the study has taken place.

