Informed Consent

In the following you will be participating in one or more surveys of the Psychology Department. The name of the study, its duration and compensation correspond to the advertisement and the announcement at the beginning of the study. Before you are going to participate, please read the following information carefully.

Voluntary participation:
Participation in this study is entirely voluntary at all times. You can choose not to participate at all or to leave the study at any time without any kind of penalty. You can also delete the information you have already entered by clicking the corresponding button in the questionnaire before you leave the study without any kind of penalty.

Procedure of the study
Our research group is interested in your personal experience in different contexts. The following study is investigating one important aspect of this subject area. In the present study you will carry out one or several of the following tasks: Reading information, answering questions, learning information by heart and/or recalling it from memory, making judgments or decisions, engaging in thought experiments, and doing certain tasks on a computer. Questions about the exact nature of the study and the tasks can be send to the contact option that is given within the study. It is important for our research that you work on the different tasks in the given order.

Risks and benefits
By participating in this study you have the possibility to gain insight into psychological research. Furthermore, information collected in this study may benefit others in the future by helping to gain insight into psychological research questions. This study entails no risks that would exceed the risks ordinarily encountered in daily life. To make sure the validity of the data is not compromised, the full intention of the study can only be stated completely once you have completed the survey.

Confidentiality and Anonymity
All of your responses to this survey will remain anonymous and cannot be linked to you in any way. The anonymity of your responses is maintained in line with current data privacy acts and guidelines as well as psychological research ethics. If you want to cancel the survey, you have the possibility to delete all previous answers in the questionnaire. Once you submit the survey, there is no way to withdraw your responses from the study as the survey does not allow to link the data to your person anymore.

Furthermore, we would like to inform you of your right to contact the supervisory authority for data protection:

- Der Landesbeauftragte für den Datenschutz Rheinland-Pfalz, Hintere Bleiche 34, 55116 Mainz. Postanschrift: Postfach 30 40, 55020 Mainz, Telefon +49 6131 2082449, E-Mail: poststelle@datenschutz.rlp.de
- Dr. Susanne Weis, Universität Koblenz-Landau, Campus Landau, Fortstr. 7, 76829 Landau, E-Mail: datenschutz@uni-landau.de

Usage and storage period of the anonymized data
We intend on publishing the results of this survey in one or more empirical publications. The storage period of the complete anonymized data is at least 10 years after data analysis or at least 10 years after the appearance of any publications of this study. For quality management in research, the anonymized responses will also be published and given to other researchers for reviewing our findings and further data evaluation. In terms of transparent research, we also maintain the right to publish the complete anonymized data in an Online Data repository. In that way we are following the recommendations of the German association of research (DFG) and the German Association of Psychology (DGPs) for quality management in research.

Open questions
The project manager is responsible for proper data handling. If you have any questions regarding this study, please contact the project management:

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By clicking on the forward button in the online survey, you assure that you have read and understood the information and agree to participating in the study to the terms described above.