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RESEARCH NOTIFICATION

An invitation to participate in research

"Pedagogical practices and approaches enhancing internationalization" -

We ask you to participate in the study titled "Pedagogical practices and approaches enhancing internationalization" that aims to identify and describe pedagogical practices and solutions designed to support students' internationalisation competencies (e.g. multilingual and intercultural communication competence). The objective of the study is to build an understanding of the participants' experiences and perceptions of various pedagogical practices and solutions. The research questions relate not only to the description and analysis of existing pedagogical solutions, but also to understanding the values, attitudes and pedagogical thinking underlying these solutions. The aim at the organisational level is to highlight those factors that appear to be key to the implementation of teaching aimed at supporting multilingual and intercultural communication competence. The data to be collected consists of individual and group interviews.

You are invited to the study because you work and/or study at the University of Jyväskylä and follow the curriculum aiming at enhancing students' 'internationalization'. At Movi we use the concept of multilingual and intercultural communication competence, but different departments have their own definitions regarding the phenomenon. For more information, please visit Pedagogical practices and approaches enhancing internationalization | University of Jyväskylä

This research notification describes the study and related participation. The attachment provides information on the processing of your personal data.

The study will involve persons working or studying in the target organisation in different levels, units, teams, roles, and locations. We are inviting a total of approximately 40 participants.

1. **Voluntariness**

Participation in this study is voluntary. You can refuse to participate in the study, stop participating or cancel your previously given consent, without stating any reason for this and at any time during the study. This will have no negative consequences to you. You will not be placed in an unequal position in your team, group, unit or organisation as such in connection to your willingness or refusal to participate in the study.

If you stop participating in the study or if you cancel your consent, the personal data, samples and other information collected on you up to that point will be used as part of the research material as far as it is necessary to ensure relevant research outcomes.

2. **Progress of the study**

The study will begin in the fall of 2026, and data will be collected during the 2026–2027 academic year. Data collection will be conducted through interviews (either individual or group interviews). Individual participants cannot be identified during the reporting phase.

3. **Possible benefits from the study**

The study will create important insights about the pedagogical practices and approaches that enhance internationalization. These insights will not only contribute to theory development, but they will also help in designing novel training materials to support persons working among these topics. Our study is exploratory and descriptive in nature, which means that we appreciate learning about the pedagogical practices and approaches, and do not aim at assessing them against some normative standard.

4. **Possible risks, harm, and inconvenience caused by the study as well as preparing for these**

   Participation in the study is not expected to cause any risks, harm, or inconvenience.

5. **Study-related costs and compensations to the subject as well as research funding**

   No rewards will be paid for participation in the study.

   The research is funded by the University of Jyväskylä.

6. **Informing about research results and research outcomes**

   The study will be used in scientific publications, master's and doctoral theses, congress and seminar presentations, lectures as well as for practical applications (such as developing team interaction trainings for organisations).

   We will be happy to share any insights we have developed with the research participants should they so wish.

   The data collected in the study will be treated confidentially. Your identity will not be revealed to anyone outside the research team, and it will not be identifiable from the research findings and examples used in publications and teaching materials.

7. **Insurance coverage for research subjects**

   The University of Jyväskylä has insurances for its activities and research subjects.
   In the case of research conducted remotely, the insurance of the University of Jyväskylä compensates only for damage that is directly related to the assigned research task and that has occurred during the actual guided research task. The insurance does not cover accidents that occur during breaks.
   The insurances of the University of Jyväskylä are not valid in the case of research conducted remotely if a research subject's home municipality is not in Finland.

   The set of insurance includes a malpractice insurance, an operational liability insurance, and an optional insurance against accidents. During the research activities, the subjects are covered by the insurance for accidents, damages and injuries inflicted by an external cause. The accident insurance is valid during measurements and on trips integrally connected to them.

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