CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

[Insert title of study.] [If the study involves using different consent forms for different populations, identify the population group as the subtitle of the study.]

You are asked to participate in a research study conducted by [insert names of all investigators - faculty, student and other], a student in a course offered by the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics at McMaster University, Hamilton. The results of this study will be contributed to the final project of the student carrying out the research project.

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact the course instructor Dr. Magda Stroinska, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics, McMaster University; Tel: 905 525 9140 ext 27067.

• PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

To acquire knowledge about verbal and non-verbal communication patterns involving members of different age, gender or ethnic groups; to develop students’ observation and interpretation skills.

• PROCEDURES

If you volunteer to participate in this study, we would ask you to do the following things: Depending on the nature of individual projects, the participation would involve completion of a questionnaire, answering survey questions or participation in a focus group discussion. The involvement of participants should not exceed 1.5 hour

• POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS

We do not foresee any risks or discomforts for participating persons

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS AND/OR TO SOCIETY

This research is designed to learn more about mechanisms of inter- and intragroup communication. It may be hoped that the participants too will gain insight into the potential causes of cross-cultural miscommunication.

• PAYMENT FOR PARTICIPATION

Participants will not receive payment for they role in the research project.

• CONFIDENTIALITY

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law. The student researcher will not refer to any individual participant but only to patterns observed.

• PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL

You can choose whether to be in this study or not. If you volunteer to be in this study, you may withdraw at any time without consequences of any kind. You may exercise the option of removing your data from the study. You may also refuse to answer any questions you don’t want to answer and still remain in the study. The investigator may withdraw you from this research if circumstances arise which warrant doing so.
• RIGHTS OF RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty. You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because of your participation in this research study. This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through a McMaster Student Research Ethics Board (SREB). If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact:

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• SIGNATURE OF RESEARCH PARTICIPANT/LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

I understand the information provided for the study “[insert title]” as described herein. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and I agree to participate in this study. I have been given a copy of this form.

Name of Participant

Name of Legal Representative (if applicable)

Signature of Participant or Legal Representative

Date

• SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR

In my judgement, the participant is voluntarily and knowingly giving informed consent and possesses the legal capacity to give informed consent to participate in this research study.

Signature of Investigator

Date