Dear Participant,

You are cordially invited to participate in a research project. The leader of this research project is Dr. A. N. Other of Final International University, working under the supervision of Prof Dr. Someone Clever. This research project aims to investigate the psychology of loneliness. Participation in this research is restricted to people 18 years or older.

The title of the proposed study is The Unbearable Lightness of Being. You will only be part of the project by participating in a survey if you read and approve this informed consent form. The survey link will be active from 20 January 2024, until 31 May 2024. You can participate in this survey study only once. The online survey will last about 15 minutes. This survey is anonymous. Other than being anonymous, no information is required to identify you. You cannot be identified by the answers you supply either. Information you provide within the scope of this study will only be shared in scientific publications, presentations, and online environments for educational purposes. The data collected is anonymous and will be kept safely in an encrypted file on a computer / in a locked drawer. In our medical research, we accept and apply the basic principles for all medical research stated in the Declaration of Helsinki, the terms and rules of the Council of Europe Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine.

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your participation in this project can contribute to your knowledge about loneliness, and this can help you cope with being alone. None of the steps in the survey can cause personal discomfort. If you feel uncomfortable, you can leave the research without an explanation. In such a case, any information you may have provided will only be used by the researcher, with your consent.

Thank you in advance for participating in this study. If you need further information about the proposed research or have questions, you can contact me, the researcher, at a.n.other@final.edu.tr or 0500 000 0000.

Thank you,

Signature

*Dr A.N. Other*

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I accept to participate in this research. Yes / No

I allow research use of my voice recordings Yes / No

I allow research use of my photos and videos Yes / No

I allow my photos and videos to be used in the following:

Online Education Environments Yes / No

Visual and written materials such as reports, articles, and related news. Yes / No

Name and Surname of the participant:

Signature:

Date:

If you have questions about your participation in the research and the protection of your rights, or if you believe that you are at risk or will be exposed to stress in any way, you can contact the Final International University Ethics Committee (0392-6506666) by phone or via email [iaek@fiu.edu.tr](mailto:iaek@fiu.edu.tr)

*Note*: *If the form is used online as a preamble, the wording should be adapted to suit this. Then, Radio buttons Yes/No should be added allowing the participant to proceed to the survey if and only if the Yes option is selected*. *In this case, the Yes/No sections above, and the participant’s details should be deleted.*

DELETE or REPLACE THE WORDS IN RED AS APPROPRIATE.