

DATA PROTECTION NOTICE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

General Data Protection Regulation of the EU

Articles 12–14

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Information on the processing of personal data in the research project entitled ‘Navigating diversity in Islamic religious education. A study of home-school collaboration between teachers of Islamic religion and Muslim parents in Finnish public schools’

You are participating in research at the University of Helsinki entitled *Navigating diversity in Islamic religious education. A study of home-school collaboration between teachers of Islamic religion and Muslim parents in Finnish public schools*. The purpose of this data protection notice is to provide information on the personal data being collected, from where they will be collected and how they will be used. Detailed information on the rights of data subjects will be provided at the end of this notice.

Your participation in the research project and provision of personal data are voluntary. If you do not wish to participate in the project or wish to withdraw from it, you can do so without negative consequences.

You have the right to withdraw from the research at any time before the research data has been analysed. If you desire to withdraw, please inform the principal investigator of the research project via email.

1. Data controller

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2. Contact person and principal investigator

Contact person in matters concerning the research project:

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3. Contact details of the data protection officer

You can contact the University of Helsinki data protection officer via email at tietosuoja(at)helsinki.fi.

4. Description of the research project and the purpose of processing personal data

This study is part of a dissertation study that examines how the diversity in Islam is manifested in the Islamic religious education and home-school collaboration in basic education. The dissertation consists of scientific articles that address the phenomenon from the perspectives of teachers of the Islamic religion and guardians.

This study examines guardians’ experiences of Islamic religious education. The respondent is asked to share their experiences about Islamic religious education in a letter to the researcher. In addition, they will be asked background information. One can participate in the study in Finnish, Arabic, Somali, Farsi and English. The research will be conducted online in the autumn of 2021. The collected research data can be used for post-doctoral research.

5. Personal data included in the research data

The following personal data is handled in the research: gender, age, religion or other worldview, language, country of birth. The questionnaire is answered anonymously. The respondent may also leave their contact information if they wish to participate in the research interview. Only principal investigator Niina Putkonen can see the contact information, and it is stored separate from the research material at the data analysis phase.

6. Sources of personal data

The research is collected with an online form of REDCap software.

7. Sensitive personal data

The following special categories of personal data (i.e., sensitive data), as defined in Article 9 of the GDPR, will be processed in this research: Religious or philosophical beliefs.

The processing of sensitive personal data is based on Article 9(2)(j) of the General Data Protection Regulation (processing is necessary for scientific research purposes), as well as Section 6, Subsection 1, Paragraph 7 of the Finnish Data Protection Act.

8. Lawful basis for processing personal data

Personal data are processed on the following basis (Article 6(1) of the GDPR): Performance of a task carried out in the public interest: scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes.

9. Recipients of data

The research is collected with an online form of REDCap software. The researcher and those who translate the material will see the data. The research articles are written in collaboration with the supervisors.

10. Transfer of data to countries outside the European Economic Area

Data will not be transferred to countries outside the European Economic Area.

11. Automated decision-making

The research project involves no automated decision-making that has a significant effect on data subjects.

12. Protection of personal data

Personal data included in the research dataset will be processed and kept protected so that only those who need the data can access them. Direct personal data will be removed from data before the analysis.

13. Duration of the processing of personal data in this research project

A doctoral study 2021–2024.

14. Processing of personal data when the research project ends

The research data will be kept for later, compatible scientific research in accordance with the requirements of the GDPR.

15. Rights of data subjects and derogations from those rights

The contact person in matters related to research subjects' rights is the person stated in section 1 of this notice.

Under the General Data Protection Regulation, data subjects have the following rights:

- Right of access to their data
- Right to rectification of their data
- Right to the erasure of their data and to be forgotten
- Right to the restriction of processing of their data
- Right to data portability
- Right to object to the processing of their data
- Right not to be subject to automated decision-making

However, data subjects cannot exercise all their rights in all circumstances. The circumstances are affected by, for example, the legal basis for processing personal data.

Further information on the rights of data subjects in various circumstances can be found on the website of the Data Protection Ombudsman: <https://tietosuoja.fi/en/what-rights-do-data-subjects-have-in-different-situations>.

If the processing of personal data for research purposes does not require the identification of the data subject and if the controller is unable to identify the data subject, the right to access, rectify, erase and restrict the use of personal data, as well as any notification obligations and the right to data portability do not apply unless the data subject provides additional data enabling their identification (Article 11 of the GDPR).

The General Data Protection Regulation and the Finnish Data Protection Act enable derogations from certain rights of data subjects if personal data are processed for the purposes of scientific research and the rights are likely to render impossible or seriously impair the achievement of the research purposes.

The need for derogations from the rights of data subjects will always be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

If you consider that the processing of your personal data has been carried out in breach of data protection laws, you have the right to appeal to the Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman.

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