

11. User Agreements

Upon registering an account, the following documents are displayed for the user – who has to read and agree with them before being able to continue with account registry.

User Agreement

The Platform for Collaborative and Experimental Ethnography (PECE), hereby represented by the PECE Team (see “Team-members-list”), is a web platform for collaborative work around the tasks of archival, analysis, and sharing of ethnographic data. By using PECE, you accept the following terms and conditions, including those in our code of conduct and privacy policy documents. If you do not accept these terms, please refrain from using our platform. PECE is licensed under the GNU General Public License (GPL) version 3. The platform is based on the Drupal framework which is licensed under the General Public License (GPL) version 2 or later, including its contributed modules. Other third-party software included in Drupal and PECE is licensed under compatible Free Software licenses, which are included in our source code repository for public access.

PECE was created to promote Open Access, Open Data, and Open Standards in the humanities and social sciences. In order to achieve this goal, all of our generated content is licensed under the “Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International” by default unless otherwise noted for specific pieces of content. Users are responsible for describing the license they want for their own content (or the license chosen by the copyright owner for collected materials), if the content is being uploaded by a contributor not the original author.

All uploaded content is the sole responsibility of the person who published it. The PECE team is not responsible for the content posted by users of the platform and cannot monitor all the published content. Registered researchers and contributors are responsible for their usage of the platform. They are also responsible for anonymizing the ethnographic data they upload to the platform if they carry any potential privacy issue. PECE comes with no warranty or guarantee of fitness for any particular use as described by its software license, GPL v.3. There are no restrictions for its use, copy, study, modification, or redistribution as described in the GPL v.3 license. We make no warranty as to the reliability, accessibility, or quality of our web services. When using the platform you agree that the usage of our services is at your sole and exclusive risk. The PECE team is not liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, or exemplary damages, including but not limited to harm and damage to research participants of any kind and in the context of any research project making usage of the platform. We worked to minimize the security risks of the platform, but we cannot guarantee the complete security, anonymity, and confidentiality of the data posted on the platform.

When in doubt regarding the privacy and ethical implications of a particular piece of data, please refrain from uploading it to the web. Always contact your research co-participants and rely on the guidance of your IRB committee to discuss and decide the best course of action as soon as you identify any potential privacy and security issue.

We reserve the right to change these terms at any time. If we make major changes, we will notify our users in a clear and prominent manner.

User's Conduct

Collaborative and open projects on the Internet are prone to social dynamics that can be harmful to the participants due to disagreements that are marked by sociocultural differences as well as differences in technical/academic background. We have learned from experience with Free and Open Source communities that they are more common than we would like to admit, given the premise of our gathering in the first place: to advance a culture of collaboration and sharing in the context of software development. In order to respond to recurrent events of harassment and misconduct – involving recurrent attacks against ethnic and gender minorities – we must find ways to speak openly as well as privately about these issues.

In order to promote a positive environment for collaborative work, the PECE team has agreed on a code of conduct with consists a set of basic orientations for social interaction on our platform. When accepting our terms, you also accept to follow our code of conduct:

- We expect our users to be collaborative and welcoming, patient and respectful to other researchers and contributors of different academic traditions;
- Do not use nor post content with discriminatory language except when needed for research purposes;
- Assume good-faith when encountering and engaging with other users in different groups of the PECE community;
- Help promote openness among our academic circles by encouraging the usage of flexible copyright licenses and open formats when using PECE and other technologies;
- Avoid using words that can be harmful to other users.

Misconduct and/or offensive content can be reported at: cocreport@worldpece.org. When submitting your report, feel free to send us an anonymous email. We will not publicize your name or your email under any circumstance if you do not anonymize your information. We strongly recommend for you to use public key encryption (OpenPGP extensions in your email client) to protect the contents of your report. Our public key can be found in any keyserver under the email <cocreport@worldpece.org> and the fingerprint: 0E29 01C9 4D6B 502C 58E4 93B1 F1AA FBD9 59DE C514. Feel free to contact one of the PECE Team members to arrange for meeting face-to-face at professional conferences for key exchange and signing.

Privacy Policy

PECE does not collect nor store any data on its users, except for the personal data that is given by the users themselves when creating profiles (“registration information”).

In order to achieve its mission of promoting collaborative work among researchers in humanities and social sciences, PECE privileges open data and open standards. It follows closely the best practices of Free and Open Source communities when dealing with privacy

and security concerns. Open and full disclosure of any security problem is our responsibility. Following the Free and Open Source community practice, we do not hide problems from our users.

When designing and implementing software for our platform, we prioritized our research participants' right to anonymity, confidentiality, and privacy. PECE users (in the major roles of collaborators and researchers) are responsible for specifying the permission settings for every piece of content they upload. That is, if a piece of data will be public or private – only accessible to the registered researchers, PECE researchers (with IRB approval) or collaborators and Internet anonymous users.

PECE was designed in accordance to the ethical guidelines of professional anthropological associations, such as the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Associação Brasileira de Antropologia (ABA) and the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA). We follow the core ethical principles of protecting our research participants' rights to privacy, anonymity, and confidentiality. We aim to cause no harm to research participants or to any social group directly or indirectly as a consequence of research work in our platform. We subordinate our research goals to the ethical concerns and privacy needs of our research participants. Our goal is to encourage wider data sharing while protecting privacy and sharing of research data should not be at the expense of protecting confidentiality.” PECE will be used for academic research and dissemination of data and research results in collaboration with other researchers and academic collaborators: data contributed by researchers and contributors will be controlled by themselves with permission settings they must specify during data entry. We do not collect nor share users' data, browser fingerprints, nor do we read, collect, or analyze communication between users.

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