

Invitation for an interview

in the frames of the project “Research data sharing between the EU and the U.S.”

Dear interested scholars,

My name is Iana Rezlauf, and I am doing my Ph.D. at the Leibniz Centre for Science and Society (LCSS) at Leibniz University Hannover, Germany.

In my dissertation, I explore *research data sharing* between scholars from the European Union and the United States that is becoming particularly important at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since my study focuses on the practical legal challenges of sharing research data, interviews with researchers working with personal data in different scientific fields can help identify obstacles that scholars encounter in their practice. The study is aimed at describing the challenges on the stage of data sharing to attract attention to difficulties that scholars face during the research process.

In this regard, I would like to kindly invite you for an interview to learn from your expertise as a scientist and I would be very happy if you are willing to share your experience in the EU-US data exchange with me.

Due to the current pandemic situation, the interviews will be implemented in the form of video or audio calls. They will be conducted in English and last about 30-40 minutes. The length of the interview will depend on how detailed you would like to describe your experience. You do not have to prepare for the discussion in terms of content. Just let me know if you have any special requests for the interview or if you need support so that I can arrange the organizational part accordingly.

The conversation contents will be treated anonymously and confidentially following the guidelines for safeguarding good scientific practice from the Code of the German Research Foundation (DFG) as well as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The description of data types relevant to the study can be found in the attachment to this invitation. If you work with some of these data types, participate in the EU-US research data exchange, and would like to take part in the interview, please contact me by email (iana.rezlauf@lcss.uni-hannover.de) or phone (0157-897-27-896). Please do not hesitate to ask any questions or request further information.

I am looking forward to your reply. Thank you very much in advance!

Kind regards
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Data types relevant for the project

Group 1. Health data (including genetic data)

Description	“Health data” means personal data related to the physical or mental health of a natural person, including the provision of health care services, which reveal information about their health status.
Examples	Physical samples, digital genomic data, chemical genomic data, large scale quantitative survey data, health surveys, clinical trials data, administrative and medical records
Disciplines	Medicine, health science, medical microbiology, clinical virology, clinical epidemiology, genetic epidemiology, biomedical engineering, medical sociology

Group 2. Biometric data

Description	“Biometric data” means personal data resulting from specific technical processing relating to the physical, physiological, or behavioural characteristics of a person, which allow or confirm the unique identification of that natural person, such as facial images or dactyloscopic data. In linguistics biometric data can be gained in the process of the timing of self-paced reading, tracking eye movements in reading experiments, exploring speech production, when movement data from sensors are placed on the participant. Biometric data can have the form of audio recordings that are produced when research participants pronounce words shown on the screen or video recordings of the participant's face when the participant is speaking.
Examples	Audio (voice, speech), video recordings (gait, gestures, face movements), data from experiments (reaction times, eye movements, articulographic data), samples (fingerprints, palmprints), images (signature dynamics, iris, retinal, ear)
Disciplines	Linguistics, psychology, behavioural studies, biotechnology, biology

Group 3. Sensitive data (other than health, genetic and biometric data)

Description	Other sensitive data types include personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, sexual orientation or sex life, trade union membership, etc.
Examples	Interviews, images, videos, audio files, quantitative survey data, qualitative data, focus group transcripts, participant observation, field notes, field diaries
Disciplines	Political science, anthropology, ethnography, religious and cultural studies, philosophy, behavioural studies, sociology, gender studies

Group 4. Non-sensitive personal data

Description	“Personal data” means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person who can be identified by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier, or other factors specific to the identity of that natural person. Social sciences and educational sciences use a lot of personal data, for example, highest university degree, data on age, relationship status, and number of children
Examples	Interviews, images, videos, audio files, quantitative survey data, focus group transcripts
Disciplines	Sociology, economics, educational science, philosophy, arts, literature, media and cultural studies, language studies