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Maxim Alyukov

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Dear Maxim

Reference Number: HR-23/24-38969
Study Title: 'It's Not That Simple, We Do Not Know the Whole Truth': Disinformation Discourse, Media Trust, and Political Attitudes in the Context of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

Review Outcome: Approval with Provisos

Thank you for submitting your application for the above project. I am pleased to inform you that your application has now been approved with the provisos indicated at the end of this letter. All changes must be made before data collection commences. The Committee does not need to see evidence of these changes, however supervisors are responsible for ensuring that students implement any requested changes before data collection commences.

For your information, ethical approval has been granted for **5 years** from 17 August 2023. If you need approval beyond this point, you will need to apply for an extension at least two weeks before this. You will be required to explain the reasons for the extension. However, you will not need to submit a full re-application unless the protocol has changed. You will not be sent a reminder when it is due to lapse.

Ethical approval is required to cover the data-collection phase of the study. This will be until the date specified in this letter. However, you do not need ethical approval to cover subsequent data analysis or publication of the results.

Please ensure that you follow the guidelines for good research practice as laid out in UKRIO's Code of Practice for research: http://ukrio.org/publications/code-of-practice-for-research/.

If you do not start the project within three months of this letter please contact the Research Ethics Office.

Please note that you will be required to obtain approval to modify the study. This also encompasses extensions to periods of approval. Please refer to the URL below for further guidance about the process:

https://internal.kcl.ac.uk/innovation/governance-ethics-integrity/research-ethics/applications/modifications

If you have any query about any aspect of this ethical approval, please contact the Research Ethics Office: https://internal.kcl.ac.uk/innovation/governance-ethics-integrity/research-ethics/contact

Please note that we may, for the purposes of audit, contact you from time to time to ascertain the status of your research.

We wish you every success with this work.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Samantha Schäfer
Research Ethics Facilitator

For and on behalf of

Chair

SSHL Research Ethics Subcommittee

Cc: Supervisor

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Feedback requiring substantial consideration

N/A

Additional feedback related to application

N/A

Research Governance & Data Protection feedback

1. It has been noted that you are no longer using Cint as per your original application, and are now using SYNO instead.

Feedback related to recruitment documents

2. Participant Information Sheet:

- Please address the risks of the project that you are able to share with potential participants at this point, e.g. distress/anxiety, and include signposting to support services within the Participant Information Sheet (this has been addressed in the cover letter, but has not been implemented in the Participant Information Sheet that has been uploaded).
- Please include the full committee contact details: 'The Chair, Social Science & Public Policy, Law, Arts & Humanities Research Ethics Subcommittee, rec@kcl.ac.uk'

Advice and Comments (do not have to be adhered to, but may help to improve the research)

N/A