



Research Ethics

Academic Skills II
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Research

“... is a systematic investigation ... designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge“

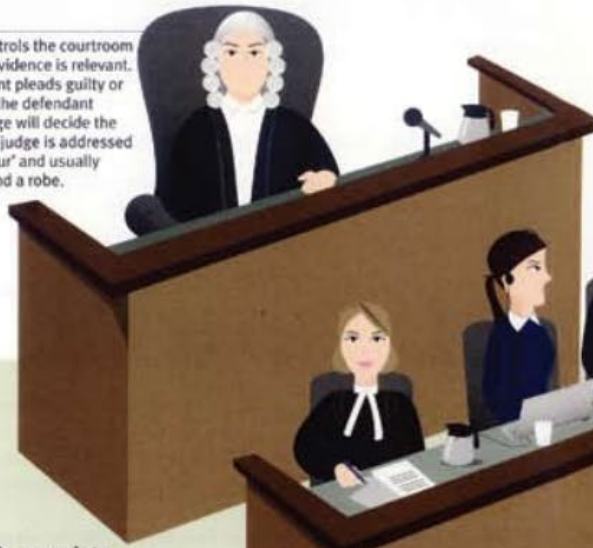
„... is about promoting the common good“

https://padlet.com/karinwegenstein/research_ethics

Inside the courtroom

Judge

The judge controls the courtroom and ensures evidence is relevant. If the defendant pleads guilty or the jury finds the defendant guilty, the judge will decide the sentence. The judge is addressed as 'Your Honour' and usually wears a wig and a robe.



Court reporters

Occasionally court reporters record what is said during the trial on tape or on a shorthand machine. Often court proceedings are recorded remotely.



Witnesses

People whom the prosecution or defence call to give evidence to support their version of events. Both the prosecutor and the defence lawyer will ask the witness questions.



Judge's associate

The judge's associate wears a plain black robe and no wig and sits below the judge. The associate assists the judge by reading out the charges, taking the defendant's plea and asking the jury for its verdict.



The bailiff

Bailiffs sit or stand near the jury. They call defendants when the judge is ready, announce the beginning and end of sessions, look after the jury, and call witnesses to give evidence and administer the oath or affirmation.



Crown prosecutor

A Crown prosecutor is a barrister or solicitor who works in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and presents the case against the defendant.



Defence lawyers

The defendant is usually represented by a barrister and a solicitor. The barrister speaks on behalf of the defendant. The solicitor gives instructions to the barrister on behalf of the defendant. The barrister will wear robes and a wig, but the solicitor usually does not.



Defendant

The person who is accused of committing the offence. The defendant sits in the dock near a corrective services officer who is present at all times.



The jury

The jury is present if the defendant pleads not guilty. The jury is made up of 12 people selected at random from the community. They decide if the defendant is guilty or not guilty. The decision must be unanimous. The jury remains in court unless the judge is discussing a point of law with the lawyers.



The public

The public and media are able to sit in the public gallery to watch events unless the judge has ordered that the court be closed.



Principles of Research Ethics

Respect for Persons

Beneficence

Justice

Confidentiality and Data Protection

Integrity

Free from Conflict of Interest

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Respect for Persons

- Informed Consent (information -> comprehension -> voluntariness)
 - Provide information a person would want to make a decision about participation
 - Participation and consent is voluntary and can be withdrawn any time

Beneficence

- Seeking certain benefits despite the risk involved must be justifiable
- Assessment of the risks and benefits involved, weighting risks against benefits
- Minimize risks

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- Equitable distribution of risks and benefits
- Equitable selection of subjects

Confidentiality and Data Protection

- Transparency regarding anonymity and consequent adherence
- Ensure data protection when processing and storing personal data

Integrity

Conflict of Interest

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- Academic honesty regarding research process and result presentation
- Adhere to rigorous quality standards
- Ensure transparency

Conflict of Interest

- Non-profit: Neither the researcher nor anyone close directly profits in a material sense
- Independence: Research process is conducted independently and results are free from any influence

The Field of Research Ethics

- Ethics versus morality
- Research ethics involving animals
- Transformative research ethics
- Feminist perspective on research ethics
- Anti-discriminatory perspective on research ethics
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Recommendation for further reading



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Principles of research ethics in practice

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Tim Rhodes and Sarah Bernays

Overview

We will all face ethical dilemmas as we proceed through our research. Codes and guidelines, including those upheld by ethical review committees, help, but they do not provide solutions for every eventuality. There is often no clear right or wrong way to deal with an ethical dilemma, especially those emerging when researching in the field. Research ethics is therefore a *process shaped by its contexts*. In this brief chapter, we outline common principles guiding the conduct of ethical research, noting how these are inevitably situated by the settings in which research takes place. We therefore emphasize the need for less 'universalist' and more 'situated' approaches to understanding the principles of ethics in research.

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