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## CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

### Effects of Threshold Uncertainty in Public Good Games

You are asked to participate in a research study conducted by Student X, Ph.D. student from the Economics Department, Y University, and David K. Levine, Professor of Economics at UCLA. Results of this study will be contributed to Mr. X's doctoral dissertation. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you are enrolled at UCLA and have registered to participate in experiments conducted in the CASSEL Laboratory.

- **PURPOSE OF THE STUDY**

The purpose of this study is to investigate economic decision making. We are interested in the decisions people make in which their own well-being is affected by the decisions of others. We cannot tell you every detail of this study ahead of time, but if you are willing to participate under the conditions listed below, we will explain the procedure to you fully after your participation.

- **PROCEDURES**

There are two parts to this experiment, and both parts should be completed in about 75 minutes. Both parts will consist of players interacting over a computer network. During play, subjects will amass tokens which will be exchanged using a pre-announced exchange rate for US dollars at the end of the experiment.

If you volunteer to participate in this study, we would ask you to do the following things:

*First Part of Experiment (15 Minutes):* Choose between different monetary options for which you will be rewarded.

*Second Part of Experiment (55 Minutes):* Play a game in which you and four other subjects must decide whether or not to contribute your own tokens to help pay for a good from which everyone in your group benefits.

*Before actual play, subjects will practice rounds to familiarize themselves with the games.*

*Payment (5 Minutes):* At the completion of the game sessions, you will be paid the show up fee of \$5 plus the final amount of money you earned as a result of your decisions made in the game.

*Total Length of Participation:* The total experiment time should take approximately 75 minutes. Actual time may vary, depending on the number of participants in the study.

- **POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS**

We know of no potential risks or discomforts associated with this study.

- **POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO SUBJECTS AND/OR SOCIETY**

This project may help social scientists better understand individual decision making. You will be told further details about the benefits to society after the completion of the experiment.

- **PAYMENT FOR PARTICIPATION**

You will receive a \$5 participation fee for showing up to the experiment. You will earn additional money, the amount of which will depend on your decisions, the decisions of others, and factors determined randomly by the computer. We cannot say for certain how much you will earn for the experimental session, but it is expected that you will make approximately \$12. Payment will be made at the end of the session. Should you withdraw or be withdrawn from the research, you will still receive the \$5 participation fee.

- **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The computer will record your responses during the games. Once the experiment is over, this information will be kept indefinitely, but will be anonymous. Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law.

Payment records will be associated with identifying information so that payments can be made once the experiment is over. This information will be kept securely by CASSEL for accounting purposes only, and will not be released with any identifiers. The researcher does not have access to this information.

- **PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL**

You can choose whether to be in this study or not. If you volunteer to be in this study, you may withdraw at any time without consequences of any kind. You may also refuse to answer any questions you don't want to answer and still remain in the study. The investigator may withdraw you from this research if circumstances arise which warrant doing so. We do not anticipate such circumstances arising.

- **IDENTIFICATION OF INVESTIGATORS**

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact:

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Graduate Student X, CASSEL, UCLA, and Department of Economics, Y University, [studentx@yuniversity.edu](mailto:studentx@yuniversity.edu)

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- **RIGHTS OF RESEARCH SUBJECTS**

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty. You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because of your participation in this research study. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, contact the Office for Protection of Research Subjects, 2107 Ueberroth Building, UCLA, Box 951694, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1694, (310) 825-8714

**SIGNATURE OF RESEARCH SUBJECT OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE**

I understand the procedures described above. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and I agree to participate in this study. I have been given a copy of this form.

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Name of Subject

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Name of Legal Representative (if applicable)

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Signature of Subject or Legal Representative

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Date