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### FACES Platform Release Agreement

The FACES database was developed at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development (MPIB), Berlin, Germany between 2005 and 2007. Meanwhile, derivatives of the original FACES datasets were created by members of the FACES team, i.e. Dynamic FACES (a collection of morphed videos based on the original FACES images) and Scrambled FACES (a collection with randomly scrambled versions of the original FACES images). The FACES Technical Agent of the Max Planck Society is responsible for the distribution of all objects available via the FACES platform. These objects will be made available to researchers on a case-by-case (i.e., person-by-person and study-by-study) basis. All requests for the FACES objects must be submitted in writing to the FACES Technical Agent. To obtain access to the objects, the researcher must sign this document and thereby agree to observe the restrictions listed in this document, and to inform all other persons/researchers involved in the specific study about the restrictions. After approval of their request, researchers can access the FACES objects via an online service provided by the Max Planck Digital Library. Images are available in jpg format; videos are available in mp4 and mov format. No other formats or methods of distribution will be permitted. There will be no charge for the objects available via the FACES platform.

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3. All requests for access to the FACES platform must be forwarded to the FACES Technical Agent.
4. The objects available via the FACES platform must not be distributed, published, copied, or further disseminated in any way or form whatsoever, whether for profit or not. This also includes further distributing, copying or disseminating to a faculty or organization unit within the requesting university, organization, or company.

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6. Objects available via the FACES platform are neither permitted for publication in any type of report, paper, and other document nor permitted for display in any type of presentation or exhibition.
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8. All documents and papers that report on research that uses the FACES platform are requested to acknowledge the use of the FACES database by citing the reference below or by citing collection-specific references indicated on the FACES platform.
  - Ebner, N. C., Riediger, M., & Lindenberger, U. (2010). FACES—A database of facial expressions in young, middle-aged, and older women and men: Development and validation. *Behavior Research Methods*, 42, 351–362. doi:10.3758/BRM.42.1.351
9. A copy of all reports and papers that use objects available via the FACES platform and that are for public or general release must be forwarded to the FACES Technical Agent after release or publication for documentation.

I confirm that I have read and will conform to the **FACES Platform Release Agreement**.

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**NAME (print)**

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**SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**

**Please note:** If you are a student (undergraduate, graduate, PhD) please have your university supervisor sign the Release Agreement as well.

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Name of the study: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of the study the FACES platform will be used for (continue on next page if necessary):

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