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### Social, Ethical, and Global Issues in Engineering Program General Informed Consent Statement

As part of an ongoing assessment and improvement process in the Social, Ethical, and Global Issues (SEGI) Program in the College of Engineering, all students enrolled in INTD 5095 *Appropriate Technology: Toward Sustainable Well-being* are hereby notified that any submitted coursework (including but not limited to essays, questionnaires, projects, etc.) is subject to archiving and use for data analysis and publication, unless permission for such use is expressly denied.

**Purpose.** This investigation is for the purpose of evaluating student learning and attitudes related to ethics and the social context of engineering and technology. Data collected will be used to provide direct feedback to students, to evaluate teaching methods, and to inform curricular and teaching reforms. More broadly, the data collected will add to the general knowledge and literature of education in many fields, including science, engineering, technology, ethics, sociology, and philosophy.

**Conditions of the Experiment.** You will conduct your normal assigned course activities, including homework, quizzes, projects, classroom participation, and questionnaires. The course instructor(s) reserve the right to archive responses from any of your course activities, including from direct electronic submission, by scanning or transcribing assignments submitted on paper, and video and/or audio recording lectures. Some students might be invited to conduct follow-up interviews.

**Risks.** The only theoretical risk to you is the accidental disclosure of your opinion on a controversial topic. The SEGI Program coordinators will prevent this through very careful protection of your responses and identity. The SEGI coordinators are trained to avoid publishing information or speaking in a manner that might accidentally disclose someone's identity outside of class.

**Benefits.** Your responses will directly assist the continual assessment and improvement of the SEGI Program, including this course INTD 5095. This will lead to improved education in many fields, including science, engineering, technology, ethics, sociology, and philosophy, ultimately increasing the ethical and social awareness of future professionals and active citizens.

**Confidentiality.** Your confidentiality outside of the classroom will be strictly maintained. All data published from this investigation will be in aggregate form and will not disclose your identity, either directly or indirectly.

**Your Rights.** You have the right to deny permission to use data collected from your works for published research (see below). Such denial will not affect your course grade or standing. For questions about your rights as a subject or injuries caused by this research, contact Dra. Darnyd Ortiz Seda, Dean of Academic Affairs, [darnyd.ortiz@upr.edu](mailto:darnyd.ortiz@upr.edu).

**Consent.** Your consent to allow data from your course activities to be used under the conditions stated herein is assumed to be authorized by you unless you submit a written, signed request for nonparticipation to Dra. Aidsa Santiago-Román, Dean's Office, College of Engineering, UPRM, Stefani 323.

I, Christopher Papadopoulos, of the Department of General Engineering at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, and co-coordinator of the SEGI Program, am managing this study and guarantee the conditions of participant participation described herein. My contact information is: (787) 832-4040 x3336, [christopher.papadopoulos@upr.edu](mailto:christopher.papadopoulos@upr.edu).

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