

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET
Exploring a new era of screen production research:
Laying foundations for engagement and impact

WHO IS DOING THE RESEARCH?

My name is Dr Bettina Frankham and I am an academic at UTS. My co-researchers are Associate Professor Craig Batty and Dr Marsha Berry from RMIT University.

WHAT IS THIS RESEARCH ABOUT?

This research investigates how screen production researchers are responding to plans by the Australian Research Council to measure research by the way it engages with broader society (including industry, Government and community) and the contribution that research makes to the economy, society and environment. These measures to assess the engagement and impact of academic research are being developed as part of the Australian Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda (NISA). Our research seeks to analyse existing relationships between research and engagement in screen production areas and will examine the models for measurement as they are currently being applied. Through presenting diverse perspectives from the academy and industry, we are seeking to raise questions regarding the autonomy of screen production researchers and the prospect that the engagement and impact assessment measures may influence pragmatic researchers to adopt the role of 'service provider' for other disciplines.

WHY HAVE I BEEN ASKED?

You have been invited to participate in this study because you have chosen to attend the Screen Production Research Engagement and Impact Symposium (from here on referred to as the Symposium).

All potential participants will be identified through their involvement in the screen industries and/or interest in attending the Symposium. The Symposium is being publicised via the FASS Research calendar, the ASPERA newsletter, ASPERA Facebook page as well as via the co-investigators' professional networks of screen production academics.

IF I SAY YES, WHAT WILL IT INVOLVE?

The symposium sessions will be treated like focus groups. Video recordings will be made of individual presentations as well as of questions and contributions from other attendees. These recordings will be transcribed so that direct, attributed quotes can be included as part of the case study research.

This material will provide a snapshot of academic and industry leader attitudes to the measuring of research engagement and impact at this stage of the Engagement and Impact Assessment rollout. No additional time, beyond your participation in the symposium will be required of you.

You will be invited to be a participant and provided with a consent form to sign and return.

You have the option of opting out of the research by not returning the consent form.

This means that while your contributions to discussions may be recorded, they will not be used.

If you opt in to the research by returning a signed consent form, your contributions will be used.

We will ask delegates to identify themselves when they speak so that we can remove or include their data according to their wishes.

Participants are free to come and go as they are available. The symposium runs from 11am - 5pm, Wednesday 15 November 2017, so if you opt to stay for the duration you will be in attendance for 6 hours with breaks for lunch and afternoon tea.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS/INCONVENIENCE?

Yes, there are some risks/inconvenience. There is some risk that participants may feel embarrassed to

be videotaped as part of contributing to the symposium.

Other risks that may be associated with speaking out about issues that relate to the way they approach their role as researchers within the university context are not specific to the requirements of the research but may be a consequence of participating in the public forum of the symposium itself.

DO I HAVE TO SAY YES?

Participation in this study is voluntary. It is completely up to you whether or not you decide to take part.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I SAY NO?

If you decide not to participate, it will not affect your relationship with the researchers or the University of Technology Sydney. If you wish to withdraw from the study once it has started, you can do so at any time up to the publication of any journal articles (anticipated to occur in September 2018) without having to give a reason, by contacting Bettina Frankham by email at Bettina.frankham@uts.edu.au or telephone on +61 2 9514 1649.

If you withdraw from the study, any contributions you made to the Symposium that appear in video recordings or transcripts will be marked as 'Not to be included' and will be de-identified.

CONFIDENTIALITY

By signing the consent form you consent to the research team collecting and using your contributions to the Symposium. Your information will only be used for the purpose of this research project and it will only be disclosed with your permission, except as required by law.

We would like to store your information for future use in research projects that are an extension of this research project. In all instances your information will be treated confidentially.

We plan to publish the results as a journal article in the Journal of Media Practice, as a conference paper at the 2018 ASPERA conference and as a report to the ASPERA community and allied industries. Unless you specify otherwise, we will use direct quotations from your contribution and include your name and institutional affiliation. As an alternative, you will also have the option to have your contribution paraphrased, de-identified or broadly identified (e.g. an early career researcher at a regional Australian university).

WHAT IF I HAVE CONCERNS OR A COMPLAINT?

If you have concerns about the research that you think I or my co-researchers can help you with, please feel free to contact us via email.

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You will be given a copy of this form to keep.

NOTE:

This study has been approved by the University of Technology Sydney Human Research Ethics Committee [UTS HREC REF NO. ETH17-1795]. If you have any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the conduct of this research, please contact the Ethics Secretariat on ph.: +61 2 9514 2478 or email: Research.Ethics@uts.edu.au, and quote the UTS HREC reference number. Any matter raised will be treated confidentially, investigated and you will be informed of the outcome.

A copy of the participant consent form is available at...

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