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# Survey on attitudes to LGBTQ+ populations by social work students

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## **Project abstract:**

The proposal describes a project by Kris Clarke, Ph.D., University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Science; Anna Möring, Inka Söderström, M.Soc.Sc., University of Helsinki; Maria Valaste, Anastasiia Volkova. The aim of the study is to map how students report their attitudes towards LGBTQ+ populations through a survey that explores perspectives, knowledge, and feelings towards homosexuality and LGBTQ+ populations in relation social work values and practice, with a view to informing the development of social work education.

The proposed activities are guided by current scholarly literature on homophobia and heterosexist attitudes amongst social work students and studies of LGBTQ+ content in social work curricula. The outcomes of this study will inform social work educational content practices and efforts to develop inclusive curricula. With the permission of the faculty, social work students will receive a link to the survey (see Appendix 2). Students have the option to voluntarily participate or disregard the link to the survey. All survey responses are anonymized. Participation in this study is assessed at **minimal risk**. The benefits of this study may be to make available quantitative data that could inform local social work educators about the attitudes, perceptions and knowledge of social work students about LGBTQ+ communities in Finland.

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## 1. General description of the data

### 1.1 What kinds of data is your research based on? What data will be collected, produced or reused? What file formats will the data be in? Additionally, give a rough estimate of the size of the data produced/collected.

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The subjects in this quantitative study will be masters' level students in social work classes. With the permission and facilitation of the class instructor, surveys will be sent electronically to students. Information will be attached to the survey regarding the study. LimeSurvey will be utilized as the means of collecting anonymous survey data. Completion of the online survey implies consent. The estimated total number of subjects for this study is at each campus.

The researchers assert that it is important to test this instrument for validity to inform social work educators on existing attitudes amongst students. The information from this study can help guide improved curriculum on LGBTQ+ populations in courses in social work.

### 1.2 How will the consistency and quality of data be controlled?

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## 2. Ethical and legal compliance

### 2.1 What legal issues are related to your data management? (For example, GDPR and other legislation affecting data processing.)

All data is anonymised.

It is assessed that subjects in this study will be exposed to **minimal risk**. No physical, economic, or legal risk is foreseen or anticipated as the subjects are only being asked to share their perceptions, attitudes and experiences with LGBTQ+ populations in social work education in an anonymous survey. Subjects can decide not to participate or terminate their participation in the survey.

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### 2.2 How will you manage the rights of the data you use, produce and share?

The data will not be shared with other researchers. Only anonymised data will be used in the research. Two articles will

be produced (one in English & one in Finnish).

### **3. Documentation and metadata**

**3.1 How will you document your data in order to make it findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable for you and others? What kind of metadata standards, README files or other documentation will you use to help others to understand and use your data?**

The data will be retained by the principal investigator after the use in this study.

### **4. Storage and backup during the research project**

**4.1 Where will your data be stored, and how will the data be backed up?**

Data will be stored in a password protected electronic file controlled by the principal investigator and the primary survey manager. It will be on a university server.

**4.2 Who will be responsible for controlling access to your data, and how will secured access be controlled?**

The principal investigator and the survey manager will have access to the anonymised data. It will be secured under password protected university servers.

### **5. Opening, publishing and archiving the data after the research project**

**5.1 What part of the data can be made openly available or published? Where and when will the data, or its metadata, be made available?**

The data will be used in two articles (English and Finnish language) but the entirety of the data will not be publicly available afterwards.

**5.2 Where will data with long-term value be preserved, and for how long?**

The data will be preserved in the file and meta data will be extrapolated from it for publication. The full data will be kept for two years.

### **6. Data management responsibilities and resources**

**6.1 Who (for example role, position, and institution) will be responsible for data management?**

Kris Clarke, PhD, associate professor is in charge of the data along with Anastasia Volkow, the survey data manager.

**6.2 What resources will be required for your data management procedures to ensure that the data can be**

**opened and preserved according to FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Re-usable)?**

The data will be saved for this research and then be deleted.