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| **RESEARCH ETHICS DECLARATION** |
| To be included in the Appendices of research papers / dissertations / theses submitted for postgraduate examination where research did not involve interaction with human participants, or the use of animal subjects, and therefore did not require research ethics approval. Candidates whose research did require ethics clearance must include their ethics approval letter in the Appendix of their examination submission.  |
| **Name of Candidate:** |  |
| **Name of Supervisor:**  |  |
| **Degree:**  |  |
| **Title of research:** |  |
| **DECLARATION** |  |
| I declare that my research did not require ethical clearance because (tick all that apply): |
| I did not collect data from human participants or animal subjects |  |
| I used previously collected data that had already received ethics clearance. |  |
| I analysed documents / open-access digital texts that are freely available in the public domain. |  |
| I did a literature review/analysis of theoretical or secondary material only. |  |
| I used human datasets of non-sensitive information that are either anonymous (identifiers were never collected) or have been deidentified (identifiers have been completely removed).  |  |
| I used commercially produced human biological material (e.g. established human cell lines).  |  |
| I observed people in public spaces and natural environments where they had no reasonable expectation of privacy and I did not interact with them or intervene in any way.  |  |
| I used non-living animal materials (eg bones of already deceased organisms or fossils) while complying with any custody and/or jurisdiction requirements. |  |
| I did a content analysis of public media (newspapers, advertisements, and social media posts). |  |
| I did a simulation study with no real-world consequences and does not involve disturbing or distressing content. |  |
| I observed flora, fauna, and ecosystems without interfering with or disturbing their natural state while complying with any jurisdiction requirements.  |  |
| Other (Please provide details):  |  |
| **Signature of Candidate:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |
| **Signature of Supervisor:**  |  |
| **Date:** |  |