

**ÅBO AKADEMI UNIVERSITY**

[www.abo.fi](http://www.abo.fi)

## **PRIVACY NOTICE**

According to the EU General Data Protection Regulation GDPR (EU 679/2016), Art. 13-14

### **The notice concerns:**

Scientific research

### **Antisemitism Undermining Democracy**

---

#### **Data controller**

Åbo Akademi University  
Tuomiokirkontori 3  
20500 Turku  
Finland

Åbo Akademi University is controller for the personal data collected and processed in the university's activities – in teaching, guidance, research, administration, and cooperation, internally and externally.

#### **Responsible unit for the processing that is described in this document:**

Faculty of Arts, Psychology and Theology

#### **Contact person:**

Mercédesz Czibalmos,  
The Inez and Julius Polin Institute for Theological Research,  
[mercedesz.czibalmos@abo.fi](mailto:mercedesz.czibalmos@abo.fi)

#### **Data Protection Officer at Åbo Akademi University:**

[dataskydd@abo.fi](mailto:dataskydd@abo.fi), +358 2 215 31 (switchboard)

---

#### **Why do we treat your personal data?**

The purpose of this research is to collect information about antisemitism and hate crimes experienced by Jews in Finland. We are interested in the views and experiences of all people over the age of 18 who consider themselves Jewish in some way (based on religion, culture, upbringing, ethnicity, Jewish parents, or any other factor).

**According to GDPR there must always be a legal basis for processing personal data. The legal basis for processing your personal data is:**

Public interest or official authority:

Åbo Akademi University has statutory tasks of public interest and the right to exercise official authority according to the Universities Act. Scientific and historical research is an example of a statutory task of public interest.

The basis for the processing of personal data is the following in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 1 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation:

Scientific or historical research concerning the general interest, statistics or use of public authority belonging to the controller (Section 4, Paragraph 3 of the Data Protection Act).

The processing of sensitive data is based on the following special category of Article 9(2) of the General Data Protection Regulation: scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes.

The data is stored on Åbo Akademi's secure web server and is processed only by the designated members of the research group. The data is protected with a username and password.

#### **Which personal data is processed and by whom?**

Personal data is collected through various online sites (including for example websites, social media platforms, different social media groups and channels) as well as physical events (such as public demonstrations, marches, encampments).

When collecting, analyzing and publishing the data, sensitive personal data may be collected. Examples of possible sensitive personal data are:

- Racial or ethnic origin
- Political opinions
- Religious or ideological convictions
- Health information
- Sexual orientation and gender identity
- Work union membership

**The research is carried out by the researchers of the Antisemitism Undermining Democracy project.**

Other researchers may also participate in the preparation of both scientific and non-scientific articles based on the data, but they do not have access to the data stored on the servers.

In certain cases, individuals may be identifiable based on the analyzed data. These cases may include instances, when individuals post on open social media channels with their own names, or in instances, when they attend public demonstrations and events and there is a chance of identifying them based on their posts, based on the articles written on and about them, as well as based on their looks.

### **From where do we collect your personal data and how is the data processed?**

Personal data is collected from various online media (including, but not limited to websites, social media platforms, different groups and channels on social media) as well as from physical events (such as public demonstrations, marches, encampments). The data collected during the process may include the names, nicknames, profile photos, or profiles on social media of certain individuals, or groups. It may also include video recordings of their participation at public events, such as demonstrations, marches, presentations, etc. It may also include their speeches, written texts, public statements, social media posts and texts, sent voice messages, sent video messages, sent messages in open social media channels.

### **Is your personal data transferred to a third party (outside Åbo Akademi University) for processing?**

The data will be saved and stored on Åbo Akademi's server for the duration of the research and for a maximum of five years after the end of the research. The access to this server is protected by a username and a password.

After this, the research material is offered to be permanently archived in the Finnish Social Science Data Archive. The archived material will be subjected to permission for a specified period. This means that the material may only be used with permission from the Finnish Social Science Data Archive, only for research purposes.

### **Is your personal data transferred to a third party (outside Åbo Akademi University) for the needs of the third party?**

No, personal data will not be transferred outside Åbo Akademi University.

### **Is your personal data transferred outside EU/EEA?**

No, personal data is not transferred outside EU/EEA.

### **What rights do you have when Åbo Akademi University processes your personal data?**

Åbo Akademi University is responsible for taking appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data against unauthorized or illegal processing and against damage to or loss of personal data. Personal data must always be processed in a fair and transparent manner in accordance with applicable data protection regulations.

### **According to the EU General Data Protection Regulation GDPR, you have the right to**

- get transparent information on how your personal data is processed and how you can exercise your rights (Art. 12)
- get access to your personal data at Åbo Akademi University and information on the processing of data (Art. 15)
- have your personal data corrected (Art. 16). *Note that employees and students at Åbo Akademi University can in most cases correct their own data according to the instructions on the intranet.*
- have your data erased ("the right to be forgotten") in certain situations (Art. 17)
- restrict the processing of your personal data in certain situations (Art. 18)
- have your personal data transferred between systems in certain situations (Art. 20)

- object to the processing of your personal data in certain situations (Art. 21)
- not be subject to automated decision-making, with certain exceptions (Art. 22)

You have also the right to be informed of a personal data breach involving a high risk for your personal data (Art. 34).

**When the purpose of the processing is scientific research, statistics or archival purposes,** the rights may be restricted by the Data Protection Act (1050/2018). Restrictions on rights always require special protective measures.

**If you have questions about your rights,** you can contact the responsible contact person (see above) or the ÅAU Data Protection Officer ([dataskydd@abo.fi](mailto:dataskydd@abo.fi)). See also the overall information on the processing of personal data on the ÅAU website ([www.abo.fi/en/processing-of-personal-data-at-abo-akademi-university](http://www.abo.fi/en/processing-of-personal-data-at-abo-akademi-university)).

You have the right to lodge a complaint with the data protection authority if you believe that the processing of your personal data is an infringement of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

**Contact information to the data protection authority:**

Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman

PL 800

00531 Helsinki

+358 29 566 6700 (switchboard)

tietosuoja@om.fi

tietosuoja.fi