



## Privacy statement UvA [*Civil Society in Exile*]

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Privacy is a highly important topic for the University of Amsterdam (UvA), and therefore the UvA handles your personal data with care. In this Privacy Statement we describe how personal data is processed and how the privacy of all political exiles who participate via interviews in the project “Civil Society in Exile” is protected.

### **Who is responsible for processing my personal data?**

The UvA is the party responsible for processing your personal data within the meaning of the General Data Protection Regulation (‘GDPR’). The UvA is located at Spui 21, 1012 WX Amsterdam. Our postal address is PO Box 19268, 1000 WX Amsterdam.

Any questions you might have can be emailed to [avg@uva.nl](mailto:avg@uva.nl). The UvA has appointed a Data Protection Officer (‘DPO’). The DPO’s email address is [fg@uva.nl](mailto:fg@uva.nl).

### **Which (categories) of personal data are processed?**

After ethnographic observations, social media data gathering, and interviews that have begun in October 2025, the following personal data of political exiles, such as politicians, journalists, activists, public intellectuals and NGOs, will be processed:

- Name
- Age bracket
- Professional occupation
- Non-specific geographical location (country/city of residence)
- Biographical background
- Political affiliations

### **For what purpose will my personal data be processed?**

The UvA will process your personal data for the following purposes:

- To create a selection of political exiles based on the personal data that you have provided;
- To identify the experiences of Russian political exiles in Europe
- To identify the ties between different political exiles in Europe; and
- To interpret the data for the purposes of researching the organizational dynamics of Russian political exiles

### **What is the legal basis for the processing of this data?**

The UvA processes the interview data based on Article 6(1)(a) GDPR and Article 9(2)(a) GDPR, with participants providing informed and explicit consent prior to participation. You can withdraw your consent at any time by sending an e-mail to the principal researcher: [e.anaskin@uva.nl](mailto:e.anaskin@uva.nl). The withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of the processing up to the moment of withdrawal.

Ethnographic observations and publicly available social media data will be processed based on Article 6(1)(e) GDPR, as the research is conducted under the public mission of the University of Amsterdam to advance scientific understanding in the public interest. This includes promoting democratic values, human rights, and the protection of vulnerable populations by examining the political experiences of exile in Europe.

### **Will my personal data be shared with third parties?**

Your personal data will not be shared with other parties. Should this be the case at any time, we will inform you of this. We only disclose personal data to third parties to the extent permitted by privacy law, for example because you have given your prior consent or we are legally obliged to do so.

### **Will my personal data be transferred to countries outside the European Union?**

No, your personal data will not be transferred to countries outside the European Union.

### **How will my personal data be secured?**

The UvA takes appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect your personal data against unauthorized access, loss and any form of unlawful processing. To protect data, all interviews, social media data, and ethnographic notes will be pseudonymized, encrypted and uploaded on UvA Research Drive to which only the principal researcher will have access.

### **How long will my personal data be stored?**

We will not keep your personal data for longer than is necessary for the purposes for which we use it. The retention period is ten years. We are required by law to keep some data for a certain period of time. However, all data will be pseudonymized, making it impossible or very difficult to trace to the original source.

### **How can I exercise my privacy rights?**

On the basis of the GDPR, you have the right to access the personal data that we process, to correct your personal data if it contains factual inaccuracies, to limit the processing of your personal data, and – subject to certain conditions – to object to the processing of your personal data and the right to data portability.

If you wish to exercise any of these privacy rights, you can contact [avg@uva.nl](mailto:avg@uva.nl).

If you are not satisfied with how the UvA dealt with your personal data, you can submit a complaint with the Data Protection Officer of the UvA, at [fg@uva.nl](mailto:fg@uva.nl).

### **Contact details**

If you have questions regarding the project “Civil Society in Exile” and how your personal data will be processed, you can contact the principal researcher via [e.anaskin@uva.nl](mailto:e.anaskin@uva.nl) and the AISSR Ethics Advisory Board [eab-aissr-fmg@uva.nl](mailto:eab-aissr-fmg@uva.nl).