**Participant Information Sheet**

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**Study Title**: Perception of Briefly Presented Images

**Researchers**: Matt Anderson, Wendy Adams, Erich Graf

**Ethics number**: 40957

**Please read this information carefully before deciding to take part in this research. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.**

**What is the research about?**

We are interested in how humans acquire an understanding of their environment at very small time intervals.

We will briefly present you will a set of images, and you will be asked to categorize each one into either a semantic (e.g., nature), 3D layout (e.g., flat), or 2D appearance category (e.g., Green).

**Why have I been chosen?**

You have been chosen as part of an opportunity sample from the school of psychology participant pool.

**What will happen to me if I take part?**

You will be asked to meet at an experimental lab in the Shackleton Building. After being given a series of instructions, you will be given an opportunity to ask any questions you have about the research.

Following this, you be asked to view a series of images presented to each eye via a mirror stereoscope and allocate the images into categories of your choosing.

I will show how to categorize the scenes before you begin. The full duration of this experiment will be around 120 minutes. You will not be required to take part in any follow up after this 120 minute period.

**Are there any benefits in my taking part?**

You will gain 24 credits for your participation. Your participation will help to develop a set of scene categories will be used for a later project.

**Are there any risks involved?**

There is the risk of eye strain, from viewing images over a sustained period. You will be encouraged to take breaks between trials to reduce this risk. If you feel uncomfortable with this, you may withdraw at any point during the experiment.

**Will my participation be confidential?**

Participation will be made confidential in accordance with both the data protection act and University policy. Your identifying personal information will not be used at any point in the analysis or presentation of data. Experimental data will be kept on a secure, password protected computer. Data will only be viewed by those directly involved in running the experiment or analysing the data: Matthew Anderson, Wendy Adams, and Erich Graf.

**What happens if I change my mind?**

You retain your right to withdraw at any point throughout the experimental procedure and if you wish to leave the experiment you may do so. If you choose not to participate there will be no consequences to your grades or to your treatment as a student in the Academic Unit of Psychology.

**What happens if something goes wrong?**

In the unlikely event of a problem, you may contact the Chair of the Ethics Committee, Psychology, University of Southampton, Southampton, SO17 1BJ. Phone: +44 (0)23 8059 3856, email fshs-rso@soton.ac.uk

**Where can I get more information?**

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