

**Institutional letter (English):**

To the attention of the Comissió d'Ètica en l'Experimentació Animal i Humana, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona:

Emmaus XXX, registered charity number XXXX, AUTHORISES the research assistant Maria Rosa Garrido Sardà, with N.I.F. XXX, to carry out her PhD research in our charity. We have received information about the study through an approved information sheet and a presentation by the main researcher. This research will contribute to understanding the social organisation and management of a community of diverse people which forms part of the Emmaus transnational movement through the analysis of the communicative and discursive processes. Maria Rosa Garrido's research consists in being present at the interactions among the people who live, work and collaborate in the different sociocommunicative spaces at the Emmaus local community.

Emmaus XXX AUTHORISES Maria Rosa Garrido Sardà to audio record the community meetings which she attends in her quality as a researcher from XXX. All the participants will have been informed about audiorecording in advance and their rights as research subjects, including their right to stop or erase the recordings at any time. In addition, Emmaus XXX AUTHORISES Maria Rosa Garrido to take general photographs of the physical spaces and use institutional documents, as long as they preserve the participants' anonymity. The researcher may request one-to-one interviews with staff members, companions and volunteers, which might also be recorded with the participant's informed consent.

The anonymity of participants in this study about Emmaus will be maintained at all times. Their names will not appear in any of the publications which come out of this research. Emmaus XXX AURTHORISES the researcher to use the name of the movement, "Emmaus", in the research materials and academic publications. The collected data will be kept confidential and used exclusively for academic purposes according to the approved methodology by the Ethics Committee (CEEAH) at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature, date and stamp)

## Consent form to be a research subject

PhD Dissertation about Social Diversity, Transnational Discourses and Communicative Practices in  
Emmaus

HUM 2010-26964 Project

Maria Rosa Garrido is a research assistant at the Departament de Filologia Anglesa i de Germanística (English and German Department) at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. She is completing her PhD on institutional communication and the management of diversity in a local community that belongs to the Emmaus international solidarity movement. This study has an estimated duration of a year (up to September 2012).

Maria Rosa Garrido's main research tasks consists in being present in the interactions among the people who live, work and collaborate in the different sociocommunicative spaces at the Emmaus local group. A second research task will consist in audiorecording some of these interactions. Besides, she will request a one-hour interview with some participants, which will also be recorded with the participant's informed consent. The researcher will also ask for permission from the participants to take general photographs of the physical spaces, as long as they preserve the participants' anonymity.

Your anonymity as a participant in this study about Emmaus will be maintained at all times. Your name will not appear in any of the publications which will come out of this research and the documents will be kept confidential according to the ethics code of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to participate if you don't want to or answer any questions which you do not want to answer. You can also abandon the study at any time without any consequences for you. Besides, you can require further information on this study at any time if you wish.

Maria Rosa Garrido has explained to you what the study is about and has answered your questions. If you have any doubts or need more information about any other research-related topic, please contact the researcher by phone or by email:

Maria Rosa Garrido      email address & telephone number

You can also contact Dr. Eva Codó, her thesis supervisor (email) or Dr. Melissa G. Moyer, leader of the research team *Comunicación Intercultural y Estrategias de Negociación* (email).

You have received a copy of this form.

You agree to participate in this study.

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Subject's name

Subject's signature

Date

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Researcher's signature

Date