

## **RESEARCH ETHICS TO THE CONDUCT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IN KAZAKHSTAN: REFLECTIONS ON COLLECTING DATA FOR PHD. THESIS IN KAZAKHSTANI EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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Although there are various definitions of what is ethics in research, in general, it can be referred as a code of professional conduct of a researcher. Researcher's code of conduct is usually prescribed by Institutional Review Board of an institution, or by other entitled organizations. In order to receive IRB's permission to conduct a study, the researcher needs to prepare a research proposal where he or she has a detailed discussion of guaranteeing confidentiality, respect, honesty, and integrity in the study. Thus, planning ethically responsible research is a core part of the researcher's work, and ethical questions need to be thoroughly planned. However, even well-planned research proposal might not work when you come to the research site. This is because the code of professional conduct of your organization could differ from the code of conduct of your research. Moreover, your research site might be not familiar with peculiarities and regulations of empirical research, and your research site might experience research as a participant for the first time. That was the case when I was collecting the data for the PhD. Dissertation, which was quite challenging and good learning experience. And in this presentation, I would like to share with what I learnt on ethical questions that need to be considered when you conduct an empirical research in Kazakhstani educational institutions. The main purpose of my work is to discuss and problematize development of 'ethical standards' for social science in Kazakhstan, and further, suggest recommendations for adaption ethical policies to research ethics in Kazakhstan.

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