Dear student,

Crafting simulation models has become an important part of doing research. We have started a collaboration between different universities (including UU) to study how people work on simulation models, and to identify some best practices. Thus, we need your help.

**What we ask from you**
We would like to see your team’s output: the weekly and final reports, the final version of the ODD protocol, and a short questionnaire that will be given to all teams at the end of the course.

**What we plan to do**
We plan to use the collected data to study whether and how different teams develop different modeling strategies.

**Participation is completely anonymous**
The data we collect (except for the final ODD protocol) will not be used in any way for grading the assignment. The data we collect is completely anonymous: we only collect team output, and we do not keep track of which students are in which team. In fact, the only personal data we collect is the email address of each team’s representative, which we only use to distinguish groups, and that we will permanently delete at the end of the course.
The fully anonymous team output we collect will be indefinitely stored in an encrypted location following UU regulations, and will only be accessible for research purposes by the researchers listed below (see ‘contacts’). The data will *not* be made available for secondary use.

**Participation is voluntary**
We are asking your consent for the collection of your team’s output. If you give consent, you can withdraw it at any time by contacting us in person or via email (see ‘contacts’).

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**Consent**
Please indicate your choice:

[ ] I **do** give consent for the collection of my team’s output within the course *Social Simulation* (a.y. 2018-2019).

[ ] I **do not** give consent for the collection of my team’s output within the course *Social Simulation* (a.y. 2018-2019).

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