

Hello!

I am Maria Mäensivu. I have been doing circus since 2007 and am currently completing my master's studies at Tampere University.

I am looking for participants to be interviewed for my master's thesis regarding circus as a part of international relations. To participate, you don't need any previous knowledge about international relations. However, participants need some experience in international connection or projects as part of their circus journey. The aim of the interview is to map out what themes around Circus and International relations arise and how they are interconnected.

**Why is this important?** Research on circus is currently very limited. Most of the research focuses on circus as a health-based intervention. However, circus is and has always been a largely international or global institution, moving between and beyond national borders. Nowadays much of circus funding is also reliant on other international actors (e.g. the European Union). By gathering and developing information on circus as an international actor we can gain a better understanding of how circus affects and has been affected by international trends, how international circus networks are developed and maintained and can better justify the importance of circus work to other international (and national) actors. Furthermore, this research could be used as a guide for further research on circus' societal and international impacts.

**The interview will take around 45 minutes** and will be conducted via Zoom (or other online-video platform if needed) Between September and October 2025. The interview will be held in English, but you do not need to be fluent to participate. **Participation is completely voluntary** and you can stop the process at any point before, during or immediately after the interview. You do not need to give any reason for stopping the process.

**Sign up to the interview by 14.9.2025**

**Link to sign up for interviews:** <https://forms.office.com/e/BPJRFUGEjG>

### Questions?

You can send me any and all questions regarding this thesis at any point! Don't hesitate to reach out even with a small message.

Regards, Maria Mäensivu

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