

China in Europe Research Network (CHERN) - CA 18215

Perceptions of China across Europe and beyond: Working with the public opinion survey data to understand Chinese soft power

Basics

Host Organization: Palacky University Olomouc, Sinophone Borderlands project

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The tentative length of the STSM: 1-2 weeks

Call's description and objectives

We invite researchers at any career stage to work together with us using our unique public opinion survey data which are being produced as part of the ERDF project Sinophone Borderlands at the Palacky University Olomouc.

At the moment, we have available data from 13 European countries from the survey in Autumn 2020 on research sample almost 20 thousand respondents. Another wave of European survey is planned for Summer 2022 and the visiting researchers are also welcome to suggest their own questions to be included in the questionnaire based on their specific interests. Besides, other surveys have been organized in Indo-Pacific region, Africa, and Americas and the researchers are welcome to engage with this data, too (data available in Spring 2022).

The surveys include approximately 400 items/variables studying various aspects of attitudes towards China, Chinese people, and preferred policies, as well as comparisons with other countries and great powers (especially the US, Russia, or the EU).

The visiting researchers are welcome to suggest their broadly defined research questions and we can work together to consult survey data to produce a specific research design.

As some examples of possible research approaches, we are generally interested in how and why different political preferences (i.e. voters of political parties) or political ideologies influence perceptions of China and the related policy preferences. The survey also includes

questions on COVID-19 and allows for analyzing driving forces of conspiracy theories among European populations.

Call's specific requirements

Visiting researchers do not need to have previous experience with working with the survey data as the training will be provided by the host. Still, affinity with the topic should be demonstrated. In addition, the applicants should meet the COST criteria for STSM applicant.

Results

In addition to COST requirements (scientific report) the STSM will result in identification of common research questions and utilization of the data with the aim of drafting a working paper. It is expected that in a few months after the visit a paper could be submitted to a relevant journal. The research analysis and cooperation will be presented at the CHERN workshop. In addition, a blog post for CHERN website should be prepared.

Practical details

All applicants must carefully read the [STSM basic facts](#) on CHERN's website before applying.

Potential pandemic restrictions would mean that initial meetings and activities would be done remotely. The exact dates and timing of the mission shall be determined jointly by the Host and the selected applicant.

Deadlines

Deadline for applications to be submitted: **March 25 2022**

Notification of application outcome: **April 5 2022**

Period of STSM: Spring to Summer 2022 (exact dates to be determined together with the host)

Submitting the reports: **30 days** after completing the STSM (and no later than October 15th)

Accepting/ rejecting the reports: **within 2 weeks** after submission of the report

Execution of the payment of the grant: **within 4 weeks** after submission of the report

More information

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