

## **JRP project Third Wave**

### **General agreements and ethical considerations**

We believe in truly collaborative work, and we rely on the honesty and expertise of each member of the study. That being said, in order to be clear about the good practices defended by the project, as well as our commitments, duties and rights as members, we will follow these general rules and ethical considerations:

#### **Participation and adherence to guidelines**

1. All JRP project participants should follow these general rules and ethical standards in order to be part of the study.
2. All national teams need to conduct the content analysis to be part of the project.

#### **Data collection and management**

3. All national teams commit themselves to provide a high-quality training to their news-content coders.
4. All national teams need to send high quality – i.e., clean, genuine and reliable – data for the content analysis, in order to contribute to the overall quality of the project. Datasets that do not meet minimum criteria for quality, consistency, and validity may be removed from the global dataset and global publications.
5. All national teams should complete their data collection on time.
6. All national teams will need to send their cleaned national datasets to the project's Central Coordination by the agreed date, following guidelines that the project's Central Coordination will provide.

Each national dataset will be double-checked individually at first. Then, all national datasets will be merged into a final global dataset for the content analysis. Central coordination will be responsible for the final cleaning of the dataset.

7. Only after we put together the main dataset comprising individual datasets from each country, they will be shared with all members of the study. This ensures data consistency across data analysis and publications.

#### **Publication and authorship**

8. Central Coordination will prepare a number of global papers for publication based on the global data, with the assistance of the national teams.

Based on the criteria of the respective journals, main principal investigators from each country will be co-authors of these papers (one author per country). If a journal cannot include this many co-authors, a solution will be discussed and agreed upon. Please note that in cases where there is more than one principal investigator in a national team, authorship must be distributed amongst the available papers.

9. Authorship order will be strictly determined by the work contributed by each team/member.
10. During the time we write our scientific global outputs and once the global dataset is appropriately clean and verified by Central Coordination, team members may publish their own national results in local or global journals (in any language), and are encouraged to publish cross-regional comparisons (including different countries from the study), with the condition that they

always make reference to the project's name in their methodology, as well as to the PUCV as host institution and logistical coordinator of the project.

11. After the global papers are submitted for peer review, local teams may publish papers using the entire global dataset as well. Authorship for these papers must be agreed upon by the participating authors.

12. To avoid overlap, national teams must inform the Central Coordination about their working papers. Collaborative work is strongly encouraged.

13. We expect national teams to adhere to principles of fairness and integrity in assigning and distributing paper authorship.

14. All JRP participants should actively contribute to the project by participating in publication writing, data analysis, and – if possible – national and international conferences. The same rules of collaboration and acknowledgement apply.

### **Collaboration and conduct**

15. All JRP participants should be respectful with the other members of the project. All national team members should uphold the project's global values of respect, inclusivity, integrity and excellence in all stages of the project.

16. The project is committed with the professional development of students and junior researchers. When possible, principal investigators should promote the inclusion of students and early career researchers in their teams (in any capacity they see fit such as research assistants, coders, co-authors, etc.).

17. All JRP participants should promote the project and its achievements within their academic circles and engage in external outreach to broader audiences (including media, policymakers, and the public, when relevant).

18. Project members are encouraged to incorporate the project into their teaching and reading lists, if possible.

19. Team members should promptly alert Central Coordination of any difficulties they encounter in conducting any stage of the project.

### **Data ownership**

20. Recognizing the mutual benefits of collaboration, team members will gain from the expertise and theoretical and empirical contributions of all members, enhancing individual and collective publications in high-impact journals. In exchange, national teams are expected to share their national results with the project. The ownership of the national and global data is, therefore, *collective*.