

JRP project

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, and our commitments, duties and rights as members, we will follow these general agreements and ethical considerations:

- All participants of the JRP project should follow these general agreements and ethical rules in order to be part of the study.
- All national teams need to conduct both the content analysis and the survey to be part of the project.
- All national teams commit themselves to efficiently train both their news-content coders, and those who will conduct interviews with journalists.
- All national teams need to send high quality –i.e. clean, genuine and reliable—data for both the content analysis and the survey, in order to contribute to the overall quality of the project. National datasets that fail to fit minimum criteria of quality, consistency and validity may be removed from the global dataset and from the global publications.
- All national teams should complete their data collection on time.
- All national teams will need to send cleaned databases to the project’s Central Coordination, using the template and matrix to be distributed to all national teams.
- Each dataset will be double checked individually at first. After that, all national datasets will be merged, so we will have two final datasets: one final dataset for the content analysis, and another final dataset for the gap between ideals and practices. Central coordination will be in charge of the final cleaning of both final datasets.
- Only after we put together the two main datasets 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.
- Based on global data from the two main datasets, Central coordination will prepare four general papers for publication, with the help of the national teams, of course. Based on the criteria of the respective journals, all main principal investigators from each country will be co-authors of these papers (one author per country). In case a journal is unable to include a high number of co-authors, we may discuss and find a solution together.
- The authorship order will be strictly related with the work done by each team team/member.
- During the time we write the general papers, team members are free to publish their own national results in local or global journals in the language of their choice,

and also are encouraged to publish cross-regional comparisons with the inclusion of different countries based on the study, with the condition that they always make reference to the project's name in their methodology.

- After the four general papers are sent out for peer review, local teams are also free to publish any paper using the entire dataset. Authorship needs to be discussed and agreed with the participating authors.
- In order to avoid overlap, national teams should inform the rest of the project the papers in which they are working. We encourage collaborative work by all means.
- All participants of the JRP should be respectful with the rest of the members of the project.
- All participants of the JRP should be active contributors of the project, participating in publication writing, data analysis, national and international conferences as well as promoting the project in their academic circle. We actively ask you to incorporate our project in your teaching and reading lists, if possible.
- Team members should alert promptly of any difficulties they may face in conducting any of the project stages.
- In the understanding that a collaborative work is a win/win situation for everyone, team members benefit from the expertise, theoretical and empirical solidity of everyone in order to publish individually and collectively in high impact journals and publications. 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*.