



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Benefits and Challenges of Large Cross-Cultural Research Projects

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The International Situations Project

84 cities (6 US cities)
65 countries
42 languages
6 continents
15,319 participants

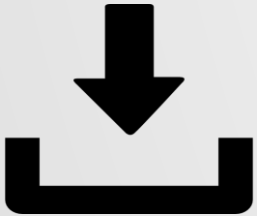


ISP Collaborators

A world map with a dark blue background. Landmasses are outlined in white. Countries are colored in two shades: a light blue and a light tan. The light blue countries are distributed across North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. The light tan countries include Russia, China, India, and several countries in Africa and South America. A legend at the bottom right shows a light blue square followed by the text 'ISP Collaborators'.

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Step 1



Download the attached file for a list of your site's Participant IDs

Step 2



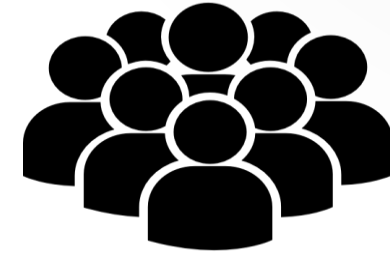
Assign each participant a unique 7-digit ID (from this Excel file) and your site's Study ID: THA11.TH.

Step 3



Direct participants to visit the ISP study website at ispstudy.net

Step 4



Manage data collection for at least 130 participants and track their progress at ispstudy.net/manage using Study ID: THA11.TH; User ID: IDFDS-ADMIN

Project planning



Translations



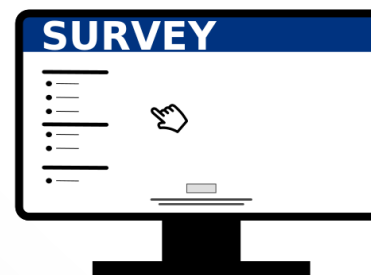
Publishing



Collaborator
recruitment



Data collection



PROJECT PLANNING

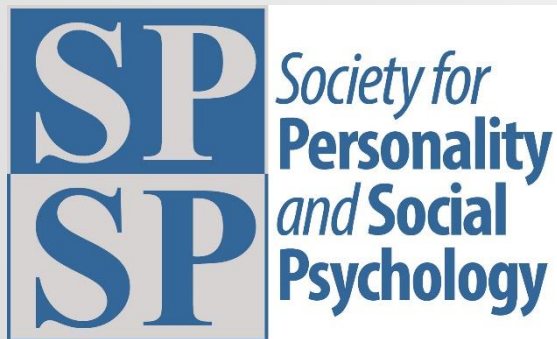
- What is the goal of your project?
- Before recruiting, decide -
 - Feasibility
 - Method/length
 - Funding/incentives



COLLABORATOR RECRUITMENT



- Who to recruit from?
 - Decide breadth or depth
- Start with personal connections -> more connections
- Conferences, list-serves, other cross-cultural collaborations
- Recruit from multiple sites – some may drop out or have limited participants
- Recruit from hard to reach places
 - many researchers in non-Western countries are very open to collaborations with U.S. based researchers



ASSOCIATION
PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE



Psychological Science Accelerator
a distributed laboratory network

TRANSLATIONS



- All measures &/or instructions should be translated into the local language by a native speaker (avoid Google Translate)
 - Accurate translation is important for cross-cultural comparability
- Translate -> back-translate -> test survey
 - Use separate translators
 - Organization system
- Also...
 - Look for existing translations
 - Beware of different concepts
 - English is a good back up option for all countries
 - Often a indicator for quality of data collection

DATA COLLECTION



- Universal start date
- Keep track of location & participants
- Academic calendars/IRB process can vary drastically by country
- Set deadline way ahead of actual deadline

PUBLISHING YOUR DATA



- New data analyses
 - Test for measurement invariance
 - Multilevel modeling
- Authorship concerns
- Initial publication good for future recruitment
- Open data?
 - Some countries have very strict ethical guidelines

GENERAL TIPS

- Personalize all communication
- Newsletter updates
- Can meet up/present with collaborators at international conferences
- Allow for collaborator feedback – ask about cultural specific problems that may arise

QUESTIONS?

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