

## *East Asian Social Survey (EASS) Study Monitoring Questionnaire*

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This document is based on the ISSP SMQ developed by ZUMA.

1a. Please enter the name of your institute and your country:

Institute:

Institute of Sociology,  
Academia Sinica

Country:

Taiwan

1b. Please enter the name of the principal investigator and your contact person for questions about the study:

Principal  
Investigator:

Ly-yun Chang

Contact  
Person:

Su-hao Tu

2a. What kind of institute fielded the module?

An institute principally doing market research

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An institute principally doing academic research

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An institute doing both market and academic research

☐

Other (please write in details)

☐

2b. Which institute carried out the fielding?

PI's  
institute itself

☐

OR

Institute  
name:

Center for Survey Research

3a. Was the questionnaire fielded ...

only in English

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→ Question 39

in English plus other language(s)

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→ Question 3b

only in translation

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→ Question 3b

3b. Please enter the language(s) the module was fielded in.

*Please write in:* Chinese

4. Was the questionnaire for language 1 ...? (If you used more than five languages, please report on the five used by the most respondents.)

a written translation (a questionnaire/application) ☒ → Question 5  
an oral translation (interviewer translated on the spot) ☐ → Question 11

5. Who carried out translation 1? Please tick all that apply.

A member or members of the research team ☒  
A translation bureau ☐  
One or more specially trained translators ☐  
Other (please write in details) ☐

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6. Was translation 1 checked?

Yes ☒ → Question 7  
No ☐ → Question 8

7. How was translation 1 checked?

Group discussion ☒  
Expert checked it ☐  
Back translation ☐  
Other (please write in details) ☐

*Please write in:*

8. Was the translation 1 questionnaire pre-tested?

Yes ☒  
No ☐

9. Were there any questions, sections, words or concepts which caused problems when translating into language 1? Please tick all that apply.

No problems ☒ → Question 11

Answer scales ☐

Instructions ☐

Whole questions ☐

Words or concepts ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

*Please write in details of problems checked/ticked above:*

10. What did you do about any problems in translation 1?

*Please enter details:*

11. Was the questionnaire for language 2 ...? (answer only if you have two or more translations/languages, otherwise continue with question 39)

a written translation (a questionnaire/application) ☐ → Question 12

an oral translation (interviewer translated on the spot) ☐ → Question 18

12. Who carried out translation 2? Please tick all that apply.

A member or members of the research team ☐

A translation bureau ☐

One or more specially trained translators ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

13. Was translation 2 checked?

Yes ☐ → Question 14

No ☐ → Question 15



14. How was translation 2 checked?

Group discussion ☐

Expert checked it ☐

Back translation ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

*Please write in:*

15. Was the translation 2 questionnaire pre-tested?

Yes ☐

No ☐

16. Were there any questions, sections, words or concepts which caused problems when translating into language 2? Please tick all that apply.

No problems ☐ → Question 18

Answer scales ☐

Instructions ☐

Whole questions ☐

Words or concepts ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

*Please write in details of problems checked/ticked above:*

17. What did you do about any problems in translation 2?

*Please enter details:*

18. Was the questionnaire for language 3 ...? (answer only if you have three or more translations/languages, otherwise continue with question 39)

a written translation (a questionnaire/application) ☐ → Question 19

an oral translation (interviewer translated on the spot) ☐ → Question 25

19. Who carried out translation 3? Please tick all that apply.

A member or members of the research team ☐

A translation bureau ☐

One or more specially trained translators ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

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20. Was translation 3 checked?

Yes ☐ → Question 21

No ☐ → Question 22

21. How was translation 3 checked?

Group discussion ☐

Expert checked it ☐

Back translation ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

*Please write in:*

22. Was the translation 3 questionnaire pre-tested?

Yes ☐

No ☐

23. Were there any questions, sections, words or concepts which caused problems when translating into language 3? Please tick all that apply.

No problems ☐ → Question 25

Answer scales ☐

Instructions ☐

Whole questions ☐

Words or concepts ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

*Please write in details of problems checked/ticked above:*

24. What did you do about any problems in translation 3?

*Please enter details:*

25. Was the questionnaire for language 4 ...? (answer only if you have four or more translations/languages, otherwise continue with question 39)

a written translation (a questionnaire/application) ☐ → Question 26

an oral translation (interviewer translated on the spot) ☐ → Question 32

26. Who carried out translation 4? Please tick all that apply.

A member or members of the research team ☐

A translation bureau ☐

One or more specially trained translators ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

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27. Was translation 4 checked?

Yes ☐ → Question 28

No ☐ → Question 29

28. How was translation 4 checked?

Group discussion ☐

Expert checked it ☐

Back translation ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

*Please write in:*

29. Was the translation 4 questionnaire pre-tested?

Yes ☐

No ☐

30. Were there any questions, sections, words or concepts which caused problems when translating into language 4? Please tick all that apply.

No problems ☐ → Question 32

Answer scales ☐

Instructions ☐

Whole questions ☐

Words or concepts ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

*Please write in details of problems checked/ticked above:*

31. What did you do about any problems in translation 4?

*Please enter details:*

32. Was the questionnaire for language 5 ...? (answer only if you have five or more translations/languages, otherwise continue with question 39)

a written translation (a questionnaire/application) ☐ → Question 33

an oral translation (interviewer translated on the spot) ☐ → Question 39

33. Who carried out translation 5? Please tick all that apply.

A member or members of the research team ☐

A translation bureau ☐

One or more specially trained translators ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

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34. Was translation 5 checked?

Yes ☐ → Question 35

No ☐ → Question 36

35. How was translation 5 checked?

Group discussion ☐

Expert checked it ☐

Back translation ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

*Please write in:*

36. Was the translation 5 questionnaire pre-tested?

Yes ☐

No ☐

37. Were there any questions, sections, words or concepts which caused problems when translating into language 5? Please tick all that apply.

No problems ☐ → Question 39

Answer scales ☐

Instructions ☐

Whole questions ☐

Words or concepts ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

*Please write in details of problems checked/ticked above:*

38. What did you do about any problems in translation 5?

*Please enter details:*

39. What data collection methods were used for the module (substantive and background questions)?

Face-to-face ☒

Self-completion (with some interviewer involvement in delivering or collecting) ☐

'Mixed mode': part self-completion, part face-to-face (please write in details) ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

*If 'mixed mode' or other, please write in:*

40. Were postal or telephone components used at any point (e.g., advance contacts)?

Yes - postal ☒ → Question 41

Yes - telephone ☒ → Question 41

No ☐ → Question 42

41. Please give details of the postal and/or telephone components.

*Please enter details:*

We sent postal cards to all sampled individuals for advanced contacts

Telephone contacts were conducted in three phases of interview:

1. 5% of the respondents were back-checked by supervisors.

2. 5% of the respondents interviewed by supervisors were back-checked by senior supervisors.

3. 15% of all respondents were contacted for clarifying certain items in the questionnaires by research assistant of the project.

42. Were incentives offered?

Yes ☒

No ☐

43. How was the study fielded in your country?

As an individual survey (that is, the EASS was the whole survey) ☐ → Question 46

As part of a larger survey ☒ → Question 44

44. Please provide information about the other stud(ies) the EASS was fielded with (e.g., topic, survey name).

*Please enter:*

Taiwan Social Change Survey 2008 (TSCS-2008)

45. What was the approximate position of the EASS in the larger questionnaire?

Start of questionnaire ☒

Middle of questionnaire ☐

End of questionnaire ☐

46. Were the substantive questions in the EASS study all asked in the prescribed order?

Yes ☒ → Question 48

Yes, apart from omissions ☐ → Question 47

No ☐ → Question 47

47. Why was the question order changed?

48. Were all the core questions included in your questionnaire (by core we mean all required substantive and background questions)?

Yes – all substantive questions and background questions included ☐ → Question 50

No – substantive question(s) missing ☐ → Question 49

No – required background question(s) missing ☒ → Question 49

49. Please provide details of the questions missing and indicate why they are missing.

Four variables, relig, tw\_rincx, tw\_sincx, spempcnt are missing.

Reason(s) why missing:

Regarding variable v84, this question (The original wording is foreign bride ) was split into 3 question items (foreign brides who are from South East Asian, China, other foreign country respectively) in TSCS questionnaire. Therefore, variable names v84\_1, v84\_2, and v84\_3 are used respectively instead of v84. Please see the questionnaire (P.10) for details.

TSCS did not include question items for variable relig, tw\_rincx, tw\_sincx, spempcnt in the questionnaire.

Here we ask questions on sampling.

50. First, was your sample designed to be representative of ...

Only adult citizens of your country? ☒

Adults of any nationality residing in your country? ☐



51. Second, was your sample designed to be representative of ...

Only adults living in private accommodation? ☒ → Question 52

Adults living in private and in institutional accommodation  
(e.g., residential homes for the elderly, asylum accommodation)? ☐

If private and institutional, please enter details in box below.

*Please enter in:*

52. Third, what was the lower age cut-off for your sample?

WRITE IN :

53. Was there any upper age cut-off for your sample?

Yes - please write in cut-off

No cut-off ☒

54. Were any groups excluded or under-represented in your sample design, apart from the age cut-offs or citizenship requirements just asked about?

No ☒

Yes (please write in details)

*If yes, write in details:*

55. Did you use any variables for stratification?

Yes ☒ → Question 56

No ☐ → Question 57

56. Please describe the stratification variables used?

*Please write in:*

The following variables are used to stratify the population frame into seven levels of regions: population density, educational level, the proportion of population over age of 65, the proportion of population between age 15 and 64, the proportion of industrial employment as the total employment, the proportion of service sector employment as the total employment.

57. How many of stages does your sampling design have?

- One stage ☐
- Two stages ☐
- Three stages ☒
- Four stages ☐

58. Does your sampling frame consist of...?

- Addresses ☐
- Households ☐
- Named individuals (the target persons) ☒
- Named individuals (not the target persons) ☐
- Areas ☐
- Something else (please write in details) ☐
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59. Please describe your sampling frame (e.g., population register, electoral roll, telephone directory and its coverage and updating).

*Please write in:*

Population registers

60. Please describe your sampling method and your sampled units for the first stage?

*Please write in:*

The number of target respondents is decided for each of the seven strata of regions proportionate to the size of their populations

61. Please describe your sampling method and your sampled units for the second stage?  
(only if you have two or more stages, otherwise continue with question 64)

*Please write in:*

The number of townships is decided for each level of regions and is randomly selected from each level. Districts or villages then are randomly selected from each chosen townships.

62. Please describe your sampling method and your sampled units for the third stage?

(only if you have three or more stages, otherwise continue with question 64)

*Please write in:*

Around 20-25 individuals ages 18 or over are randomly selected from household registers in each precinct or village.

63. Please describe your sampling method and your sampled units for the fourth stage?

(only if you have four stages, otherwise continue with question 64)

*Please write in:*

64. What selection method was used to identify a respondent?

Please tick all that apply. (do not answer if your sampling frame consists of named individuals - which are the target persons. Then continue with question 66)

Kish grid ☐

Last (or next) birthday ☐

Quota ☐

Other (please write in details) ☐

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65. Please describe your quota procedures. (only if you used quota, otherwise continue with question 66)

*Please write in:*

66. Was substitution or replacement permitted at any stage of your selection process or during fieldwork?

Yes ☐

→Question 67

No ☒

→Question 68

67. Please provide details of the substitution or replacement procedures used.

*Please write in:*

68. All in all, what are the known limitations (biases) of your net sample?  
For example: is there differential coverage of particular groups, either because of sample design or response differences?

*Please write in:*

A non-response bias comes from the use of household registration data in which some household members in fact do not live in the household.

69. Please fill in the following details about your issued sample.

Some categories may well not apply, but please complete to the highest level of detail possible.

Total number of <u>starting</u> or <u>issued</u> names/ addresses (gross sample size)	4	6	0	1
- addresses which could not be traced at all selected respondents who could not be traced		1	5	1
- addresses established as empty, demolished or containing no private dwellings			8	3
- selected respondent too sick/incapacitated to participate		1	0	9
- selected respondent away during survey period		2	5	0
- selected respondent had inadequate understanding of language of survey				1
- no contact at selected address		8	9	3
- no contact with selected person		4	1	9
- personal refusal at selected address		5	0	5
- proxy refusal (on behalf of selected respondent)			7	0
- other refusal at selected address			3	2
- other type of unproductive reaction (please write in full details in the box below)			2	1
- full productive interview (net sample size)	2	0	6	7
- partial productive interview				0

More information or Other type of unproductive reaction

*Please write in:*

People who are not selected respondents are interviewed.

70. Here we ask for information about interviewer procedures.

a. Were interviewers paid according to realized cases?

Yes ☒

No ☐

b. Which, if any, of these rules governed how an interviewer approached an address/household?

*PLEASE TICK THOSE THAT APPLY*

Calls/visits must be made at different times of day ☒

Calls/visits must be made on different days of week ☒

Neither of the above ☐

c. Were interviewers required to make a certain number of calls/ visits before they stopped approaching an address or household?

Minimum number of calls/visits required - please write in number  3

No minimum call requirement ☐

d. Were any interviews supervised (that is, supervisor accompanies interviewer)?

Yes - please write in approximate proportion  1 %

No ☒

e. Were any interviews back-checked (e.g. supervisor checks later whether interview conducted)?

Yes - please write in approximate proportion  3  0 %

No ☐

71. Please write in the approximate start and end dates of fieldwork.

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Start date    0  7  2  0

End date    0  9  1  8

72. Were any measures of coding reliability employed?

Yes ☒

No ☐

73. Was keying of the data verified?

Yes - please write in approximate level of verification  1  0  0 %

No ☐

74. Were any reliability checks made on derived variables (that is variables constructed on the basis of other variables collected)?

Yes ☒

No ☐

No derived variables ☐

75. Were data checked/edited to ensure that filter instructions were followed correctly?

Yes ☒

No ☐

76. Were data checked/edited for logic or consistency?

Yes ☒

No ☐

77. Were data checked/edited to ensure they fell within permitted ranges?

Yes ☒

No ☐

**If you answered YES for any question from Q72 to Q77, continue with Question 78.  
If you answered NO for all questions Q72 to Q77, continue with Question 79.**

78. Were errors corrected?  
Please tick all that apply.

Yes - individually ☒

Yes - automatically ☐

No - not corrected ☐

79. Were the data weighted or post-stratified?

Yes ☒

→ Question 80

No ☐

→ Question 81

80. Please briefly describe the weighting or post-stratification strategy used.

*Please write in:*

Data were weighted using an iterative, proportional raking scheme. Each observation was weighted by gender, age, urbanization, and education level. Weights were then generated to match the population characteristics of Taiwan.

81. Is a national methods report available for your study?

Yes ☒

No ☐

82. If there is anything you would like to comment on, please do so here.

*Please write in:*

THANK YOU VERY MUCH