CTSE Submission Guidelines

Important dates

CTSE proposal submission deadline: August 24
Selection Announcement by beginning of September.

Required Information

1. Title

2. Abstract. One short paragraph outlining what the study entails and why it is important/relevant

3. Motivation. What is the main problem/question motivating the study and how is this study different from prior research on this problem/question

4. Research Question. What is the main research question the study seeks to answer?

5. Clearly state your hypotheses.

6. Is this a pilot study? If so please explain the purpose (e.g. grant application)

7. Research Strategy

    a. Sampling

        i. Sampling Frame. What CESS countries have you selected for the study? It should at least have one of the following: UK+Chile, Uk+China, Chile+China.
        ii. Briefly explain the choice of countries. Indicate the expected sample for the study (Note: Each CESS country sample for this study will have 200 subjects)?

    b. Statistical Power
        i. What is the effect size you will be able to detect for 200 subjects per country?
        ii. What are your assumptions about your alpha-level and about your statistical power?
        iii. How many treatments will you have? How many people will you have in each treatment arm?

c. Assignment to Treatment
    i. Briefly describe how random assignment will be implemented in Qualtrics.

8. Fieldwork
    a. What data collections instruments will you employ? Attach a sample instrument at the end of this document.

        i. For simple randomization: explain the experimental manipulations
        ii. For conjoint studies: how many trials, how many attributes, and how many values per attribute?
        iii. For IATs: how many trials and attributes are used?
        iv. Has the instrument been used before? If so, by whom? If not, are you piloting it?

    b. Data Collection

        i. How long will the Qualtrics module take from start to finish in seconds, including all question and treatment items?
        ii. What steps will be taken to keep the v data confidential during collection / is there any software involved that is external?
        iii. Is there any custom coding involved beyond the standard Qualtrics package, eg. using javascript elements or php scripts. Please explain the requirements, files and setup involved.

    c. Data Processing

        i. After the data is collected, what does the data processing entail?
        ii. What steps will be taken to keep the processed data confidential?

            Note: Data generated from the TCESS is the property of the Nuffield Centre for Experimental Social Sciences. You will have exclusive use of the data generated from your module for a period of one year. After the one-year period anonymized versions of the data will be made available to the research community.

        iii. How will the data be used/stored after the study at this stage?

    d. Ethical Conduct

        i. Do you intend to use deception?
        ii. Are you collecting any personally identifying information or information that could be used to identify a person with reasonable effort?

iii. Are you planning to use any items that could cause harm, stress or any other strain on a subject ? Please explain
iv. Have you received certified ethical conduct training?

Recommended (but not required) Information

1. Empirical Analysis

    a. Variables. What are the main variables of interest in your study?
    b. Balancing Checks.
        i. How will you check balance between treatment and control groups?
        ii. What is the specification that you will run?
        iii. What variables will you include in these balancing checks?

2. Treatment Effects

    a. How will you estimate the (causal) effect of the assigned treatment?
        i. What is the specification that you will run?
        ii. What controls will you include in your specification?
    b. How will you estimate the (causal) effect of the received treatment?
        i. What is the specification that you will run?
        ii. What controls will you include in your specification?

3. Heterogeneous Effects

    a. Which groups do you anticipate will display heterogeneous effects?
    b. How will you estimate the heterogeneous effects of the assigned treatment?
    c. How will you estimate the heterogeneous effects of the receipt of the treatment

4. Standard Error Adjustments

    a. How will you account for clustering in your data?

    b. How will you account for within and cross-country variation?

    c. If you plan to adjust your standard errors, what adjustment procedure will you use? (e.g., Family Wise Error Rate, False Discovery Rates, etc.)

    d. If you plan to aggregate multiple variables into an index, which variables will you aggregate and how?

    e. How will you deal with outcomes with limited variation