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Project title: Sino-Finnish Cooperation in Digital Teaching and Research (DIGITREE)	
Coordinator Turun yliopisto Outi Luova outi.luova@utu.fi	<p>The project addresses two novel issues that have fundamental impact on research and education in social sciences: travel restrictions caused by the pandemic, and the explosion in the amount of accessible digital research materials.</p> <p>The travel restrictions have halted many international educational and research programs. This project aims to develop alternative ways to cooperate across borders and to conduct international research, including field work, in social sciences. At the same time, the project responds to the current need to scrutinize and study the vast and exponentially expanding pool of digital data. The computer assisted digital methods for the harvesting and analysis of such data are not yet widely known in social sciences and humanities.</p>
Partners Tampere University, Zhejiang University, Lingnan University	<p>Firstly, the aim is to develop guidelines for feasible and scalable joint Sino-Finnish online courses. This is done through practice, by developing three joint online courses and compiling the best practices. The guidelines will not only pay attention to the recent developments in the research of effective online teaching methods, but also takes into account the different socio-political educational contexts in which HEIs operate in Finland and China/Hong Kong.</p> <p>Secondly, the topic of the online courses, digital research methods, enables students and researchers to collect digital materials from abroad without travelling. Hence, after taking the online courses, Finnish China researchers can use computer assisted methods to harvest digital materials (statistics, news, social media data) from China, and Chinese researchers likewise will learn digital methods and gain knowledge about the digital resources that are available in Finland / Europe. Similarly, research will become familiar with the existing Chinese / European data sets, which increases the possibility for conducting comparative cross-national research projects. Furthermore, the courses will cover different novel techniques for the analysis of digital materials.</p> <p>In addition, the project also helps to mitigate climate change by reducing the need for travel.</p>



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