
Plan Overview

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Project abstract:

The Chinese empire had a long history of unification, no matter who ruled it, and it dominated over the space through the tribute system (Mancall, 1984; Hamashita, 1994, 2003; Kang, 2010). This conventional system of geopolitics was firstly challenged until 1689 by the Treaty of Nerchinsk between Qing Empire and Russia, during the Sino-Russian border conflicts in late 17th century. The treaty established the eastern part of Sino-Russian boundary, which was the first of modern China and East Asia fixed in the sense of Westphalian nation-state theory and relevant legal process. Nonetheless, the boundary did result in neither independence of any new sovereign state nor collapse of any former empire. Both Qing China and Tsar Russia maintained their reigns for another two hundred years. The treaty firstly fixed a clear boundary of China dividing insiders and outsiders, which was fundamentally different from its convention. As Pulford (2019, p. xvi) vividly states, the borderland between China and Russia then became a mirror for each side of identifying itself by looking on the other as 'European' and 'Asian'. The identity of self and others fundamentally retained as part of narratives of state formation of modern China. Before, during and after the negotiation of the treaty, how did Chinese rulers, officials, and local residents demarcate, and manage the boundary is to be analysed, and how did the boundary impact on the understanding of new trend and real political practice in following centuries should have been investigated as well.

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Manchester Data Management Outline

1. Will this project be reviewed by any of the following bodies (please select all that apply)?

- None of the above

2. Is The University of Manchester collaborating with other institutions on this project?

- No - only institution involved

3. What data will you use in this project (please select all that apply)?

- Generate textual supporting information only

4. Where will the data be stored and backed-up during the project lifetime?

- Other storage system (please list below)

The data will be stored in researcher's own hard drive

5. If you will be using Research Data Storage, how much storage will you require?

- Not applicable

6. Are you going to be receiving data from, or sharing data with an external third party?

- Yes

All the data collected from the National Library of China (Beijing), the First Historical Archives of China (Beijing), and National Palace Museum (Taipei) are accessible to public, and no sharing agreement needed

7. How long do you intend to keep your data for after the end of your project (in years)?

- 21+ years

Guidance for questions 8 to 13

Highly restricted information defined in the [Information security classification, ownership and secure information handling SOP](#) is information that requires enhanced security as unauthorised disclosure could cause significant harm to individuals or to the University and its ambitions in respect of its purpose, vision and values. This could be: information that is subject to export controls; valuable intellectual property; security sensitive material or research in key industrial fields at particular risk of being targeted by foreign states. See more [examples of highly restricted](#)

information.

Personal information, also known as personal data, relates to identifiable living individuals. Personal data is classed as special category personal data if it includes any of the following types of information about an identifiable living individual: racial or ethnic origin; political opinions; religious or similar philosophical beliefs; trade union membership; genetic data; biometric data; health data; sexual life; sexual orientation.

Please note that in line with [data protection law](#) (the UK General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018), personal information should only be stored in an identifiable form for as long as is necessary for the project; it should be pseudonymised (partially de-identified) and/or anonymised (completely de-identified) as soon as practically possible. You must obtain the appropriate [ethical approval](#) in order to use identifiable personal data.

8. What type of information will you be processing (please select all that apply)?

- No confidential or personal data

9. How do you plan to store, protect and ensure confidentiality of any highly restricted data or personal data (please select all that apply)?

- Not applicable

10. If you are storing personal information (including contact details) will you need to keep it beyond the end of the project?

- Not applicable

11. Will the participants' information (personal and/or sensitive) be shared with or accessed by anyone outside of the University of Manchester?

- Not applicable

12. If you will be sharing personal information outside of the University of Manchester will the individual or organisation you are sharing with be outside the EEA?

- Not applicable

13. Are you planning to use the personal information for future purposes such as research?

- No

14. Will this project use innovative technologies to collect or process data?

- No

15. Who will act as the data custodian for this study, and so be responsible for the information involved?

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16. Please provide the date on which this plan was last reviewed (dd/mm/yyyy).

Project details

What is the purpose of your research project?

To develop a methodological approach of viewing the border and border-making outside of West world, making the eastern section of Sino-Russian border as a case.

What policies and guidelines on data management, data sharing, and data security are relevant to your research project?

Intellectual Property Policy

Responsibilities and Resources

Who will be responsible for data management?

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What resources will you require to deliver your plan?

Hard drive

Data Collection

What data will you collect or create?

Online publicly accessible historical archives and documents

How will the data be collected or created?

The data will be downloaded directly from relevant websites

Documentation and Metadata

What documentation and metadata will accompany the data?

The brief descriptions of the archives and documents provided by relevant collection institutions

Ethics and Legal Compliance

How will you manage any ethical issues?

There is no ethics risk due to the text-based nature of the research, and the public accessibility of all data to be collected

How will you manage copyright and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues?

There are no restrictions on the using of data to be collected

Storage and backup

How will the data be stored and backed up?

Stored in hard drive

How will you manage access and security?

There are no confidential data

Selection and Preservation

Which data should be retained, shared, and/or preserved?

All the data could be retained, shared, and preserved since they are all publicly accessible

What is the long-term preservation plan for the dataset?

No plan

Data Sharing

How will you share the data?

All the data can be accessed publicly

Are any restrictions on data sharing required?

No