Plan Overview

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Title: Beyond elite consensus? Media coverage of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in Brazil, India, and South Africa

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Project abstract:

How closely does news coverage in independent media outlets in different countries follow local political elites’ interpretations of the situation in Ukraine? To answer this question, this project aims to contribute to existing research on news coverage of the conflict in Ukraine in non-combatant countries. It will do this through two activities. First, by systematically comparing wording and framing of the conflict by elite politicians on the one side and mainstream news media on the other. Second, by moving beyond a prevailing Euro- and US-centric perspective and analysing politicians’ statements and news coverage in Brazil, India, and South Africa. These Global South countries have relatively close economic and political ties to Russia. Recent studies have shown that international news coverage about the Russia-Ukraine conflict tends to be closely linked to nations’ domestic geopolitical perspectives. Research to understand this link is of renewed relevance with Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022.

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University of Liverpool Required Information

What stage are you at in this project?

- Pre-award

Which faculty do you belong to?

- o Humanities and Social Sciences

Do you have, or will you be applying for Ethics approval for your project?

- No

Will you require space on the Active DataStore?

- No

If you are not using the ADS, where will you store your data?

- M Drive

Will you be depositing your data in an open repository at the conclusion of your project?

- Yes

Which repository will you be using?

- Liverpool Data Catalogue

Your research data

What types of data will be collected or created?

We will collect publicly available full-texts of press releases/media briefings etc. in relation to the war in Ukraine by the heads of government and the foreign ministries of Brazil, India, and South Africa, respectively. We will collect parliamentary debate transcripts from the lower houses of the federal parliaments of Brazil, India, and South Africa. We will collect - via the Gale OneFile: News database and official websites - news articles about the war in Ukraine by Folha de Sao Paulo, O Globo, The Times of India, The Telegraph (Calcutta), The Star, and the Daily Sun.

What formats will you use?

Data will be stored in HTML, PDF, MS Word, or txt form.

How much data do you estimate you will be collecting and storing?

We expect to collect and store several hundreds press releases and parliament debate transcripts. We also expect to collect and store somewhere between 5,000 and 10,000 individual news articles. The estimated size of our data collection (inlcuding to be created datasets) is 500MB.

Documentation

Are there any standards for organising, labelling or describing research data in your field of research. If so, detail below.

We will treat every press release, parliamentary debate contribution, and news article as a single line of data in MS Excel. Every case will get a unique identifier (e.g., TOI_0001 for the first article by The Times of India in the news coverage dataset). We will record formal features/metadata such as date, speaker/medium, type of communication, page number (if applicable), etc. Content variables will be added as appropriate.

For statistical analysis, the datasets will be transferred to SPSS files.

Ethics and Intellectual Property

Who owns the data you will be using, creating or collecting?

The raw data is owned by the respective publishing insitutions, e.g., the offices of the heads of government, the lower houses of parliament, the foreign ministries, and the newspaper publishers, respectively.

The data we will generate through our document and media content analysis will be wholly owned by the University of Liverpool and remain with the University if the academic leaves the institution, in accordance with the University of Liverpool's Research Data Management Policy (https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/computingservices/research-data-management/researchdatamanagementpolicy.pdf).

Are there any legal, ethical or commercial considerations? If so, how do you propose to deal with them?

There are no legal, ethical, or commercial considerations. We are allowed to use and reproduce limited extracts of copyrighted works for non-commercial research (see https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exceptions-to-copyright#non-commercial-research-and-private-study).

Storage and Organisation

Where will the data be stored during your project? If you are not using UoL managed drives, explain why.

All data will be stored on the PI's personal, password-protected University of Liverpool M Drive.

Are there any security issues relating to the storage of the data?

We are observing all relevant procedures to keep our data safe, for example using secure passwords and ensuring our operating

systems and software applications are always up to date. We will implement the key policies of the University of Liverpool related to security: the IT Acceptable Use Policy (https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/computingservices/regulations/IT_Acceptable_Use_Policy.pdf), the Information Security Policy (https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/computingservices/regulations/informationsecuritypolicy.pdf), the Server Management Code of Practice (https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/computingservices/regulations/ApprovedServerManagement_CoP_Issue1.0.pdf), and the Information Protection Guide (http://pcwww.liv.ac.uk/csd/Information_Protection_Guide.pdf). All personally owned IT equipment (e.g. laptops) use the free antivirus software available from the University.

Who else will have access to this data during the project?

My co-investigator, Dr Zixiu Liu (University of Nottingham Ningbo China) and the to-be-hired (pending successful grant application) Research Assistant.

Data Sharing

Will you be able to share any of your data in an open access repository?

Yes, via the Liverpool Research Data Catalogue: http://datacat.liverpool.ac.uk/

If not 'open', who could have access to your data and how would this be facilitated?

The deposited data can be shared and reused under Creative Commons and other licenses.

What formats do you anticipate the data will be shared in?

MS Excel or CSV file format and SPSS file format.

Long Term Archiving

Will there be any data that you cannot share but will need to be retained in the long term?

No.

Where will the data be archived at the end of the project and how long will it be retained?

Yes, the data will archived/deposited at the end of the project and will be retained for at least 10 years after the project has concluded.

What formats do you anticipate the data will be archived in?

MS Excel or CSV file format and SPSS file format.