

Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands
CSC PhD 2015 Project Description

School/Department:	Department of Public Administration, FSW
Project Title:	Network Governance in Multi-Actor Settings in China. The application of the policy network theory in China
Abstract:	<p>The research aims at applying the policy network theory in the Chinese context. The theory will be used to describe and explain policy making, implementation and enforcement in multi-actor settings in China. The central question that guides the research activities is as follows: How can network theory be used to analyze, assess and improve interactive processes among multiple parties involved in policy processes in China?</p> <p>Fields of applications may be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy making and implementation • Public service delivery (care, public transport) • Law enforcement (e.g. environmental laws; food safety) • Planning and construction of (urban) public works (including public-private partnerships in roads, plants, rail) • Crisis management <p>This research has the following aims: (1) This research will increase our understanding of policy processes in multi-actor settings in Chinese context; (2) This research will contribute to the development and use of methods to analyze and assess complex policy processes in networks in China; (3) This research will come up with lessons on how to improve complex policy making and implementation in multi-actor settings; (4) This research will increase our understanding in the particularities of policy making in networks in China (5) This research will contribute to the contextualization of policy network and shed lights on the possibilities and limits of transplanting research methods and institutional practices across institutional settings</p>
Requirements of candidate:	<p>Master degree: in Public Administration or comparable study (e.g. public sciences, Policy studies; public management; social geography)</p> <p>Background: Research Experience: Student has to be able to think conceptually; he or she should be acquainted with policy science literature (more specifically: network governance theory) and with qualitative social science methods (case-studies; ethnographic methods). Experience with surveys is recommended</p> <p>IELTS Grade: 7.0 (<i>minimal 6.0 per component</i>) or</p>

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	TOEFL: 100 (minimal 20 per component)
Supervisor information:	<p>Prof. dr. J.F.M. Koppenjan Email address Koppenjan@fsw.eur.nl Personal website www.eur.nl/fsw/staff/profiles?profiel_mis/1-112</p> <p>He is professor of Public Administration at the EUR and visiting professor at the School of Public Administration and Law of Dalian University of Technology. He collaborates with Harbin Institute of technology and the University of Nanjing. He currently supervises 2 Chinese PhD students. One studies responses of Chinese governments to environmental conflicts; the other the Regulation of food safety in China.</p> <p>Recent relevant publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Koppenjan and B. Enserink, Public Private Partnerships in Urban Infrastructures: Reconciling Private Sector Participation and Sustainability: in Public Administration Review, March/April 2009, pp. 284-296 • Zheng, H., M. de Jong and J.F.M. Koppenjan, Applying policy network theory in China. The case of the urban health insurance reform, in Public Administration, 2010 • Rui Mu, Martin de Jong, Joop Koppenjan. The rise and fall of Public-Private Partnerships in China: a path-dependent approach, Journal of Transport Geography 19 (2011) 794-806 • Ma, Y. M. de Jong, J. Koppenjan, B. Xi, Rui Mu, Explaining the organizational and contractual context of subway construction disasters in China: The case of Hangzhou in: Policy and Society 31 (2012) 87-103 • Klijn, E.H. and J.F.M. Koppenjan, Governance network theory: past, present and future. Policy & Politics, 2012, 40(4), 187-206 J.F.M. Koppenjan and C. Koliba (2013) Editorial Introduction to the Symposium Transformations towards new public governance: can the new paradigm handle complexity? Symposium, International Review of Public Administration, Vol 18, nr 2, pp 1-8. • Yongchi Ma, Martin de Jong & Joop Koppenjan, Identifying Organizational and Contractual Drivers behind Subway Construction Accidents in China: A Tale of Three Cities in: Journal of Urban Technology, Volume 20, Issue 3, 2013, 39-64