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Subject: RE: Invitation for collaboration: A Cross-national Study on Democracy, Basic Psychological Needs, and Well-being across the World
Date: November 28, 2024 at 13:20
To: Joachim Waterschoot Joachim.Waterschoot@UGent.be
Cc: Zuzana Slováčková slovackova@phil.muni.cz

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Dear Joachim,

Thank you for your response and for outlining the research. I am leaning toward participating, but I would appreciate a brief meeting to help me make a final decision, if that works for you.

I think it's important to mention that I am currently working at CEITEC Masaryk University as an HR specialist and pursuing a PhD in Psychology at Masaryk University - Faculty of Arts. After completing my PhD in 2025, I will likely no longer be directly connected to the Department of Psychology.

As I will be traveling abroad early next week (Monday and Tuesday) and unavailable on Wednesday, I can offer Thursday for the meeting. Could you please suggest a time that works for you and send me a link for the call? I believe 20–30 minutes should suffice.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Kind regards,

Kate

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From: Joachim Waterschoot <Joachim.Waterschoot@UGent.be>

Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 11:40 AM

To: Kateřina Wolfová <Katerina.Wolfova@ceitec.muni.cz>

Cc: Zuzana Slováčková <slovackova@phil.muni.cz>

Subject: Re: Invitation for collaboration: A Cross-national Study on Democracy, Basic Psychological Needs, and Well-being across the World

Hi Kate

Thank you so much for your response and for expressing your enthusiasm and interest in the project!

I understand you would like more clarification before deciding on further contributions. Most of the basic information currently available is outlined in the email and engagement form. At this stage, we are in the preparatory phase, focusing on securing support from international scholars across a sufficient number of countries (which, I'm pleased to share, is already looking very promising!) to reach out to a funding source.

Details like the sociodemographic composition and the number of participants (currently preliminarily set at a minimum of 300) will be determined in the next steps. Similarly, practical considerations, such as whether the survey will be distributed online or require paper alternatives, along with timelines, ethical considerations, and other specifics, will be addressed as we progress. Given the strong interest so far (over 50 countries are already involved!), I anticipate we'll begin taking more concrete steps soon. I would be delighted to keep you informed as things evolve.

In the meantime, if the information I have shared so far is sufficient, it would be incredibly helpful if you could confirm your interest by completing the form. Including the Czech Republic in our list of potential collaborating countries would significantly strengthen our proposal. That said, if there are additional aspects you would like to discuss or clarify at this moment, I would be more than happy to schedule a meeting at your convenience to explore these further.

Thank you again for your willingness to explore collaboration. I truly appreciate it!

Best regards,
Joachim

On Nov 27, 2024, at 10:32, Kateřina Wolfová
<Katerina.Wolfova@ceitec.muni.cz> wrote:

Dear Joachim,

Thank you so much for reaching out and inviting us to this project. The research areas you focus on make a lot of sense to me, as they align closely with my interests. However, I feel I would need a clearer understanding of what exactly you expect from future collaborators within the project. This would help me better determine whether I, we, or my colleagues/students could get involved.

I would be happy to assist you. Would it be possible to schedule a brief call, perhaps 20 minutes, next week (Wednesday morning or Thursday anytime)? I am copying my supervisor on this email in case she is interested in joining the meeting as well.

I am looking forward to your response and possible collaboration!

Kind regards,
Kate

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From: Joachim Waterschoot <Joachim.Waterschoot@UGent.be>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 3:47 PM
To: Kateřina Wlofová <Katerina.Wlofova@ceitec.muni.cz>; Zuzana Slováčková <slovackova@phil.muni.cz>
Subject: Invitation for collaboration: A Cross-national Study on Democracy, Basic Psychological Needs, and Well-being across the World

Dear Katerina

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to warmly invite you to participate in a global research project on basic psychological needs, as mentioned in my previous email (see below). This meaningful initiative has already garnered participation from 46 countries, and I wanted to personally reach out to explore your interest in joining.

In reviewing the literature, I noted your affiliation with research conducted in Czech Republic, a country not yet represented in this project. Given your expertise, I would greatly value your potential contribution. If participation isn't possible for you, I would sincerely appreciate it if you could forward this invitation to colleagues in your network who may be interested. If you'd like to participate, please complete and return the attached collaboration form (you can ignore the deadline mentioned).

Should you have any questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to reach out.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,
Dr. Joachim Waterschoot
Ghent University

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joachim Waterschoot <000005526219f939-dmarc-request@LISTS.ROCHESTER.EDU>
Subject: [SDT] Invitation for collaboration: A Cross-national Study on Democracy, Basic Psychological Needs, and Well-being across the World
Date: November 19, 2024 at 16:30:10 GMT+1
To: SDT@LISTS.ROCHESTER.EDU
Reply-To: Joachim Waterschoot <Joachim.Waterschoot@UGENT.BE>

Dear SDT members

Last week, we sent out an invitation to join an exciting cross-national project exploring the benefits of democratic governance for citizens' mental health through the lens of basic psychological needs. We are thrilled to inform you that **more than 40 researchers** from **24 different countries** have already expressed their interest in joining this initiative. A closer look at the world map below indicates that we are covering certain parts of the world very

well, while other regions are underrepresented. Especially missing at this point are collaborators from Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

We resend this invitation as you may have missed our previous message. If you're interested in joining this project, we kindly ask you to fill out the attached collaboration form. If you know a scholar (especially from the underrepresented areas) who might have interest in joining this project, we ask you to provide contact details or forward them our message. Please return the completed collaboration form to Joachim.Waterschoot@ugent.be before November 25. This collaboration is part of Joachim's postdoctoral research proposal, which he will submit by the end of this month. We aim to collect data during 2025 – 2026 and to present the results of this collective effort at the next SDT conference in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2026.

We're excited to notice the enthusiasm in the community for this project and look forward to collaborate to make it a success. Your participation will be invaluable and we hope to hear from you soon!

Warm regards,
Bart Soenens, Emma Bradshaw, Richard Ryan, Maarten Vansteenkiste, & Joachim Waterschoot

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