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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 27, 2024 at 17:49  
**To:** Joachim Waterschoot [Joachim.Waterschoot@ugent.be](mailto:Joachim.Waterschoot@ugent.be)

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Hi Joachim,

Thank you for reaching out to me.

This is indeed an exciting project and highly relevant to current political dynamics worldwide. My PhD dissertation, completed in 2011, was based in Thailand using SDT. While I no longer work in Thailand, I still have a few connections there and plan to visit in March 2025. Although that time may be late, it could be an opportunity to talk with someone interested in contributing. Additionally, data collection among the Thai population would require someone to assist with back-translating instruments, so I am a bit skeptical about committing.

In the meantime, I have a contact in Vietnam who frequently works with SDT. Would you consider having two individuals co-lead a single region?

Best,  
Amrita

On Tue, Nov 26, 2024 at 10:42 PM Joachim Waterschoot <[Joachim.Waterschoot@ugent.be](mailto:Joachim.Waterschoot@ugent.be)> wrote:

Dear Amrita

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 Thailand, 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](mailto: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](mailto:SDT@LISTS.ROCHESTER.EDU)  
**Reply-To:** Joachim Waterschoot <[Joachim.Waterschoot@UGENT.BE](mailto: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

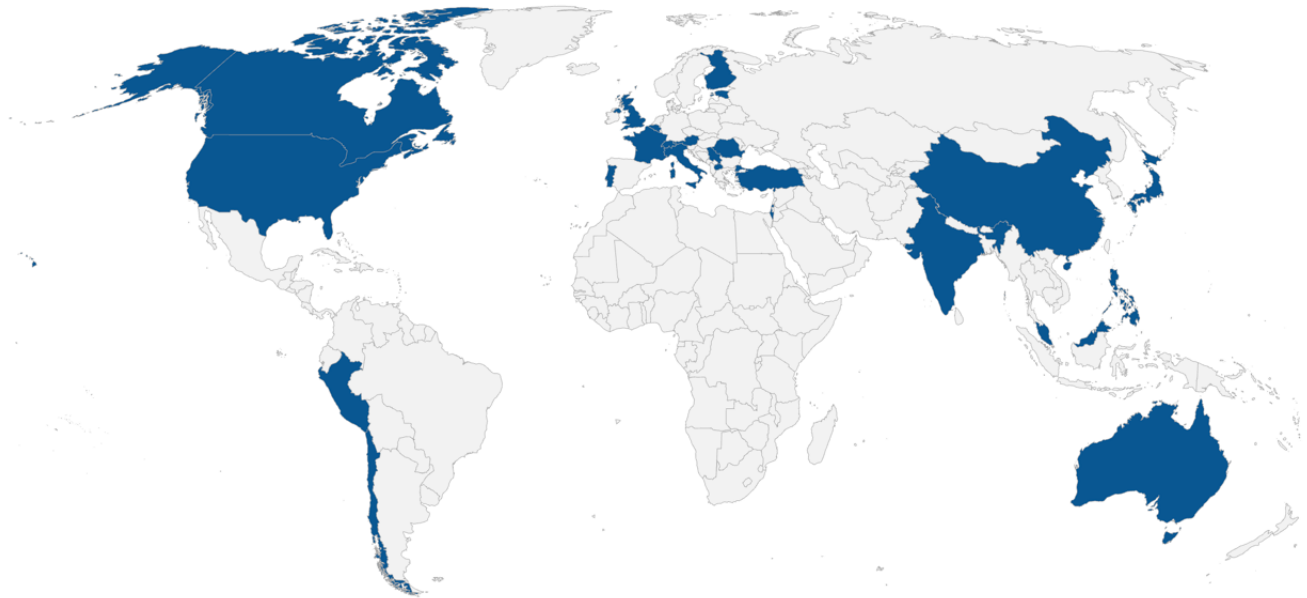
at the world map below indicates that we are covering certain parts of the world very well, while other regions are underrepresented. Especially missing at this point are collaborators from Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

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](mailto: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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