

**The Delegation of Discretionary Power in International Agreements:  
Evidence from ASEAN**

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This document provides a comprehensive explanation of the variables included in our dataset, which were utilised in this paper.

Variable Name	Descriptions
instrument	Instrument number listed on ASEAN online database
strsiz	Structural size
avgdep	Average depth
nexref	Number of external references
ninref	Number of internal references
pol	A dummy variable which indicates whether an instrument is national or cross-border in nature
year	The year in which the instrument was adopted
nmajprov	Number of major provisions
ndelms	Number of delegated provisions to member states (response variable)
ndelsupra	Number of delegated provisions the Secretary-General or Secretariat
type	A three-category variable which classifies the type of an instrument: 1: agreements 2: protocols 3: other types of instruments
kofecgidjsdv	The average standard deviation of member states' scores on the KOFecGIdj measure of de jure economic globalisation in the two years preceding the year in which the instrument was adopted
naseanms	Maximum number of member states in the year in which the instrument is adopted. Range from 5 to 10. We treat this as a categorical variable
polityivsdv	The average standard deviation of member states on PolityIV scores in the two years prior to the year in which the instrument was adopted (polity2 regime spectrum)
avzcomplex	Policy complexity
media	A categorical variable which identifies the level of importance of an instrument: 0: instruments not mentioned at all 1: instruments mentioned once or twice 2: instruments mentioned three or more times