

## **Watching the (China) Watchers – a survey of China experts**

This project has received approval from HKUST's Committee on Research Practices. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the principal investigator (Franziska Keller, HKUST) at [fbkeller@ust.hk](mailto:fbkeller@ust.hk) or Prof. Barry Sautman, Chair of the Human Participants Research Panel, at [sobarrys@ust.hk](mailto:sobarrys@ust.hk).

The purpose of this survey is to establish complete list of experts on contemporary Chinese politics. We plan to use this list to draw a random sample of experts to be interviewed in more depth at a second stage of this research. Respondents who indicate that they do not want to be contacted in the second stage will not be included in the sample.

The data provided by survey respondents will be treated confidentially and stored in encrypted files. Identifying information, such as names, e-mail addresses, and institutional affiliation, will be stored separately from the other answers provided in the survey whenever possible. Identifying information will not be shared with individuals outside the research team.

Participation in the survey is completely voluntary, and respondents are free to withdraw from the study or survey at any point.