

School/Department:	Department of Public Administration, Faculty of Social Sciences
Project Title:	Governance in Multi-Actor Settings 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 project management and 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>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>Master's degree: yes, in Public Administration or comparable study (e.g. public sciences, Policy studies; public management; social geography)</p>