

## **Instruction on the coding sheet**

### **The analytical units**

Each organization is perceived as an analytical unit. In some cases, I have interviewed different respondents belonging to the same organization and in some cases, I have conducted more than one interview session with respondents from the same organization. In addition, some information has been provided through more casual interaction with the activists. Information provided in this way has been recorded in field notes. Each interview session or field note can be perceived as an observation point. Information about the organizations, respondents, interview sessions and field notes are provided on the Y-axis in the coding sheet. Hong Kong based LNGOs are marked by the letter H and a number (H1, H2, H3 etc.), the Guangdong LNGOs are marked by the letter G and a number (G1, G2, G3 etc.) The respondents are marked by the letter R and a number (R1, R2, R3 etc). The interview sessions are marked by the letter I and a number (I1, I2, I3 etc). Field notes are marked by the letter F and a number (F1, F2, F3 etc.)

### **The variables**

Questions that relate to the democratic diffusion mechanisms have been developed inductively by a close review of the transcribed interviews. Every question can be perceived as a variable, having a dichotomous value. In the coding sheet, affirmative responses on the questions are marked with an X. Note that the value on a variable only reflect statements by the respondents. It is thus important to consider to what extent the statements reflect the true orientation and activities of the organizations. In cases where I have been hesitant on how to code a particular variable, I have added a question mark. Information about the variables are provided on the Y-axis in the coding sheet.

Questions are organized in four different categories (1) financing, (2) consultation, (3) safe space and (4) international networks. In the coding sheet, each question is marked by a letter referring to the category (F for finance, C for consulting, S for safe space and I for International networks) and a number. The abbreviation markers and the questions are presented below.

#### *Financing*

F1. Has the H-LNGO transferred funding to Guangdong partners? Has the G-LNGO received funding from Hong Kong partners?

F2. Has the H-LNGO provided free-assistance (such as consulting, training etc.) for Guangdong partners?

F3. Has the H-LNGO conditioned the financing provided for Guangdong partners?

F4. Has the G-LNGO changed its orientation in a democratic direction in order to receive funding?

F5. Does the Guangdong activist state that it is increasingly difficult to receive funding for sensitive activities?

#### *Consulting*

C1. Has the H-LNGO established any LNGO in Guangdong? Has the G-LNGO been established by a H-LNGO?

C2. Has the H-LNGO been involved in training sessions in Guangdong? Has the G-LNGO invited Hong Kong activists to take part in training sessions organized by the group?

C3. Does the H-LNGO providing regular consultancy to Guangdong partners? Does the G-LNGO receive regular consultancy from Hong Kong partners?

C4. Has the H-LNGO provided consultancy in order to strengthen the organizational institutionalization of Guangdong partners? Has the organizational institutionalization of the G-LNGO increased due to consultancy provided by the Hong Kong partners?

C5. Has the H-LNGO used consultation in order to influence the methods of Guangdong partners in a democratic direction? Has consultation provided by Hong Kong partners influenced the G-LNGO to change its methods in a democratic direction?<sup>1</sup>

C6. Has the H-LNGO used consultation in order to influence the goals of Guangdong partners in a democratic direction? Has consultation provided by Hong Kong partners influenced the G-LNGO to change its goals in a democratic direction?

C7. Has the H-LNGOs used consultation in order to influence the self-government of Guangdong partners in a democratic direction. Has consultation provided by Hong Kong partners influenced the G-LNGO to change its goals in a democratic direction?

#### *Safe space*

S1. Has the H-LNGO invited Guangdong partners to attend activities in Hong Kong? Has the G-LNGO attended activities in Hong Kong?

S2. Has the Hong Kong activist pointed at the benefits associated to inviting Guangdong activists to Hong Kong? Has the Guangdong activist pointed at benefits associated to attending activities in Hong Kong?

S3. Has the Hong Kong activist pointed at risks associated to inviting Guangdong activists to Hong Kong? Has the Guangdong activist pointed at risks associated to attending activities in Hong Kong?

S4. Has the H-LNGO invited Guangdong partners to attend protest activities in Hong Kong. Has the G-LNGO attended protest activities in Hong Kong?

#### *International contacts*

I1. Has the H-LNGO received funding from international partners?

I2. Has the H-LNGO used international contacts in order to put pressure on mainland actors? Has the H-LNGO used international contacts in order to put pressure on mainland actors?

I3. Has the H-LNGO used international contacts in order to pressure the government to respect civil rights? Has the G-LNGO used international contacts in order to pressure the government to respect civil rights?

I4. Has the H-LNGO transmitted useful knowledge from international contacts to Guangdong

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<sup>1</sup> If advocacy should qualify as a democracy promoting activity it must aim to change national policy or laws.

partners? Has the G-LNGOs received useful knowledge from international partners?