Conducting Research in the East Asia Pacific Region

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Fieldwork & Research Planning

- Start with a plan, but be very flexible
- Don’t be married to your topic
Practical tips for Fieldwork

- Patience pays off in the field
- Have a plan, but don’t control the interview
- Expanding your network
All About Guanxi

- Building social relationships
  - Drinking culture
- Can’t force the relationship
  - Unexpected results occur
Host Institution Relationship

- Too Hands off / don’t seem to care
- Too Hands on / want to micro-manage
- Make it what you want it to be
  - Guanxi helps in this department
Research & Gender

- Double edged sword being a female researcher
- Masculinity and Chinese culture
Cautionary Tales

- “Two Snakes”
- “English Practice”
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