北京師範大學

How to Lead Research Teams and Collaborate Projects : Experiences and Challenges of A Chinese Research Team Leader

http://www.compe.cn/

Beijing Normal University

www.bnu.edu.cn

BNU Background

- **One of the oldest Chinese universities**
- **Education Science and Teacher Education**
- **Research-intensive**
- **Comprehensive**

Normal refers to institutions that aim to train school teachers, originating from the French word “normale” in École Normale Supérieure de Paris.

www.bnu.edu.cn

BNU in the Rankings

- Among the 112 universities of the State Project 211
- Among the 39 universities of the State Project 985
- Among the 42 universities of the State World-class University and Discipline Project

- Ranked No 1 in Education, Psychology, Chinese History, Ecology, and Geography by MOE 2012 ranking

- **Ranked 257 in QS 2016(8 in Mainland China, 40 in Asia)**
- **Ranked 286 in USNews 2016(9 in Mainland China)**
- **Ranked 201-300 in ARWU 2016(10 in Mainland China)**

IICE

Local Solutions, Global Perspectives

A Pioneer in Comparative Education in China

- Since 1961
  - A pioneer in comparative education in China
  - The first accredited institute to offer
    - MA in comparative Education
    - PhD in comparative Education
    - International MA in comparative Education
    - International PhD in comparative Education
    - to accept post-doctoral researchers in comparative education

National Key Discipline and National Centers

- National Key Discipline in Comparative education
- National Center for Comparative education
- National Center for international education
- MOE Think Tank Consortium

IICE Faculty & Staff

- 21 faculty staff(14 professors, 6 associate professors,1 assistant professor)
- 4 editorial staff
- 2 secretaries and 5 postdoc researchers

IICE Missions

- To explore the principles of educational development as well as the trends of international education in order to provide theoretical support for educational reform and development in China.
- To cultivate high-level international talents with a global perspective and international competence.
- To provide consulting and advisory services for government policy making as well as intellectual support for school development at all levels of education.
- To act as a platform for cultural and educational exchange and cooperation, sharing ideas and experiences of best practices in China and around the world.

Main Research Strengths and Fields

▲Comparative Educational Theory: theories； paradigms, approaches and methods;

▲ Comparative Educational Policy and Administration: new educational policy and practices; policy-making theories and process; educational governance; educational finance

▲ Comparative Basic Education: curriculum and teaching; educational for international understanding; educational inspection and evaluation; equity in education; key skills for 21st Century

IICE Research Strengths(continued)

▲ Comparative Higher Education: world class university building; undergraduate education reform and innovation; graduate education; quality assurance and improvement; academic profession; governance of higher education; donation; ideas and management of universities

▲ International Education: international organizations and education; global governance of education; cross-border education; internationalization of education

▲ Development Education: international aid and development; education and international development; education for sustainable development； promotion of Chinese experiences

Five-year Research Plan

Main considerations in developing the research plan:

- The priorities of national strategies
- The Hot spots, difficulties and key issues of development and reform of education in China
- The worldwide trends of educational reform and development
- The relevant researches and capacities of IICE
- Problem-oriented approach

Five-year Research Plan (continued)

- Strategies for international educational aid of China
- Strategies for global educational governance for China
- The development of global universities (overseas campuses) and Strategies for China
- Strategies to attract international students for China
- The educational systems and policies and the Belt and Road countries

Research teams and network building

- Research Teams of experts from different universities in China
- Research Teams of experts from different disciplines
- Research Teams of experts from different countries

Polices studies and consultations

- Involvement in national educational law and policy document preparation
- Consultation research for the state and MOE through research reports
- Consultation research for the local government and schools and universities through research reports

Polices studies and consultations (continued)

- 20 pieces of worldwide education news everyday
- 3 research reports news every week
- International Education Policy Bulletin(monthly)
- Worldwide Education Trends (biweekly)
- Papers on international education for China Education Daily
- Papers on international teacher education for China Teacher Education Daily
- Papers on education reform for Guangming Daily
- International Education Policy Annual Report

Collaborative Research Centers and Projects

- APEC Higher Education Research Center
- China-U.S. Joint Research Academy for International China- France Research Center for Innovative Education
- Sino-Finland Education Research Center
- Education for International Understanding Research Center
- Research Center for Postgraduate Education

IICE International Academic Programs

- International MA Program in Comparative Education (Educational Leadership and Policy)
- International PhD Program in Comparative Education (Educational Leadership and Policy)

IICE Joint Academic Programs

- Erasmus Mundus Masters Course (Research and Innovation in Higher Education, MSc)

IICE Joint Academic Programs(continued)

- **Dilemma between democracy and efficiency**
- **Cultural difference (academic freedom in class attendance? Anti-corruption? Discrimination or differential treatment?)**
- **Threshold for joint degree or national degree**
- **Sustainability after five-years' funding from EU**

The Journal of International and Comparative Education

- founded in 1965, the first academic journal on comparative education published in China.
- bulletin of the China Comparative Education Society.
- China Academic Journals Citation Report Database shows that *Comparative Education Review* ranks as one of the highest among Chinese academic journals on education, in terms of citation frequency and impact.

New Challenges in Leading A Research Team

- Frontiers of research
- Funding and reimbursement
- Research team
- Evaluation by MOE
- Ever-changing policy at the university level?

New Challenges in Collaborative Research

- Collaboration for what: money or publication?
- Collaboration on what: personal interests or national priority?
- Collaboration by what: qualitative or quantitative methods?
- Publication in what: peer-reviewed or SCCI journals?
- Publication in what: Chinese? English? Or others?

北京師範大學

Thank You!