

Plan Overview

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Title: The Role of Food in the Placemaking Experience of Chinese Students in the United States

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Project abstract:

My primary interest and long-term goals are to understand the urban and cultural geography, and possibly political ecology of placemaking, and thus individual adaptation in urban environment. In my opinion, food as a necessity for meeting basic needs, a kind of commodity, and a cultural symbol would be a great enter point for exploring and understanding such exercises, especially for this research project. The theoretical basis I developed through reading the existing studies helped determining my research questions is that food act as a factor that could help and/or hinder people in foreign urban environment (temporal migrants) from conducting placemaking, especially homemaking (i.e. the creation and maintenance of a place one would call “home”), and thus, either successfully or failed to, adapt to the new environment through homemaking. With this theoretical basis in mind, along with consideration about the contemporary situations (i.e. COVID-19), I come up with a main research question with three supplementing sub-questions that further defines what I want to learn about this issue. My research question is:

- What is/are the role(s) of food in relation to placemaking, especially homemaking, for one to feel adapted to live in a foreign urban environment?
- o To what extent do the research subjects acknowledge the role played by food in their experience of placemaking and adapting to new environment(s)?
- o To what extent do research subjects access and adapt to the local food systems?
- o To what extent did the pandemic (COVID-19) affect research subjects’ abilities to obtain food?

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The Primary Investigator, as the sole researcher, is responsible for collect and manage the data.

The project will be based on transcripts (plain text) recorded from semi-structured interviews and photovoice induced focus groups, as well as photos (jpg files) taken by research participants during the photovoice sessions. The researcher will analyze the collected data with computer programs like MAXQDA. It is expected that the research team will also generate pdf files of the collected data for preservation and future analysis.

Metadata is considered unnecessary for the collected data.

Ideally, all the data collected for this research project is in digital form, except the notes taken for interviews and focus groups, which will be locked in the researcher's office. The electronic version of data for this project will be kept in a flash drive kept by the researcher. One set of the two backups of data will be stored in a password protected OneDrive account, while the other one will be saved in an additional flash drive kept locked in the researcher's office.

The raw data collected for this project should be kept, accessed, and managed by the researcher only in consideration of the confidentiality of research participants. However, the general structure of research methods will be made available for future study.

The collected data will not be available for others to use for future research and publish purpose. The privacy of research participants will be protected with restricted access and de-identification of data.

It is expected that this research project will only require 1 GB of space in the One Drive server and locking file folders for securing the data storage.
