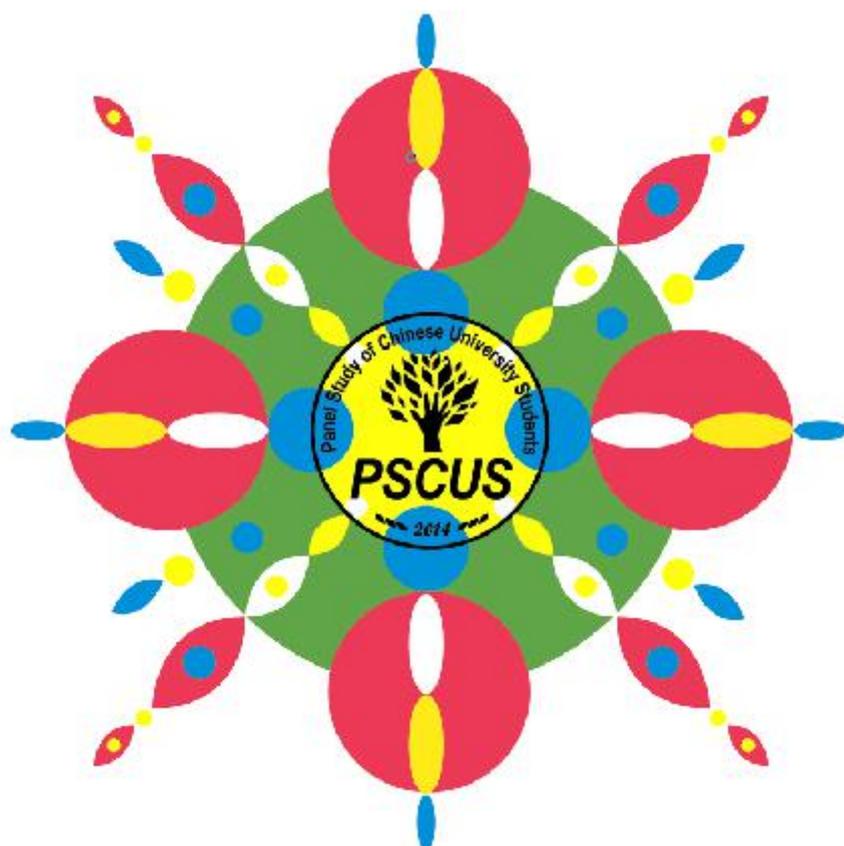


*Understanding the World of University Students*

**Panel Study of Chinese University Students  
(PSCUS)**



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 **Project Introduction**

PSCUS is a research project on Chinese university students conducted by Institute of Sociology of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences focusing on issues in their growth in a systematic and comprehensive way under the historical background of social development and transition of current Chinese society.

The project is aimed to build a theoretical framework for the study of today's Chinese youth and provide references for administrative departments of education or employment in decision-making of policies. It can also provide objective survey data for schools and relevant departments and offer students help to better understand the society, their peer group and themselves.

 **Survey Sample & Survey Content**

As a panel study, survey is conducted once every year. Researchers have studied 12000 students from 12 universities in different provinces of China for five consecutive years since 2013. Multi-stage stratified randomized sampling is used in this study. The sample was stratified according to the geographical distribution, types of schools.

The content of the survey contains education experiences, learning situation, employment status, income, consumption and lifestyle. Internet behavior, values, social and political attitude, marriage, family, housing status, parenting, way of old-age care as well as inter-generation relations, etc are also included.

 **Research Results**

Since the implementation of the project, a series of research achievement such as academic thesis, survey reports and policy reports etc based on the survey data have come out and gained remarkable attention from the domestic academic world and the media.

On April 24th, 2014, the project team published survey results in an open forum of Bookings Institute of America under the title of “Chinese youth under social transition: latest research findings of the People’s Republic of China”, which attracted a number of overseas media coverage.

 **Project Team**

At present, there are two researchers, two associate researchers, and two assistant researchers from Institute of Sociology of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences as well as three PhD students of sociology working in the project team.

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