

WHEN IT COMES TO INNOVATION, CULTURE MATTERS !

EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
NATIONAL CULTURE AND INNOVATE OUTCOME

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OBJECTIVE AND RQ

What is the relationship between national culture and innovation?

- Which dimensions of culture matters ?
- Which dimensions of culture matters most?
- Does specific innovation relevant combinations of cultural dimensions (cultural configurations) exist ?
- Does innovation related cultural clusters of countries exist ?
 - If they do, which clusters exist and how do they differ ?

BACKGROUND

DIMENSIONS OF NATIONAL CULTURE

Hofstede:

- Power distance
- Collectivism vs. individualism
- Femininity vs. masculinity
- Uncertainty avoidance
- Long vs. short time orientation

(Hofstede ,1980, 1988)

GLOBE:

- Power distance
- Uncertainty avoidance
- In-group collectivism
- Institutional collectivism
- Gender egalitarianism
- Assertiveness
- Future orientation
- Performance orientation
- Human orientation

(House et al., 2004)

- Number of dimensions
- Methodological approaches
- Age of data
- Differentiation between cultural values and practices

PREVIOUS RESEARCH

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATIONAL CULTURE AND INNOVATION

Study	Data Sources	Results
Shane, 1993	Culture: Hofstede Innovation: Patents, per Capita income	Individualism (+) Uncertainty Avoidance (-) Power Distance (-)
Lynn, 1996	Culture: Hofstede Innovation: Adaption rates for innovative technological products, RDE	Individualism (+) Uncertainty Avoidance (-)
Steensma, 2000	Culture: Hofstede Innovation: Own measure	Significant influence of National cultural factors
Van Everdingen, 2003	Culture: Hofstede, Hall Innovation: Software (ERP Systems)Adaptions in SMEs	Hofstede: Individualism (+, for early adopters), Long Term Orientation (+), Uncertainty Avoidance (-), Power Distance (-), Masculinity (-) Hall: Low Context + Monochronic Cultures (+), High Context + Polychronic Cultures (-)
Sun, 2009	Culture: Hofstede Innovation: Porter & Stern Index	Individualism (+) Power distance (-) Uncertainty Avoidance (-, indirect)
Taylor et al., 2012	Culture: GLOBE, Hofstede, Schwartz Innovation: Citation-weighted technology patents, and scientific publications	In Group Collectivism (-) Institutional Collectivism (+)



Power Distance



Individualism



Uncertainty avoidance

EMPIRICAL DATA

PREVIOUS RESEARCH VS. OUR STUDY

Previous research

IV:

- Hofstede dimensions

DV:

- Mixture of different indicators

RQ:

- Relationship national culture and innovation

Our study

IV:

- GLOBE dimensions

DV:

- Global Innovation Index
- Porter & Stern Index

RQ:

- Relationship national culture and innovation
- Strength and consistency of predictors
- Cultural configurations
- Clusters of countries

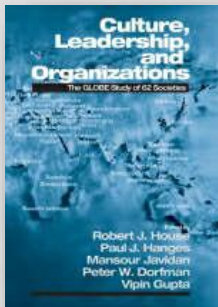
EMPIRICAL DATA

GLOBE DIMENSIONS

Most up-to date and elaborate research project on national culture

Data for:

- 62 Countries
- 17.300 Observations (middle management)
- 951 Organizations (no multi nationals)



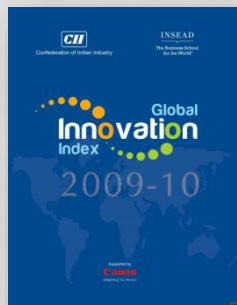
Aim:
Overcome the weaknesses of the Hofstede study

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GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX (1)

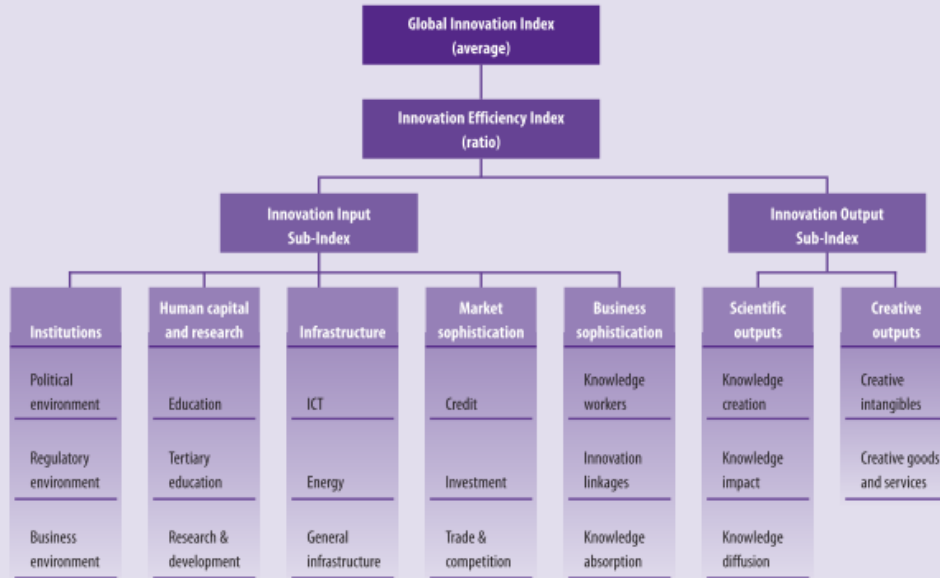
Most elaborate and comprehensive innovation index

- Integration of innovation relevant data
- +60 variables
 - Every variable is based on multiple indicators
 - Economical indicators (UN, World Bank, UNESCO)
 - Survey data indicators
 - Conceptual and statistical coherence approved by European Joint Commission Research Center



Aim:
Most elaborate measure of innovation on the national level

EMPIRICAL DATA
GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX (2)



Indonesia

Key indicators			4	Market sophistication	32.2	97	
Population (millions)	232.5		4.1	Credit	220	105	
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$)	1,098.8		4.1.1	Strength of legal rights for credit*	30.0	97	
GDP (US\$ billions)	540.3		4.1.2	Depth of credit information*	66.7	66	
			4.1.3	Domestic credit to private sector, % GDP	9.1	83	
			4.1.4	Microfinance gross loans, % GDP	0.7	66	
Global Innovation Index	Score 0-100	Rank	4.2	Investment	27.0	67	
Innovation Output Sub-Index	22.8	97	4.2.1	Strength of investor protection*	60.0	34	
Innovation Input Sub-Index	16.6	95	4.2.2	R&D capitalization, % GDP	13.3	64	
Innovation Efficiency Index	6.7	80	4.2.3	Total value of stocks traded, % GDP	11.9	38	
Global Innovation Index 2010	17		4.2.4	Venture capital deals/GDP PPPs	18.7	66	
Global Innovation Index 2009	49		4.3	Trade & competition	46.7	82	
			4.3.1	Applied tariff rate weighted mean*, %	82.4	57	
			4.3.2	Market access trade restrictions**, %	70.6	51	
			4.3.3	Imports of goods & services, % GDP	8.0	115	
			4.3.4	Exports of goods & services, % GDP	16.7	93	
			4.3.5	Intensity local competition*	67.8	51	
1	Institutions	53.4	90	5	Business sophistication	28.2	94
1.1	Political environment	44.3	80	5.1	Knowledge workers	70	124
1.1.1	Political stability*	24.1	92	5.1.1	Government-intensive employment, %	10.4	93
1.1.2	Government effectiveness*	46.7	80	5.1.2	Firms offering formal training, % firms	0.0	90
1.1.3	Press freedom*	62.1	83	5.1.3	R&D performed by business, %	14.4	75
1.2	Regulatory environment	42.8	95	5.1.4	R&D financed by business, %	17.4	57
1.2.1	Regulatory quality*	45.9	95	5.2	Innovation linkages	40.8	36
1.2.2	Rule of law*	34.4	90	5.2.1	University/industry collaboration*	32.2	36
1.2.3	Rigidity of employment*	60.0	93	5.2.2	State of cluster development*	58.3	30
1.3	Business environment	70.1	92	5.2.3	R&D financed by abroad, %	n/a	n/a
1.3.1	Time to start a business, days	53.8	111	5.2.4	Patent/strategic alliance deals/GDP PPPs	14.0	44
1.3.2	Cost to start a business, % income/cap.	82.6	91	5.2.5	PCI patent filings with foreign inventor, %	25.0	38
1.3.3	Total tax rate, % profits	71.9	55	5.3	Knowledge absorption	36.7	51
2	Human capital & income	29.6	96	5.3.1	Royalty & license fees payments, % GDP	28.6	33
2.1	Education	46.1	99	5.3.2	High-high imports less re-exports, %	n/a	n/a
2.1.1	Education expenditure, % GNI	3.9	120	5.3.3	Computer & comm. service exports, %	41.8	61
2.1.2	Public expenditure/bupil, % GDP/cap.	12.3	92	5.3.4	FDI net inflows, % GDP	39.6	101
2.1.3	School life expectancy, years	54.2	62	6	Scientific outputs	18.3	94
2.1.4	PISA scores in reading, maths, & science	23.9	56	6.1	Knowledge creation	1.0	116
2.1.5	PIA teacher ratio, secondary	86.9	48	6.1.1	Domestic resident patent ap/bn GDP PPPs	2.1	77
2.2	Tertiary education	24.6	83	6.1.2	PCI resident patent ap/bn GDP PPPs	0.3	83
2.2.1	Tertiary enrolment, % gross	23.6	79	6.1.3	Domestic non-resident patent ap/bn GDP PPPs	2.0	69
2.2.2	Graduates in science, %	19.4	119	6.1.4	Scientific & technical articles/GDP PPPs	0.4	122
2.2.3	Graduates in engineering, %	51.8	79	6.2	Knowledge impact	22.2	92
2.2.4	Tertiary inbound mobility, %	n/a	n/a	6.2.1	Growth rate of GDP PPPs/worker, %	50.0	31
2.2.5	Tertiary outbound mobility, %	6.1	113	6.2.2	New businesses/1,000 pop. 15-64 yrs.	1.4	85
2.2.6	Gross tertiary outbound enrolment, %	1.2	101	6.2.3	Computer software spending, % GDP	13.5	44
2.3	Research & development (R&D)	18.1	86	6.3	Knowledge diffusion	30.5	51
2.3.1	Researchers headcount/million pop.	1.2	79	6.3.1	Royalty & license fees receipts, % GDP	0.9	69
2.3.2	Gross expenditure on R&D, % GDP	0.5	94	6.3.2	High-high exports less re-exports, %	n/a	n/a
2.3.3	Quality research institutions*	52.6	41	6.3.3	Computer & comm. service exports, %	41.7	49
3	Infrastructure	24.5	81	6.3.4	FDI net outflows, % GDP	48.8	52
3.1	Info & comm. technologies (ICT)	16.2	95	7	Creative outputs	25.7	89
3.1.1	ICT access*	26.0	94	7.1	Creative intangibles	48.6	50
3.1.2	ICT use*	3.9	94	7.1.1	Domestic non-trademark ap/bn GDP PPPs	29.9	28
3.1.3	Government's Online Services*	2		7.1.2	Madrid resident trademark ap/bn GDP PPPs	n/a	n/a
3.1.4	E-Participation*	12.9	76	7.1.3	ICT & business models*	59.1	60
3.2	Energy	14.9	90	7.1.4	ICT & organizational model*	16.8	48
3.2.1	Electricity output, kWh/cap	33	95	7.2	Creative goods & services	2.8	111
3.2.2	Electricity consumption, kWh/capita	23	79	7.2.1	Residential & culture consumption, %	n/a	n/a
3.2.3	GDP/unit of energy use, PPP\$/kg oil eq.	207.7	79	7.2.2	National culture firms/mn pop.	3.7	67
3.2.4	Share of renewables in energy use, %	21.1	30	7.2.3	Daily newspapers/1,000 literate pop.	n/a	n/a
3.3	General infrastructure	42.4	22	7.2.4	Creative goods exports, %	n/a	n/a
3.3.1	Quality of trade & transport infrastructure*	38.5	67	7.2.5	Creative services exports, %	2.4	71
3.3.2	Gross capital formation, % GDP	50.6	15				
3.3.3	Ecological footprint biobiosphere, ha/cap	38.2	29				

EMPIRICAL DATA OUR SAMPLE

- Criteria to be included into our sample
 - Data about national culture available from the GLOBE study
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 - Data about innovation available from the Global Innovation Index

Resulting sample:
n = 55 countries; based on more than 13,500 observations

- Benefits of our approach
 - No common source & common method bias
 - No culture specific bias
 - No ecological or reversed ecological fallacy

METHOD & RESULTS

CORRELATION ANALYSIS

Relationship to national innovation (10 dimensions)

Uncertainty avoidance (V ⁽⁻⁾ & P ⁽⁺⁾)
Institutional collectivism (V ⁽⁻⁾ & P ⁽⁺⁾)
Future orientation (V ⁽⁻⁾ & P ⁽⁺⁾)

In-group collectivism (P ⁽⁻⁾)
Gender egalitarianism (V ⁽⁺⁾)
Performance orientation (P ⁽⁺⁾)
Human orientation (V ⁽⁺⁾)

No relationship to national innovation (8 dimensions)

Power distance (V & P)
Assertiveness (V & P)

In-group collectivism (V)
Gender egalitarianism (P)
Performance orientation (V)
Human orientation (P)

Cultural Dimensions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1. Assertiveness (p)	—																				
2. Assertiveness (v)	-.32*	—																			
3. Institutional Collectivism (p)	-.36**	.33*	—																		
4. Institutional Collectivism (v)	.18	-.39**	-.69***	—																	
5. In-group Collectivism (p)	.00	.17	-.37**	.27*	—																
6. In-group Collectivism (v)	-.30*	.20	-.08	.15	-.14	—															
7. Future Orientation (p)	.16	.14	.50***	-.29**	-.54**	-.35**	—														
8. Future Orientation (v)	-.06	-.11	-.36**	.31*	.42*	.37**	-.50**	—													
9. Gender Egalitarianism (p)	.86	-.13	-.06	-.17	-.27*	.28*	.00	-.39*	—												
10. Gender Egalitarianism (v)	.29*	-.31*	-.10	.11	-.52**	.26	.29*	-.36*	.48***	—											
11. Human Orientation (p)	-.55**	.33*	.33**	-.22	.06	.03	.02	-.02	-.21	-.34*	—										
12. Human Orientation (v)	.36**	-.14	.19	-.23	-.35**	-.11	.40**	-.32*	.29**	.45**	-.38**	—									
13. Performance Orientation (p)	.12	.28*	.49***	-.29*	-.34*	-.36**	.64***	-.33*	-.27	-.03	.11	.07	—								
14. Performance Orientation (v)	-.05	-.16	-.34	.30*	.22	.52***	-.15	.23	.22	.36**	-.15	.06	-.24	—							
15. Power Distance (p)	.09	-.16	-.38*	.27*	.34*	.25	-.46**	.50***	-.11	.05	-.30*	.20	-.39**	.28*	—						
16. Power Distance (v)	-.04	.17	.30*	-.35*	-.14	-.15	.07	-.18	.12	-.29*	.16	-.27	.33*	.25	-.46**	—					
17. Uncertainty Avoidance (p)	.02	.08	.50***	-.23	-.67***	-.20	.77***	-.50***	.01	.20	.01	.34*	.65***	.10	-.40**	.20	—				
18. Uncertainty Avoidance (v)	-.08	.08	-.40**	.25	.71***	.03	-.67***	.50***	-.08	-.59***	.05	-.41**	-.48***	-.12	.31*	.05	-.67***	—			
Innovation Indices																					
19. Porter & Stern Index	.22	-.04	.42**	-.45**	-.66**	-.16	.51***	.46**	-.16	.47**	.20	.69***	.41**	.01	-.14	.02	.59**	-.72**	—		
20. Global Innovation Index 09	.06	.05	.46**	-.32*	-.61**	-.13	.61***	.45**	.03	.38*	-.17	.51***	.49***	-.07	-.15	-.03	.62**	-.69**	.92***	—	
21. Global Innovation Index 10	.05	.08	.51***	-.40**	-.68**	-.09	.61***	.48**	.12	.40**	-.16	.48***	.54***	-.02	-.22	.06	.67**	-.76**	.92***	.95***	—
22. Global Innovation Index 11	.11	-.01	.40**	-.33*	-.65**	-.12	.56***	.52**	.16	.46**	-.26	.50***	.45**	-.01	-.16	-.01	.62**	-.71**	.88***	.91***	.95***

Notes. Pearson correlations. Two-tailed significance.
Sample Size is N=55 Countries (Correlations between the three editions of the Global Innovation Index) and N= 45 Countries (correlations with Porter & Stern Index)
* p < .05. ** p < .01. *** p < .001.
(p) = GLOBE Practice Dimension; (v)=GLOBE Value Dimension

METHOD & RESULTS

HIERARCHICAL REGRESSION ANALYSIS

Predictors	Criteria			
	Porter & Stern Index	GII 2009	GII 2010	GII 2011
Predictors	β	β	β	β
Assertiveness (practice)	.03	-.14	.01	-.01
Assertiveness (values)	.02	.07	.16	.11
Institutional Collectivism (practice)	-.12	.14	.32**	.01
Institutional Collectivism (value)	-.20*	-.07	-.01	-.11
In-group Collectivism (practice)	-.26*	-.21	-.23**	-.28*
In-group Collectivism (value)	-.09	.01	-.08	-.13
Future Orientation (practice)	-.10	.08	.04	.08
Future Orientation (value)	.01	-.06	-.07	-.17
Gender Egalitarianism (practice)	-.04	-.03	-.01	-.02
Gender Egalitarianism (value)	.04	-.02	-.07	-.05
Human Orientation (practice)	-.04	-.07	-.22*	-.16
Human Orientation (value)	.44***	.31**	.10	.23*
Performance Orientation (practice)	.08	.26*	.16	.19
Performance Orientation (value)	-.05	-.09	-.07	-.13
Power Distance (practice)	.09	.03	.07	.03
Power Distance (value)	-.01	-.02	-.01	.04
Uncertainty Avoidance (practice)	-.01	.14	.13	.16
Uncertainty Avoidance (value)	-.25	-.43***	-.46**	-.41**
Values of the model				
R	.86	.77	.83	.77
R ² (R ² _{adj})	.75(.72)	.59(.56)	.70(.67)	.59(.57)
F	29.26***	23.09***	28.77***	24.37***
df	4	4	4	4
N	45	55	55	55

	Porter & Stern	GII 2009	GII 2010	GII 2011
Uncertainty Avoidance (V)		-.431	-.457	-.412
Human Orientation (V)	.444	.314		.229
In Group Collectivism (P)	.261		-.227	-.282
Institutional Collectivism (P)			.319	
Performance Orientation (P)		.263		
Human Orientation (P)			-.224	
Institutional Collectivism (V)	-.199			

Notes. β = standardized regression coefficient. R = multiple correlation coefficient. R^2 = part of explained variance. R^2_{adj} = adjusted R^2 .

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RELEVANT DIMENSIONS: UNCERTAINTY AVOIDANCE

Uncertainty avoidance:

“... is the extent to which members of a organization or society strive to **avoid uncertainty** by relying on **established social norms, rituals, and bureaucratic practices.**”



Uncertainty avoidance - high

- Many rules and rigid planning
- Many control systems
- Formalized procedures
- Little tolerance for new and different ideas and approaches
- Expertise „persons beyond uncertainty“

Uncertainty avoidance - low

- Higher trust
- Higher tolerance for new and different ideas and approaches
- Higher participation
- Willingness to make mistakes
- Willingness to handle uncertainty and risks

(Hofstede, 2009; de Luque, 2004; Herbig, 1998)

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RELEVANT DIMENSIONS: IN-GROUP COLLECTIVISM

In-group collectivism:

“... is the degree to which individuals express **pride, loyalty**, and **cohesiveness** in their organizations or families.”



In-group collectivism - high

- Higher rigid structures and more hierarchies
- Less openness to novelty and new ideas
- Less contact and exchange between the hierarchical levels
- Higher group-think

In-group collectivism – low

- Higher openness to novelty and new ideas
- Higher autonomy of the individual
- Higher outward orientation
- More contact to other groups > exchange of ideas
- Less group-think

(Shane, 1993; Schwartz, 1999; Hofstede, 1990; Gelfand et al., 2004; Taylor & Wilson, in Press)

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RELEVANT DIMENSIONS: HUMAN ORIENTATION

Human orientation:

“... is the degree to which individuals in organizations or societies encourage and reward individuals for being fair, altruistic, friendly, generous, caring, and kind to others.”



Human orientation - high

- More help and support
- Higher tolerance
- More equal distribution of resources and education
- Lower need for narrow, restrictive relationships and patronage
- More stable environment

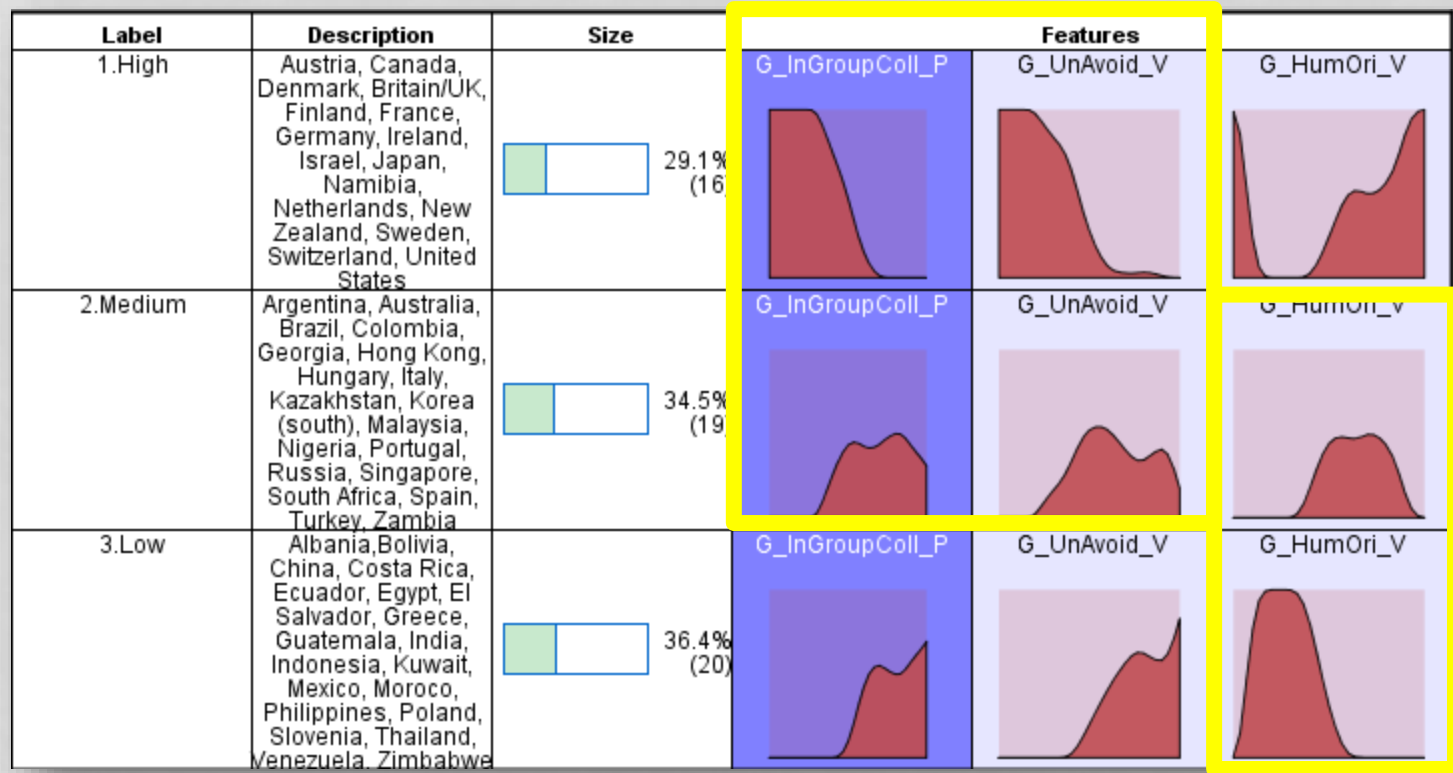
Human orientation - low

- Inferior economic, physic and psychic conditions
- Lower autonomy
- Lower tolerance and support for everything novel and new ideas
- Higher self-intrest
- Less stable environment

(Kabasakal, 2004; Schwartz, 1992; Triandis, 2006)

METHOD & RESULTS

CLUSTER ANALYSIS



OVERALL RESULTS

CULTURAL CONFIGURATION & NATIONAL INNOVATION

Cultural configuration of high innovative countries:

- Low Uncertainty avoidance (V)
- Low In-group collectivism (P)
- High Human orientation (V)

Uncertainty avoidance (V) ↓

In-group collectivism (P) ↓

Human orientation (V) ↑

Label	Description	Size	G_InGroupColli_P	G_UnAvoid_V	G_HumOri_V
1.High	Austria, Canada, Denmark, Britain/UK, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, United States	29.1% (16)			
2.Medium	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Georgia, Hong Kong, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Korea (south), Malaysia, Nigeria, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Zambia	34.5% (19)			
3.Low	Albania, Bolivia, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Poland, Slovenia, Thailand, Venezuela, Zimbabwe	36.4% (20)			

Cultural configuration of low innovative countries:

- High In-group collectivism (P)
- High Uncertainty avoidance (V)
- Low Human orientation g (V)

Cluster 1	Austria, Canada, Denmark, Britain/UK, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, United States
Cluster 2	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Georgia, Hong Kong, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Korea (south), Malaysia, Nigeria, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Zambia
Cluster 3	Albania, Bolivia, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Poland, Slovenia, Thailand, Venezuela, Zimbabwe

PRACTICAL EXCURSION

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE

Cultural configuration of low innovative countries:

- High In-group collectivism (practice)
- High Uncertainty avoidance (value)
- Low Human orientation (value)



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DISCUSSION

„Culture matters“

However:

National culture is only one influence factor of national innovation

Other factors have to be considered as well

- Antecedents
- Contingency factors

National culture has multidimensional effects

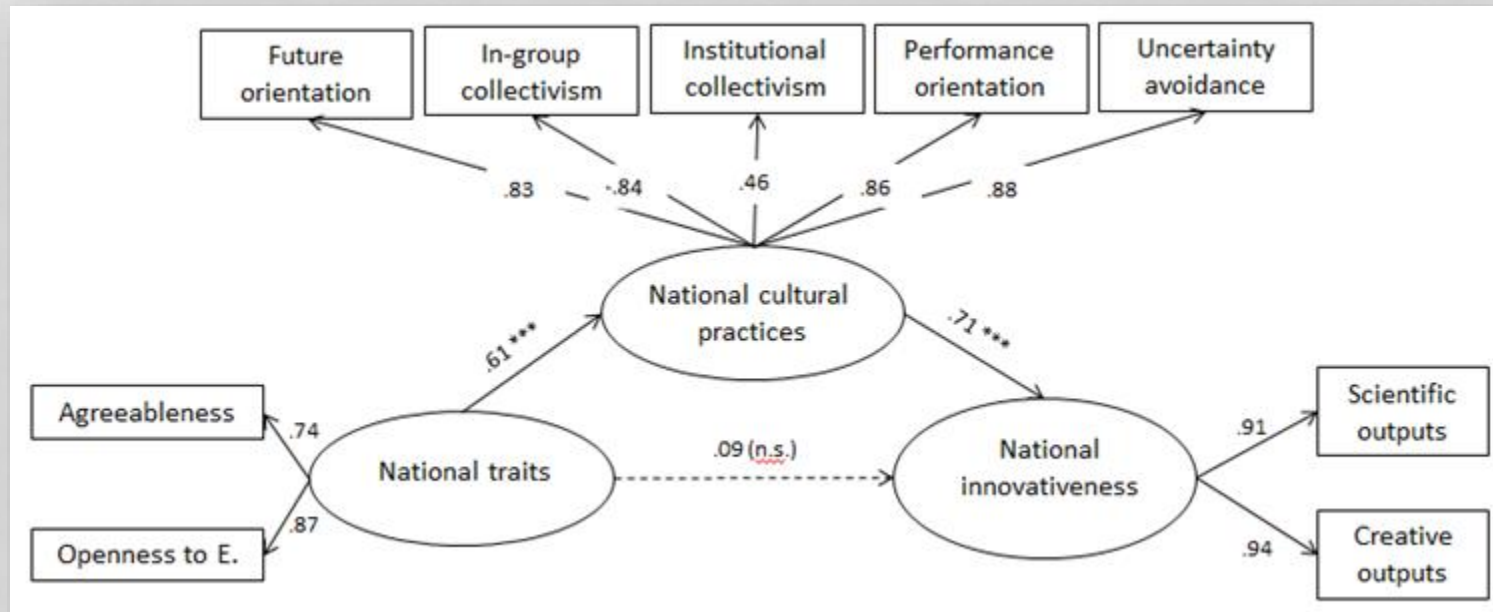
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National innovation depends on multidimensional conditions

- Interaction of different levels of analysis have to be considered

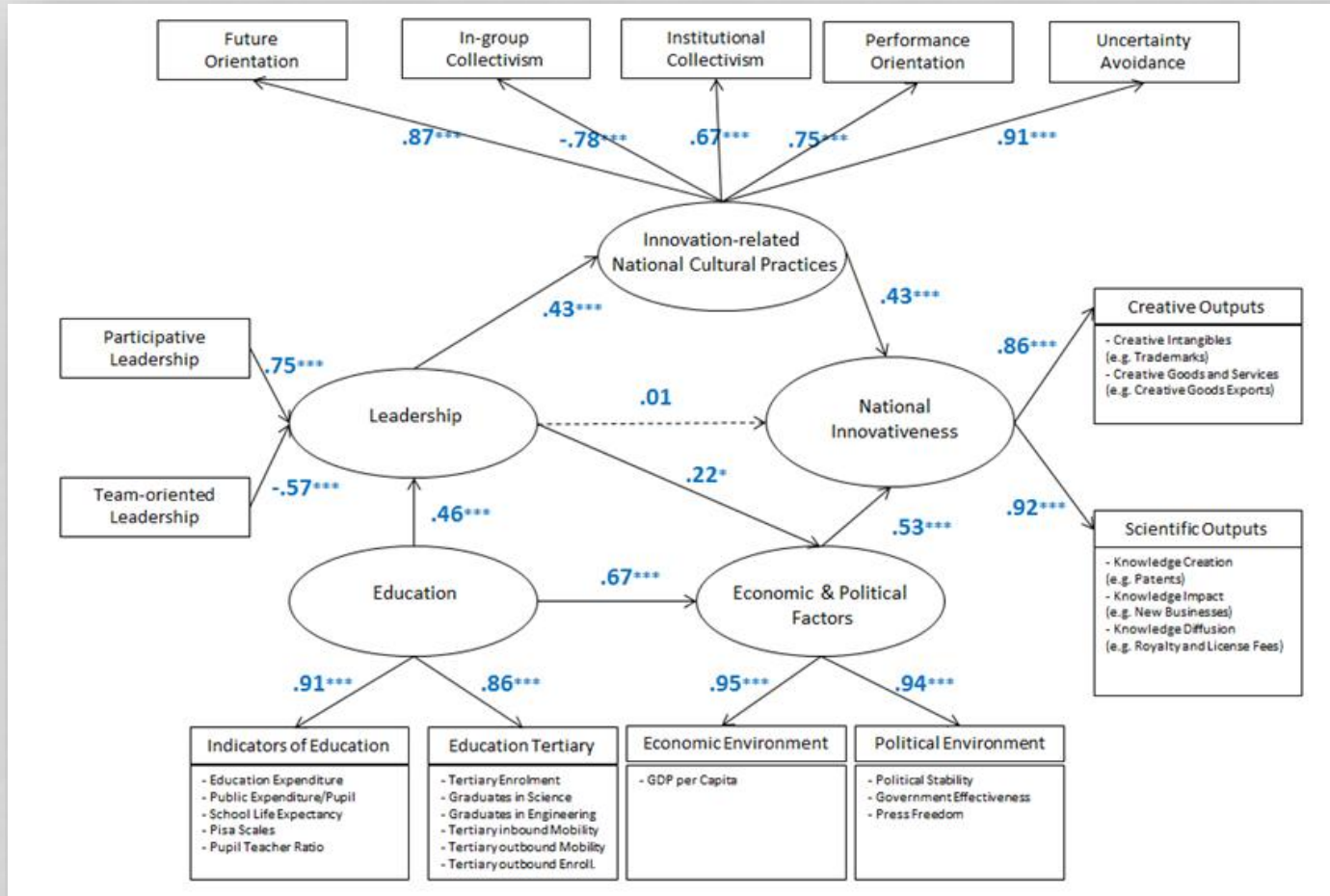
RESEARCH PREVIEW

- ANTECEDENTS-



RESEARCH PREVIEW

LEADERSHIP & CONTINGENCY FACTORS



OVERALL CONCLUSION

„Culture matters“

Theory

- National culture and innovation
 - Related Globe dimensions
- Cultural configurations
 - Uncertainty avoidance
 - In-group collectivism
 - Human orientation
- Cultural clusters
 - Three clusters

Practice

- Education
 - Self reliance, independent action (UV)
 - Tolerance, social competence (HO)
 - Flexibility & creativity (IGC)
- Leadership
 - Expert knowledge, information (UV)
 - Autonomy, degrees of freedom (IGC)
 - Tolerance (HO)
- Personal selection
 - Job requirements
 - Methods

Terima kasih!