# TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING YOUNG CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIVES IN CHINA AND AUSTRALIA

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# **INTRODUCTION**



# Childhood

stage where the use of digital devices begins, such as the tablet, computer telephone and television.



# Experiences in digital media

digital lives are starting at younger and younger ages, causing a global problem because of their complexity.

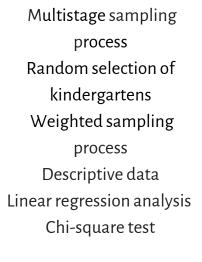


#### Screen time

parents' attitude and rules to control the screen time in their children at the preschool stage.

# **OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY**

Improving understanding of digital childhood in China and Australia





Type of digital media accessed by children at home

Questionnaire to parents of 1.171 children 3 to 7 years, from six **Chinese** provinces.



Usage patterns and predictors.

Parental assessment and rules.



Australian studies + Results of the Chinese study



Comparison of findings according to the criteria



The importance of the range of factors that influence the amount of time spent with digital media.

## **CONCLUSIONS**



Better understanding of digital childhood in China and Australia after learning the differences between their everyday experiences.



The comparison between
Chinese and Australian
studies facilitates a debate on
the similarities and
differences between East and
West in the context of
globalized media industries.



Evidence suggests that global entertainment and information flows bring their 'eastern' and 'western' experiences of young children closer together.

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