

RESEARCH PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

This research project seeks to understand the role played by Yiwu in the global commodity trade. It is interested in the lives of the traders involved, their commercial activities, the impact of policy on their business, and the routes that connect Yiwu to the rest of the world. Since you are an established trader in Chinese goods, we want to request you to consider playing a role in this study.

The project is being led by Professor Magnus Marsden, Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Sussex. The data gathered will be used to produce a book monograph, book chapters, and academic journal articles to advance our understanding of the global commodity trade. Prof. Marsden's previous book, *Trading Worlds: Afghan Merchants across Modern Frontiers* — is a good illustration of how the data will be used in the publications. Prof. Marsden will be very pleased to answer any questions about the proposed study. You will retain the right to withdraw from this research at any stage. All the data will be anonymized to ensure full confidentiality.

The research is funded by European Research Council.

We hope you will appreciate the potential of this research to inform and contribute to Yiwu's status as a global trade hub.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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