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CROSS CULTURAL NUANCES AND CULTURE-CENTRIC PERSPECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

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Factors Influencing Research

- Personal experiences
- Political inclinations
- Ideologies and personal beliefs
- Cultural values and norms

Types of Research Collaborations

- Within departments
- Within faculties
- In different institutions
- International
- Multi and inter-disciplinary projects

Characteristics of International Collaborations

- Different cultural backgrounds
- Racial issues
- Gender issues
- Political and ideological inclinations
- Personal experiences

National vs International Environmental Factors

- Warfare
- Government policies
- Social Security
- Technology
- Resources (equipment, funds, human capacity)

Objectivity in International Research Collaborations

- Intended
- Difficult to maintain
- Relative

Remedies

- Transparency
- Open discussion of cultural perspectives
- Negotiation of middle ground
- Be conscious of the impact of each partners cultural nuances

Conclusion

- Cultural nuances will always be a challenge in international Research Collaborations
- Researchers should raise awareness of their impact
- Be careful that they do not tarnish results/ compromise quality

Thank you

For further debate

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