

## Congruence Framework to Explore Instructional Leadership: Focusing on Its Effect on Teacher Collaboration Using Hong Kong PISA 2022 Soobin Choi

This study explored how the interplay between principals' and teachers' perceptions of instructional leadership relates to teacher collaboration in Hong Kong schools, considering organizational trust as a moderating factor. This study utilized PISA 2022 data and employed polynomial regression analysis with response surface methodology. The focus on the interplay or congruence/incongruence of perceptions addresses a critical aspect of leadership research, acknowledging that leadership is a dynamic interaction between leaders and followers. Examining this leader-follower perceptual (dis)agreement goes beyond simply assessing leadership from a single perspective and simple discrepancy models, providing a more nuanced understanding of its association with teacher collaboration. The study suggests that congruence or incongruence is not uniformly beneficial or detrimental to teacher collaboration. This calls for a more sophisticated approach for principals to utilize instructional leadership practices and promote teacher collaboration. Building trust within a school can be an effective approach to optimizing its effectiveness on collaboration at any level of instructional leadership.

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