

Interdisciplinary Studies of Political Behavior and the Use of 'Big Data'

May 6-9, 2014, OSU Main Campus, Columbus OH

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Comparability of Survey Data on Political Behavior following Ex-Post Harmonization of Selected Survey Projects

May 8 – 9, 2014

248 Townshend Hall, Department of Sociology

Thursday, May 8

10:00 - 10:10 Welcoming remarks from the Chair of Department of Sociology, OSU

10:10 - 11:00 Philosophy of harmonization: "Garbage in, garbage out vs. the recycling of data". Using data quality controls. Part I, Introductory comments: Kazimierz M. Slomczynski, Irina Tomescu-Dubrow, and Joshua K. Dubrow

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 12:30 Philosophy of harmonization: "Garbage in, garbage out vs. the recycling of data". Using data quality controls. Part II, Introductory comments: Kazimierz M. Slomczynski, Irina Tomescu Dubrow, and Joshua K. Dubrow

12:30 - 1:30 Break

1:30 - 2:30 Units of analysis: How to make survey samples comparable? Weights and standardization procedures. Introductory comments: Kazimierz M. Slomczynski, Irina Tomescu Dubrow, and Joshua K. Dubrow

2:30 - 2:45 Coffee break

2:45 - 3:30 The problem of time. Costs and benefits of redundancy. Introductory comments: Kazimierz M. Slomczynski, Irina Tomescu Dubrow, and Joshua K. Dubrow

3:30 - 3:40 Short break

3:40 - 4:30 Is data harmonization big data? What products should be created from cross-national survey data harmonization projects? Possible sources of future funding. Introductory comments: Kazimierz M. Slomczynski, Irina Tomescu Dubrow, and Joshua K. Dubrow

Friday, May 9

10:00 - 11:00 A unified approach to cross-national comparability of survey data. Survey data quality in the context of the “big data initiatives.” Kazimierz M. Slomczynski

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 12:30 Comparability of units of analysis. Kazimierz M. Slomczynski

12:30 - 1:30 Break

1:30 - 2:30 Uses of SDH: Discussion of articles that have used SDH. Discussion Leader: Joshua K. Dubrow

2:30 - 2:45 Coffee break

2:45 - 3:30 Comparability of variables, Part I: Control variables for data quality. Kazimierz M. Slomczynski with Matthew Schoene, Marta Kolczynska, Przemek Powalko, Illona Wysmulek and Olena Oleksiyenko

3:30 - 3:40 Break

3:40 - 4:30 Comparability of variables, Part II: Control variables for validity and reliability of target variables. Kazimierz M. Slomczynski with Przemek Powalko, Illona Wysmulek and Olena Oleksiyenko

4:30 - 4:45 Discussion on the use of harmonized datasets. Concluding remarks. Moderator: Joshua K. Dubrow