**Comparative Methodology**

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**\* Aim of This Course**

  This course deals with research methodology emphasizing comparison in social scientific research. I do not intend to train students on (advanced) quantitative data analysis skills, but to promote their capacity to do their own social scientific research throughout this course. I also wish that they could be nurtured the ability of critical thinking that is one of the most important traits in scholarly works.

**\* Grading**

Mid-term exam 35%; Final exam 35%; Quiz 20%; Attendance: 10%

**\* Classroom**

Building 140, Room 103

**\* Date and Time**

Thursday, 1:30 – 4:30 pm.

**\* Attendance**

Attendance is required. If you do not appear more than twice, you cannot expect a grade appropriate for a graduate student.

**\* Reference**

1. King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane, and Sidney Verba. 1994. *Designing Social Inquiry*. Princeton University Press.

2. George, Alexander L., and Andrew Bennett. 2004. *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences*. MIT Press.

3. Putnam, Robert. 1993. *Making Democracy Work. Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*. Princeton University Press.

4. Schutt, Russell K. 2006. *Investigating the Social World*. *The Process and Practice of Research.* 5th Edition. New York: Pine Forge Press. (361.1072 Sch88i) Central Library and Library of GSIS.

5. Ragin, Charles, and Lisa Amoroso. 2011. *Constructing Social Research*. Sage.

**\* You are required to upload your presentation files to eTL after the class each week.**

\*Check eTL pretty often.

**\*Course Schedule:**

**Week 1 (3/5) Introduction to the Course: Social Research**

**Week 2 (3/12) Relation**

\*\*\* *Presentation on Shin (2006) and Levitt et al.(2005)*

**Week 3 (3/19) Social Scientific Research**

Shin, Gi-Wook. 2006. “Ch. 8. Division and Politics of National Representation” In *Ethnic Nationalism in Korea*. Stanford University Press. Pp. 151-165.

Levitt, Steven D. and Stephen J. Dubner. 2005*. Freakonomics*. William Morrow.

Ch. 4. Where Have All the Criminals Gone? Pp. 117-144.

**Week 4 (3/26) Exploratory and Explanatory Research**

Rindfuss, Ronald and S. Philip Morgan. 1983. “Marriage, Sex and the First Birth

Interval: The Quiet Revolution in Asia” *Population and Development Review* 9(2): 259-278.

**Week 5 (4/2) Quantitative Research 1**

Beckfield, Jason. 2006. “European Integration and Income Inequality*” American*

*Sociological Review* 71(6): 964-985.

**Week 6 (4/9) Quantitative Research 2**

Beckfield, Jason. 2006. “European Integration and Income Inequality” *American*

*Sociological Review* 71(6): 964-985.

**Week 7 (4/16) Quantitative Research 3**

Ono, Hiroshi. 2007. “Careers in Foreign-Owned Firms in Japan” *American*

*Sociological Review* 72(2): 267-290.

**Week 8 (4/23) Mid-term Exam**

**Week 9 (4/30) Interpreting Quantitative Research 1**

**Week 10 (5/7) Qualitative Research**

Otis, Eileen M. 2008. “Beyond the Industrial Paradigm: Market-Embedded Labor and the Gender Organization of Global Service Work in China.” *American Sociological Review* 73(1): 15-36.

**Week 11 (5/14) Data**

Beckfield, Jason. 2006. “European Integration and Income Inequality” *American*

*Sociological Review* 71(6): 964-985.

Ono, Hiroshi. 2007. “Careers in Foreign-Owned Firms in Japan” *American*

*Sociological Review* 72(2): 267-290.

Otis, Eileen M. 2008. “Beyond the Industrial Paradigm: Market-Embedded Labor and the Gender Organization of Global Service Work in China.” *American Sociological Review* 73(1): 15-36.

**Week 12 (5/21) Experiment**

Schutt. Ch. 7. “Experiment”

Kirk, David. 2009. “A Natural Experiment on Residential Change and Recidivism:

Lessons from Hurricane Katrina.” *American Sociological Review* 74(3): 484-505.

**Week 13 (5/28) Doctoral Research**

Yu, Wei-Hsin. 2009*. Gendered Trajectories. Women, Work and Social Change in Japan and Taiwan*. Stanford University Press.

Ch.1. Gender Inequality and Social Change in Japan and Taiwan

Ch.3. Comparing Labor Market Structures and Workplace Dynamics

Ch.4. Patterns of Labor Force Exits Among Women

**Week 14 (6/4) A Master Piece**

Putnam, Robert. 1993. *Making Democracy Work. Civic Traditions in Modern Italy*. Princeton University Press. Chs. 1-3.

**Week 15 (6/11) Final Examination**