**Comparative Methodology**

Fall, 2020

Graduate School of International Studies

Seoul National University

Instructor: Prof. Ki-Soo Eun

Office: Building 140-1, Room 611

Phone: 880-9220

Email: compmethsnu@gmail.com

**\* 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 30%; Final exam 30%; Quiz 20%; Presentation 20%

\*\* This grading system is subject to change by variations of students’ performance of exams. The instructor decides the final grading system after reviewing the performance of exams at the end of semester.

**\* Classroom**

Building 140, Room 103

**\* Date and Time**

Thursday, 9:00 – 12:00 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 (9/3) Introduction to the Course: Social Research**

**Week 2 (9/10) Relation**

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

**Week 3 (9/17) 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.

\*\*\* *Preparation of* *Presentation on Rinfuss and Morgan(1983)*

**Week 4 (9/24) 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.

\*\*\* *Preparation of* *Presentation on Beckfield(2006)*

**Week 5 (10/1) KOREAN THANKSGIVING DAY (CHUSEOK) – NO CLASS**

**Week 6 (10/8) Quantitative Research 1**

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

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

\*\*\* *Preparation of* *Presentation on Ono(2007)*

**Week 7 (10/15) Mid-term Exam**

**Week 8 (10/22) Quantitative Research 2**

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

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

**Week 9 (10/29) Interpreting Quantitative Research 1**

\*\*\* *Preparation of* *Presentation on Otis(2008)*

**Week 10 (11/5) 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.

\*\*\* *Preparation of* *Presentation on Data from Beckfiled(2006), Ono(2007) and Otis(2008)*

**Week 11 (11/12) 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.

\*\*\* *Preparation of* *Presentation on Kirk(2009)*

**Week 12 (11/19) 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.

\*\*\* *Preparation of* *Presentation on Yu (Ch. 1, Ch. 3, and Ch. 4)*

**Week 13 (11/26) 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 (12/3) Comprehensive Discussion**

**Week 15 (12/10) Final Examination**