**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.

**\* Group Project**

Group research proposal (15-20 pages, double space, font 12, by June 19)

Including 1) definition of care and care work 2) reference (consisting of as many articles as you can find)

+ Critical review of prior research by each student, respectively (at least 10 articles)

**\* Grading**

Project 30%

Mid-term exam 20%

Final exam 20%

Quiz 20%

Attendance: 10%

**\* Classroom**

Building 140-1, Room 201

**\* Date and Time**

  Tuesday, 9 am – 12 pm.

**\* Attendance**

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

**\* Reference**

\*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.

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

\*Ragin, Charles. 1987. *The Comparative Method*. University of California Press.

**Course Schedule:**

**Week 1 (3/6) Introduction to the Course: Social Research: Relation and Comparison**

\*New York Times. August 25, 2017. “The Relationship between Hurricanes and

Climate Change” <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/25/us/hurricane-harvey-climate->change-texas.html?\_r=0

\*New York Times. January 3, 2007. “A surprising secret to a long life: Stay in school.”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/03/health/03aging.html>

\*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.

\*Introduction to group project

**Week 2 (3/13) Relation: Association, Causal relation**

\*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.

\*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.

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

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

**Week 3 (3/20) Quantitative, Comparative & Qualitative Methods**

\*Ragin(2011).

Ch. 5. Using Qualitative Methods to Study Commonalities. Pp. 111-134.

Ch. 6. Using Comparative Methods to Study Diversity. Pp. 135-161.

Ch. 7. Using Quantitative Methods to Study Covariation. Pp. 163-187.

**Week 4 (3/27) Diverse Ways to Do a Research**

\*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.

\*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 (4/3) Quiz#1; 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 6 (4/10) Conceptualization and Measurement; Validity and Reliability**

\*Schutt. Ch. 4. “Conceptualization and Measurement”

\*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.

**Week 7 (4/17) Mid-term Exam (covers Beckfield, Ono and Rindfuss&Morgan)**

**Week 8 (4/24) Method of Comparison**

\*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.

**Week 9 (5/1) Interpreting Quantitative Research 1**

\*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.

**Week 10 (5/8) Interpreting Quantitative Research 2**

\*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.

**Week 11 (5/15) Quiz#2; Experiment**

\*Schutt. Ch. 7. “Experiment”

\*The Atlantic. June 21, 2016. “The Netherlands’ Upcoming Money-for-Nothing

Experiment”

\*New York Times. July 20, 2017. “Why Finland’s Basic Income Experiment Isn’t

Working”

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

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

\*Schuman, Howard and Lawrence Bobo. 1988. “Survey-based Experiments on White

Racial Attitudes toward Residential Integration” *American Journal of Sociology*

94(2): 273-99.

**Week 12 (5/22) Group Consultation**

**Week 13 (5/29) Qualitative Research**

\*Ragin, Charles C. 1994. *Constructing Social Research*. Thousand Oaks: Pine Forge

Press.

Ch. 4. Using Qualitative Methods to Study Commonalities. Pp. 81-103.

\*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 14 (6/5) Presentation of Group Project**

**Week 15 (6/12) Final Examination (covers Beckfield, Ono, Rindfuss&Morgan and**

**all the other reading materials.)**