



## Scottish Social Survey Network



We are pleased to announce that the Scottish Social Survey Network has been funded under phase II of the ESRC Researcher Development Initiative.

Details can be found on our website: [www.longitudinal.stir.ac.uk/surveynetwork](http://www.longitudinal.stir.ac.uk/surveynetwork)

### **Seminar 1: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007, 1500-1700hrs, University of Stirling.**

Dr Vernon Gayle (University of Stirling) will deliver an overview paper entitled “Scottish Social Survey Data – Past, present and future”

Professor Robert Wright (University of Strathclyde) will deliver a paper entitled “Researching Scotland’s Demography”

### **Seminar 2: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2007, 1500-1700hrs, University of Stirling.**

Professor Lindsay Paterson (University of Edinburgh) will give a paper on the extent to which social and political attitudes reflect social mobility trajectories.

Dr Gary Pollock (Manchester Metropolitan University) will give a paper on multiple sequence analysis (using the BHPS).

*(Seminar 2 of the SSSN meeting is coordinated with the ‘Social Stratification Research Conference’, [www.camsis.stir.ac.uk/stratif/](http://www.camsis.stir.ac.uk/stratif/), of 6-7<sup>th</sup> September)*

### **Master class programme: 2007-2010**

A series of ‘Master Classes’ on advanced topics in survey data analysis will be held at various locations across Scotland in the next years. Details to follow.

### **Call for proposals: Future seminar sessions**

We are actively seeking offers of papers to be presented to future SSSN seminars. We are also seeking expressions of interest in hosting seminars at alternative institutes. Please contact the organisers of the Scottish Social Survey Network.

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## **Background**

Website: [www.longitudinal.stir.ac.uk/surveynetwork](http://www.longitudinal.stir.ac.uk/surveynetwork)

The Scottish Social Survey Network will provide a forum for demonstrating methods and applications of social survey research analysis in Scotland. These activities will provide an inter-disciplinary forum for the discussion and showcasing of research skills amongst survey analysts across Scotland. The network will co-ordinate and facilitate methodological training for researchers that is not currently available north of the border. It will also provide opportunities for survey researchers in Scotland to meet, to deliver presentations and to engage in discussion.

## **Seminars**

There will be ten seminars (usually two per semester).

We actively encourage researchers within the network to volunteer to present their work at meetings. Seminars will ordinarily run for two hours and feature two related papers – usually, one applied substantive paper, and one with a methodological focus in a related field. Seminars will ordinarily be held on Thursdays (3-5pm). Usual dates for the seminars will be January, May, September and December each year, though there is some flexibility.

The geographical organisation that we have in mind is one in which venues for seminars move around to increase participation. Therefore we also encourage researchers to offer their own institutions as venues for meetings. The award will fund the travel expenses of speakers, and will contribute to the travel expenses of participants.

## **Master classes**

In addition to the seminars a series of one-day master classes have been funded on the following topics - Categorical Data Analysis; The Contribution of Multilevel Modelling; Structural Equation Modelling; Econometric Data Analysis; Correspondence Analysis; Missing Data. These master classes will be led by international experts in social survey data analysis.

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