

Training Workshop on

Methodological Issues in Family and Migration Research

National University of Singapore, Singapore
19 - 26 April, 2001

Course Outline

The training course will span over a total of 7 working days. Participants will be divided into two groups, Group 1 and Group 2 according to their backgrounds, research interests and research proposals to best fit into the quantitative and qualitative areas respectively. Group 1 will be headed by Dr Khoo Siew Ean, and Group 2 by Mr Johannes Pfliegerl. Both groups will be taught together by the trainer-in-charge in each day, but the different groups have specific presentations to be made on the days specified compulsory for them.

<p>Day 1 (19 April)</p>	<p>Trainers: Dr Khoo Siew Ean Mr Johannes Pfliegerl</p> <p>Common Introduction Presentation of the Workshop Programme</p> <p>Trainers: Dr Khoo Siew Ean</p> <p><i>Topic: Methodological Issues and Approaches in the Use of Census and Survey Data.</i></p> <p>Lectures will focus on: Census questions for family and migration research Survey data on families and migration Coverage and data quality issues Demographic and statistical approaches in family and migration research Indicators and covariates of (im)migrant status, welfare and adjustment Data and methods for the analysis of migrant household and family structure</p> <p>Working group sessions Participants will develop a plan to analyse data from their own country's 2000/2001 Census, applying concepts and methodologies discussed in the lectures. The exercise will focus on appropriate definitions of migrant status, identification of the relevant census questions that can be used to identify migrant status, development of indicators of migrant welfare and adjustment, identification of covariates, and analysis of data on household and family structure. Participants will present their plan of analysis for group discussion.</p>
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<p>Day 2 (20 April)</p>	<p>Trainer: Dr Khoo Siew Ean</p> <p>Topic: Methodological issues and approaches in the use of longitudinal or panel data.</p> <p>Lectures will focus on: What is a longitudinal or panel survey? Advantages and disadvantages of longitudinal surveys for family and migration research Examples of longitudinal surveys Methodological issues in analysing longitudinal data: attrition; data linkage Some quantitative approaches to analysing survey data Illustrative analyses of longitudinal data in family and migration research</p> <p>Working group session: Participants will have the opportunity to work on illustrative analyses of a longitudinal data set to observe its potential for family and migration research. The exercise will focus on constructing tabulations that examine change in migrant status over time.</p>
<p>Day 3 (21 April) Morning</p>	<p>Trainer: Mr Johannes Pflegerl</p> <p>Lectures will focus on: 1) Presentation: Family and Migration Research in Europe – Main Research Topics 2) Theory of Qualitative Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative versus qualitative research methods – main differences from a methodological point of view • Theoretical Principals of Qualitative Research • Methodological Principals of Qualitative Research • Introduction to Grounded Theory (according to Glaser/Strauss) <p>3) Research questions analysed with qualitative designs.</p>
<p>Day 3 (21 April) Afternoon</p>	<p>This session will be left free to participants of Group 1: Quantitative Analysis, for the preparation of presentation materials. Participants of Group 2: Qualitative Analysis - Working Group Session: Proposal Step 1</p> <p>1) Working on the Proposal: Working on the Research Questions 2) Discussion</p>
<p>Day 4 (23 April)</p>	<p>Trainer: Dr Khoo Siew Ean</p> <p>Development of research proposals and interim presentations by participants of their research proposals developed during Day 1 and Day 2. This session is compulsory for participants in Group 1. Participants in Group 2 may participate if they wish to.</p>
<p>Day 5 (24 April) Morning</p>	<p>Trainer: Mr Johannes Pflegerl</p> <p>Topic: Qualitative Biographical Approach to Family and Migration</p> <p>Lectures will focus on: 1) Sampling in qualitative Research</p>

	<p>2) Methods of qualitative data collection</p> <p>a) Interview techniques</p> <p>b) Techniques of observation</p> <p>Practical Interview Training</p> <p>3) Methods of qualitative biographical data collection in Family and Migration Research</p> <p>4) Presentation of an illustrative example</p>
<p>Day 5</p> <p>(24 April)</p> <p>Afternoon</p>	<p>Trainer: Mr Johannes Pflegerl</p> <p>Working Group Session: Proposal Step 2</p> <p>1) Working on the Proposal: Working on the Interview Concept</p> <p>2) Discussion</p>
<p>Day 6</p> <p>(25 April)</p> <p>Morning</p>	<p>Trainer: Mr Johannes Pflegerl</p> <p>1) Methods of qualitative data analysis</p> <p>Presentation of a computer programme for the analysis of qualitative data</p> <p>2) Practical Training</p>
<p>Day 6</p> <p>(25 April)</p>	<p>Trainer: Mr Johannes Pflegerl</p> <p>Working Group Sessions: Proposal Step 3</p> <p>1) Working on the proposal: Working on the Analysis Concept - Working on the Presentation</p> <p>2) Discussion</p> <p>This session is compulsory for participants in Group 2. Participants in Group 1 may participate if they wish to.</p>
<p>Day 7</p> <p>(26 April)</p>	<p>Trainer: Mr Johannes Pflegerl</p> <p>Presentation of research proposals developed throughout the course. All participants are to attend this session.</p>