SOC 103M

Lecture 1

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- This course will introduce you to data management through a research project of your own. You will learn practical skills that you will be able to use widely, as a student who needs to manage information learned in class, as a researcher who needs to marshal data gathered for a project, or as an employee who needs to organize information for work tasks.
- You will learn how to manage both quantitative and qualitative data. Accordingly, the course will be split into two halves, each devoted to one kind of analysis and software.
- In the first part of the course you will be using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences or SPSS, a user friendly statistical package where all you need to do is to click on pull-down menus. You will learn how to input data in an analyzable, numeric form, then using a real data set representative of the United States, called the General Social Survey, you will have a chance to investigate real social issues. You will learn powerful ways of organizing, describing, depicting and exploring regularities in the data. While you will become familiar with basic statistical concepts, this is not a class in statistics. If you know how to add, subtract, multiply, divide, square and take a square-root with a calculator, you are properly prepared.
- We will also introduce a new tool Survey Analysis through Visual Exploration or SUAVE, that allows you to study relationships visually and with the help of zoom technology, investigate cases of special importance.
- In the second part of the course you will turn to qualitative data and become acquainted with NVIVO 12, a software that helps you handle qualitative information from unstructured data. You will learn about organizing and linking documents, coding, searching, annotating texts, organizing codes and building theories.
- There are no textbooks for the course, but if you are looking for useful books I recommend Adventures in Social Research, by Earl Babbie et al., and Qualitative Data Analysis with NVivo by Pat Bazeley and Kristi Jackson.
- Both SPSS and NVIVO will be available in the Social Science Computing Facility (SSB 139). SUAVE is web based. Although there is no expensive textbook for this course, I strongly recommend you get your own access to NVIVO. You can rent it for 24 months (for PC \$99, for Mac \$85). You can also buy it, but that is more expensive. While having your own NVIVO is important, having your own SPSS software is more of a convenience. You can own two copies for 6 months for about \$35. (You will be fine with getting the Grad Pack basic package.)
- There will be 10 assignments. The first nine each will be worth 7% and the final assignment 20% of your grade. The Midterm will be 12% and another 5% will come from class participation.
- The class has a Web site :
- <u>http://weber.ucsd.edu/~aronatas/SOC103M.htm</u>

Where All Research Begins: Social Research Questions

Identifying Topics of interest

- A. Personal experiences
- B. Other research (yours or someone else's)
- C. Social Theory
- D. Funding and Fashion
- Here you will find a topic with the help of GSS 2016
 - see B, research by someone else, but you may be influenced by A or C or D as well.

Refining Social Research Questions

- A. Find a WHY question. HOW questions can also be good but WHY questions are better, Now you have *dependent* variable.
 - a) Try to phrase your question as a comparison or contrast
- B. Build an explanation. Now you have an *independent* variable.
- C. Try to reverse the causal order
- D. Try to reverse relationship implied

- Dependent variable the characteristics you want to explain
 - Variable because it varies from case to case
- Independent variable the characteristics on which the dependent variable depends
 - It is the variable that explains the dependent variable

Theory and Measurement

• Theory

- Our theories are built from concepts.
- Concept: a mental image (word or phrase) that summarizes a set of similar observations, feelings, or ideas
- Measurement
 - Observing a concept: measurement
 - − Concept \rightarrow Variable \rightarrow Indicator/Measure
 - Multiple indicators
 - Indexes
 - » Combining measures by summing them
 - Scales
 - » Index where the measures weighted
 - Obtrusive and Unobtrusive Measures
 - Validity vs. Reliablity
 - Am I measuring what I think I am measuring?
 - Vs.
 - How likely is it, that if I were to repeat my observation, I would get the same result ?

Levels of measurement

- NOMINAL LEVEL:
- Values must be
- --- all-inclusive: they must cover all cases
- --- mutually exclusive: each case must belong to one and only one group
- dichotomy.
- ORDINAL LEVEL
- Values must be
- --- all-inclusive and
- --- mutually exclusive,
- --- ordered but the distance between two adjacent categories may vary.
- INTERVAL/RATIO LEVEL
- Values must be
- --- all-inclusive (all prices can be expressed with a dollar figure) and
- --- mutually exclusive (no single price can take two different numbers) and
- --- ordered (if you paid \$100 and I paid \$200 I paid more), but
- --- there is a *constant distance* between any two adjacent categories

- The General Social Survey asks the question:
- Taking things all together, how would you describe your marriage? Would you say that your marriage is very happy,
- pretty happy, or not too happy?
- Very happy 1
- Pretty happy 2
- Not too happy. 3

- What percent of married do you think report that they are not too happy?
- A. 40% -- 30%
- B. 30% -- 20%
- C. 20% -- 10%
- D. 10% -- 5%
- E. Under 5%



GSS 2016

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Happiness of marriage

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Question #4

• Do you think this question has a problem of

- A. Validity
- B. Reliability
- C. Both
- D. Neither

What is the General Social Survey (GSS)?

Annual survey on a representative sample of noninstitutionalized adults in the United States conducted by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC).

It is an omnibus survey (multiple and changing topics)

GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY 2004 (GSS) QUESTIONNAIRE Section A - Core - Ballot 4

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First I would like to talk with you about some things people think about today. We are faced with many problems in this
country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each
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Quantitative vs. Qualitative Data

• Quantitative data – too much structure

- Researcher must know a lot upfront, before even starting the research
 - the relevant questions, the possible answers, the relevant population
- Artificial situation
- Everyone must be asked the same question
- No context
- Only spoken, conscious responses
- No visual or other observations
- Large numbers but simplified observations
- Focus: on tendencies over many observations
- FORM OF RECORD: Data Matrix
- **Qualitative data** much less (too little) structure
 - Researcher discovers as she goes less upfront knowledge
 - Natural situations
 - Questions can be tailored to people/situations
 - Context important
 - Visual and other data can be considered
 - Smaller numbers but richer observations
 - Focus: on individual cases
 - FORM OF RECORD: Ultimately: text describing the observation
 - but you can have pictures and sound too but eventually those must be turned into text

Unstructured interview

- Interview guide:
 - A list of issues the interviewer wants to cover
 - Example:
 - What kind of payment cards are there in Vietnam?
 - What do banks want to do to expand cards?
 - How do they evaluate credit card applications?
 - How much fraud is there?
 - How do people use their cards?
 - ETC.

Interview

<u>Citigroup Saigon C. M. – interview transcription</u>

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A = Akos Rona-Tas C = Citigroup C. M.

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• C From our side, we look at some very preliminary assessments of the credit card market over here. Here the market is very small and the product shipping offered by the local banks at the moment our secure base is - And see the main product being offered – an e-platform or a card platform – really debit cards rather than credit cards at the moment.

- A How many debit cards do you have?
- C I will be able to forward you some statistics later.
- A Ok. Roughly.
- C I think the entire market is like 50,000 cards credit and debit. Now, its growing by the day, but its not something that we (0:45)**** very excited to get over 50,000 cards and across a number of layers
- A I see. Now that includes some credit cards?
- C That includes a very small number of credit cards yes. What we've seen is...
- A This is the entire market, this is not Europe.
- C The entire market for clarification, we don't issue any credit cards or debit cards here at this point in time. So we are not in that segment of the market yet. We are evaluating that segment and the preliminary evaluation that we had is that its not going to be a runaway market its still going to be very small for next year or so or maybe two years. And there are certainly other priorities that we may look at. Credit cards may be a bit lower on that list
- A What is the major area of interest?
- C Our interest at the moment is to (1:42)**** build on our leading position in the corporate business and that will form the base for us to continue our expansion plans here to tap in the corporate customers whether they are multinationals where we have a strong foot hold in them us market share and in dealing with top tier local corporate or public sector names where we are penetrating that sector and opportunities there are quite big. However, there's certain constraints in terms of bankability of counter parties being one major one and transparency financial being second.
- ETC.....

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Diaries/Journals

- November 25 Thursday
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- We had two interviews scheduled for the day. T. had to go to meet his mom and finalize her purchase of an apartment. So I went to my 9:30 appointment with C. M. Citigroup's chief representative in Sun Wah Tower in downtown. M. is an Indian and was very kind and informative. He explained why Citi is currently not pursuing the credit card market and described what he considered the main impediments in the retail market. He was emphatic about the importance of trust which he said was missing now and that is why only a small fraction of the population keep their money in the banks.
- Citibank is the quintessential multinational, global bank. It specializes in serving the largest multinationals around the globe. Its cadre of managers are constantly moved from one country to another like members of the US foreign service, another global power. M. came from Thailand and will spend three or four years in Vietnam to move on to the next country. He speaks no Vietnamese and all business is conducted in English.

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Banking and Financial Sector Reforms in Vietnam

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This paper summarizes Vietnam's developments in the banking and financial sector to date. It assesses the system's weaknesses that played an important role during the macroeconomic turbulence of 2008. It then discusses the need for deeper reforms of the country's key macroeconomic institutions. In general, for Vietnam to achieve its goal of becoming a modern industrialized economy by 2020, it needs to have world-class public institutions to complement a flexible and entrepreneurial private sector. Nowhere is this more true than in the banking and financial markets where effective policy-making and skilful regulation have to be balanced against profitable risk-taking — all set against a background of comminment to a one-party state where social and political stability still regins supreme.

Keywords: Finance, banking, institutional reforms, macroeconomic turbulence, prudential supervision.

I. Introduction

Vietnam has made significant progress in socioeconomic development since Doi Moi some twenty years ago, and is well on the way to become a middle-income country. This was achieved essentially through two phases of economic reforms: Doi Moi 1 (1986-1996), and Doi Moi 2 (2001-2007). The success of Doi Moi 1 in opening the economy to international trade and investment has been amply documented (see, for example, Dollar and Litvack 1998; Leung and Thanh 1996: Riedel 1999). However, the trade and investment regime throughout the 1990s was so tilted towards the state sector that the prospects for continued growth were limited. Almost all the foreign direct investment (FDI) at the time went into joint ventures with the state-owned

enterprises where both productivity and profitability were low. It was not surprising that the inflow of FDI began dwindling as early as 1996, well before the onset of the Asian financial crisis in mid-1997 (see Figure 1 below, and Leung forthcoming). Since the new millennium, Doi Moi 2 began "unleashing" the domestic private sector and addressed the discrimination inherent in the trade and investment regime, starting with the Enterprises law in 2000, the Unified Enterprises Law in 2005, the Vietnam-U.S. bilateral trade agreement in 2006, and culminating in the muchdiscussed Vietnam's entry into the WTO in 2007. This second phase of reforms resulted in rates of economic growth second only to that of China's. fuelled by FDI and remittances, this time linking Vietnam's domestic private sector to the vibrant

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