COURSE DETAIL

BUT IS IT TRUE? ASSESSING THE EMPIRICAL VALIDITY OF SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Country
Denmark

Host Institution
University of Copenhagen

Program(s)
University of Copenhagen

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Sociology

UCEAP Course Number
115

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
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UCEAP Transcript Title
ASSESSING SOC THRY

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

This course explores the empirical validity of sociological theories. Drawing on quantitative research that uses new data, methods, and designs, it puts sociology’s big ideas to the test and learns how to read and evaluate quantitative sociology. The course takes a fresh, critical, and constructive look at sociological theory, and assesses the usefulness of quantitative empirical sociological research – what can it and what can’t it do? The course requires some basic familiarity with sociological theory and quantitative empirical research, however, knowledge of advanced quantitative methods is not a requirement. The purpose of the course is not to dwell on the mathematical foundation of regression models but to focus on how the intuition of different types of data and designs maps onto answering different questions. It discusses when things go well (when do quant methods allow us to tell right from wrong?), and when it does not (when do numbers promise more than they can deliver?).

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ASOA22214U

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree
Bachelor

Host Institution Department
Sociology

Course Last Reviewed
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