INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE DATA FOR POLICY-RELEVANT RESEARCH

DATE AND VENUE

08:15 AM – 5:00 PM, 1 MAY 2017
08:15 AM – 4:00 PM, 2 MAY 2017

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
326 Galvez Street, Stanford, CA
Frances C. Arrillaga Alumni Center
Barnes/ McDowell/ Cranston Rooms

ABOUT THE EVENT

Opportunities to use administrative data – regularly collected by government organizations – for research purposes have flourished in recent decades. Increased access to administrative records presents a number of advantages for research that addresses policy-relevant questions about socio-economic disadvantage, and forges closer collaborations between research and government organizations. However, there is an enormous untapped potential in administrative data. Challenges that prevent wide and effective use of administrative data relate to existing regulatory frameworks, perceived risks by data custodians, and underdeveloped methodological and infrastructure capacities.

The Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course, the Children’s Data Network at the University of Southern California, the Program for Administrative Data at Stanford, and the Stanford Center for Poverty and Inequality are pleased to co-host an international workshop on government administrative data for research purposes.

The workshop is addressed to researchers who have experience or are interested in using government administrative data for research purposes. The key objectives of the workshop are

- Increasing awareness on the opportunities, bounds, innovations and future directions of using government administrative data to solve policy-relevant questions across countries;
- Identifying competences and capacity required to enable government administrative data to be used more widely and effectively;
- Identifying strategies concerning communication and partnerships with government agencies, and sharing experience on how to address them.

This is a first of a kind workshop bringing together authoritative international figures in the field to engage with workshop participants on discussions about relevant themes around government administrative data access and use. To prioritize opportunities for discussion across the workshop audience, the event is structured around plenary panel discussion sessions on broader key themes, and parallel roundtable discussion sessions devoted to more applied themes chosen by workshop participants.
International workshop on government administrative data for policy-relevant research
Workshop program | Agenda

Day 1

08:15 – 08:40 | Registration and Breakfast

08:40 – 09:00 | Welcome address

09:00 – 11:00 | Panel: Regulatory frameworks and social license cultures
Regulatory frameworks and arrangements of data release and risk management in a cross-national comparative perspective: What are cultural bounds? What are universal challenges?

Facilitator: Mark Western (University of Queensland)

Panelists: Donna Dosman (Statistics Canada), Francis Mitrou (University of Western Australia), Julia Lane (New York University), Stefan Bender (Bundesbank)

11:00 – 11:20 | Morning tea

11:20 – 12:30 | Parallel roundtables 1

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12:30 – 13:10 | Lunch

13:10 – 13:40 | Summary of roundtable discussions

13:40 – 14:40 | Keynote address

Chair: Janeen Baxter (University of Queensland)

Speaker: Dennis Culhane (University of Pennsylvania)

14:40 – 15:00 | Afternoon tea

15:00 – 17:00 | Panel: Large-scale projects, innovations and new directions

Relevant, large-scale research projects and collaborations around government administrative data to identify drivers of disadvantage and/or develop innovative solutions to mitigate or reverse its impact

Facilitator: Caroline Whistler (Third Sector)

Panelists: Andrew Sporle (University of Auckland), Emily Putnam-Hornstein (Children’s Data Network), Jonathan Fisher (Stanford University), Mark Western (University of Queensland), Martha Bailey (University of Michigan)

17:00 | Workshop reception & dinner (Dinner will be served at 18:00h)
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Day 2

08:15 – 08:30 | Breakfast

08:30 – 10:30 | Panel: Partnerships and capacity building
Underpinnings of partnerships with data custodians, research governance, and capacity building (e.g. infrastructure, methodologies, metadata, etc.) for effective use of administrative data for research
Facilitator: Emily Putnam-Hornstein (Children’s Data Network)
Panelists: Amy O’Hara (US Census Bureau), David Dennis (Australian Department of Social Services), Michael Wilkening (California Health and Human Services Agency), Michele Haynes (University of Queensland)

10:30 – 10:50 | Morning tea

10:50 – 12:00 | Parallel roundtables 2

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13:10 – 15:10 | Panel: Communication, translation, and policy advice
Strategies for research translation and communication to key stakeholders, including the wider community
Facilitator: Guyonne Kalb (Melbourne University)
Panelists: Justin Erlich (Berkeley School of Information), Regan Foust (Children’s Data Network), Scott Allard (University of Washington), Sean Reardon (Stanford University)

15:10 – 15:30 | Afternoon tea

15:30 – 16:00 | Wrap up