SURVEY EXPERIMENT: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

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Abstract

Experimental methods have been extensively used in the studies of political science. Among many experimental designs, survey experiments are the most popular for its power for causal inference and low cost for implementing and analyzing. This seminar intends to introduce the method of survey experiment from a perspective of an empirical researcher in practice. Step by step, this seminar will introduce what questions a survey experiment can answer; how to design, implement and analyze it; and finally, how to write and publish a paper about it. We will also discuss the weaknesses of survey experiments, and what the solutions should be. This seminar aims to help audiences who would like to use relevant methods in their research projects.

Speaker Bio

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