

ASSOCIATION FOR HETERODOX ECONOMICS

Post-Graduate Workshop on Advanced Research Methods

London Metropolitan University
London, United Kingdom

10th –11th February 2012

Workshop Schedule

Friday

10.00	Welcome
10.15	Tony Lawson: Ontology and Economics
12.15	Lunch
13.00	Fred Lee: Grounded Theory and Economics
15.00	Break
15.15 – 17.00	Andrew Brown and Paul Downward: Method Choice

Saturday

9.00	Andrew Brown and Paul Downward: Large Data Sets and Analysis
11.30	Break
11.45	Wendy Olsen: Small N Data Sets with Mixed Methods QCA
13.00	Lunch
13.45	Wendy Olsen: Fuzzy Set Analysis of Small- and Medium-N Data Sets
15.15	Break
15.30	Reflection
16.00	Close

Workshop Narrative

The Workshop started a little late because Tony's train from Cambridge was delayed. We first had everyone introduce themselves and all the students had to say something about their research topics. Then, we started discussion in his absence on whether he thought that the train delay was a demi-regularity. When Tony arrived he jump into ontology with both verbal fists swinging. Then there was lunch followed by Fred's talk on grounded theory in which he asked the students to divide into small groups and in the space of 15 minutes construct a grounded theory of business enterprise investment. The last lectures of the day were given by Andrew and Paul (their power point presentations can be found below); and the students asked a number of questions. At the end of the day, we all went to a very crowded nearby pub for a drink; and then a number of us set off under William's excellent leadership to have a very good and tasty dinner (laced with interesting conversation) at perhaps the first Indian restaurant in the East End. The next morning Andrew and Paul resumed their discussion of data sets and dealing with a number of questions from the students along the way. Finally, Wendy gets her chance to speak (see the

power point presentations below) and she introduced the students to techniques they had never seen before, had them do some work in the computer lab, and got them working in small groups. Then it was time to go home, a little bit tired but pleased with meeting new and interesting people and learning about different research methodologies that for one reason or another never seem to show up in economics programs.

Workshop Participants

Students

Majid Kazemi Najaf Abadi (School of Oriental and African Studies)
Philipp Baumgartner (Center for Development Research, University of Bonn)
Maria Dafnomili (Faculty of Social Science, University of Crete)
Karin Dobernig ([Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, Vienna University of Economics and Business](#))
Farzad Javidanrad (Nottingham Trent University)
Rob Jump (University of Kent, Canterbury)
Theocharis Kromydas (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow)
John Marsh (Nottingham Trent University)
Mustafa Ongun (London Metropolitan University)
Vasileios Papadakis (?)
Barbara Schaller (Birmingham University)
Luigi Ventimiglia (School of Oriental and African Studies)
Laura Videla (Vienna University of Business and Economics)
Amir Ahmed Wahabalbari (University of Malaysia)
Catherin Walsh (Goldsmith's College, London)

Faculty

Andrew Brown (University of Leeds)
Paul Downward (Loughborough University)
William Dixon (London Metropolitan University)
Tony Lawson (University of Cambridge)
Fred Lee (University of Missouri-Kansas City)
Andrew Mearman (University of the West of England)
Wendy Olsen (University of Manchester)

Presentations at the Workshop

Tony Lawson, "Ontology and Economics" (AHE-MW-2012-9)
Fred Lee, "Grounded Theory in Heterodox Research" (AHE-MW-2012-10)
Paul Downward, "Critical Realism and Quantitative Methods" (AHE-MW-2012-4)
Paul Downward, "Factor and Cluster Analysis" (AHE-MW-2012-5)
Andrew Brown, "A Realist and Dialectical Approach to Econometrics" (AHE-MW-2012-2)
Andrew Brown, "A Realist and Dialectical Approach to Mixed Methods with Large Quantitative Data Sets" (AHE-MW-2012-1)
Wendy Olsen, "What is QCA?" (AHE-MW-2012-8)

Wendy Olsen, "Causality from a Depth Ontology Viewpoint" (AHE-MW-2012-6)
Wendy Olsen, "What is Fuzzy Set Analysis" (AHE-MW-2012-7)

Readings for the Workshop

Brown, A., "Reorienting Critical Realism: A System-wide Perspective on the Capitalist Economy" (AHE-MW-2012-19)
Brown, A., Charlwood, A., Forde, C., and Spencer, D., "Job Quality and the Economics of New Labour: A Critical Appraisal Using Subjective Survey Data", (AHE-MW-2012-18)
Brown, A., Charlwood, A., Forde, C., and Spencer, D., "Employee Well-Being in Britain: Lower than the Raw Figures Suggest?" (AHE-MW-2012-3)
Downard, P. and Mearman, A., "Retroduction as Mixed-Methods Triangulation in Economics Research: Reorienting Economics into Social Science" (AHE-MW-2012-13)
Downard, P. and Mearman, A., "Methodological Triangulation at the Bank of England: An Investigation" (AHE-MW-2012-26)
Downard, P. and Riordan, J., "Social Interactions and the Demand for Sport: An Economic Analysis" (AHE-MW-2012-12)
Downard, P. and Ralston, R., "The Sports Development Potential of Sports Events Volunteering: Insights from the XVII Manchester Commonwealth Games" (AHE-MW-2012-11)
Finch, J. H., "The Role of Grounded Theory in Developing Economic Theory" (AHE-MW-2012-24)
Hesketh, A. and Fleetwood, S., "Beyond Measuring the Human Resources Management-Organizational Performance Link: Applying Critical Realist Meta-Theory", (AHE-MW-2012-16).
Lawson, T., "Contemporary Economics and the Crisis"
<http://www.paecon.net/PAERreview/issue50/Lawson50.pdf>
Lawson, T., "Four Theses on the State of Modern Economics" (AHE-MW-2012-20)
Lawson, T., "Notes" (AHE-MW-2012-21)
Lawson, T., "An Ontological Turn in Economics" (AHE-MW-2012-22)
Lawson, T., "Explanatory Method for Social Science" (AHE-MW-2012-23)
Lawson, T., "Why Methodology?" (AHE-MW-2012-25)
Lee, F., "The Making of Heterodox Microeconomics" (AHE-MW-2012-27)
Olsen, W., "Realist Methodology" (AHE-MW-2012-15)
Olsen, W., "Non-Nested and Nested Cases in a Socio-Economic Village Study" (AHE-MW-2012-14)
Scheibl, F. and Wood, A., "Investment Sequencing in the Brick Industry: An Application of Grounded Theory" (AHE-MW-2012-28)

Important Web Links

Methods @ Manchester: Research Methods in the Social Sciences

<http://www.methods.manchester.ac.uk/methods/>
<http://www.methods.manchester.ac.uk/events/whatis/fuzzysset/index.shtml>

Comparative Methods for the Advancement of Systematic Cross-Case Analysis and Small-N Studies

<http://www.compass.org>

For Fuzzy Set Analysis and QCA help go to Compass Mailing List which is managed by Wendy Olsen: http://www.compass.org/pages/interactive_tools/maillinglist.html

Links to Important Books on Methodology

Applied Economics and the Critical Realist Critique

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415267854/>

The SAGE Handbook of Case-Based Methods

<http://www.uk.sagepub.com/books/Book230470>

Data Collection: Key Debates and Methods in Social Research

<http://www.uk.sagepub.com/books/Book232456?siteId=sage-uk&prodTypes=any&q=olsen&fs=1>

Realist Methodology

<http://www.uk.sagepub.com/productSearch.nav?siteId=sage-uk&prodTypes=any&q=olsen>

The SAGE Handbook of Grounded Theory

<http://www.uk.sagepub.com/books/Book234413?siteId=sage-uk&prodTypes=any&q=grounded+theory&fs=1>

Economics and Reality

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415154215/>

Reorienting Economics

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415253369/>

Critical Realism: Essential Readings

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415196321/>