#### INSTRUCTOR

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Reference paper: Lepori, Benedetto (2022). The heterogeneity of European Higher Education Institutions: a configurational approach. Studies in Higher Education 47(9).

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#### ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

#### **Online course** including:

- On-line lecture presenting Latent Class Analysis (LCA) as a method to group observations and its statistical foundations.
- Group exercises where participants will apply LCA to the example dataset.
- Plenary discussion on the results, their interpretation and issues with the resulting classification.

**Cost and Fees**: No registration fees to be paid by European Participants.

Maximum N. of participants: 16

**Registration:** by email to the organizer including a CV and a short statement of interest.

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# RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION POLICY STUDIES



## Methods in Action Series

Classifying Higher Education Institutions using Latent Class Analysis

March 8<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 2023

## DEADLINE for registration 15th of February 2023



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## COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Introduce the conceptual and methodological issues of HEI classification and diversity analysis.
- Introduce Latent Class Analysis as a statistical tool for HEI's classification.
- Test the method and discuss advantages and disadvantages using an example dataset from a published paper

#### PROGRAM AND CONTENTS

#### Wednesday 8th of March 2023

9:00-09:15 Introduction to the Course

09:15-10:15 Lecture: presentation of LCA and its usage for classificatory purposes. 10:30-12:00 Stata tutorial on how to implement LCA.

13:00 – 14.00 Using LCA to analyze HEI's heterogeneity

14.00 – 15.00 Creation of the groups and task assignment.

#### Tuesday 14th of March 2023

15.00 – 18.00 interim discussion with groups in breakout rooms.

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2023

9:00-11.00 Group presentations.

11.15 – 12.00 Lecture: how to justify results to reviewers

12.00 – 12.30 Final discussion and assessment of the use of methods.

## AUDIENCE TARGETED

The course aims at involving participants among the following categories:

- Senior scientist, early career researchers
- PhD students at the last phase of their training
- People from the policy making level wishing to extend their analytical capabilities
- Research intermediaries (e.g. research association like Science Europe).

## REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATION

Basic requisite for admission will be:

- Knowledge of basic principle of statistics, as well as of Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression.
- Good working knowledge of statistical software (Stata).