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2021/22

## Social Statistics Seminars



# SPEAKERS 2021/22

12/10: Iris Gomez-Lopez (University of Michigan)

02/11: David Haziza (University of Ottawa)

07/12: Brady West (University of Michigan)

18/01: Neil Sheldon (Teaching Statistics Trust)

08/02: Christian Steglich (University of Groningen)

01/03: Emilio Zagheni (Max Planck Institute for  
Demographic Research)

05/04: Michael Schober (The New School for  
Social Research)

03/05: Kayla de la Haye (University of South California)

07/06: Guy J. Abel (Shanghai University)

12 October 2021

## IRIS GOMEZ-LOPEZ

Iris is a geoinformatics data analyst at the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan (USA).

She applies her expertise in big data analytics, machine learning, and empirical modelling to the area of social and environmental health. Her recent publications focus on using geolocation and social media data to understand individual and community-level health outcomes.



2 November 2021

## DAVID HAZIZA

David is a professor at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Ottawa (Canada).

His research focuses on advancing the area of survey sampling and inference. In his recent work, he explores the use of machine-learning techniques for survey estimates in the presence of missing data and influential units.



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7 December 2021

## BRADY WEST

Brady is a research associate professor at the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan (USA).

He is a world-leading survey methodologist with expertise in interviewer effects, survey paradata, nonresponse error, adaptive/responsive survey designs, among others. He is (co-)author of two recent books: *Linear Mixed Models* and *Applied Survey Data Analysis*.



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18 January 2021

## NEIL SHELDON

Neil is the Chair of the Teaching Statistics Trust (UK). He is a Chartered Statistician and a former Vice-President of the Royal Statistical Society (for education and statistical literacy). He was a dedicated teacher in Manchester for over 40 years.

The seminar he will present is the latest version of the annual Teaching Statistics Trust Lecture, which he has delivered to acclaim in the UK, China, India, and Finland.



8 February 2022

# CHRISTIAN STEGLICH

Christian is an associate professor at the Department of Sociology of the University of Groningen (The Netherlands).

He is one of the world's leading experts in developing statistical models for social network dynamics. His recent work focuses on the combination of simulation and empirical estimation techniques to understand the macro-social consequences of interpersonal network dynamics.



1 March 2022

# EMILIO ZAGHENI

Emilio is the Director of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (Germany) and leads its Laboratory of Digital and Computational Demography.

His recent research focuses on combining social media and other digital trace data with traditional information sources to identify and understand patterns of migration.



5 April 2022

# MICHAEL SCHOBER

Michael is a professor of psychology at the New School for Social Research (USA).

His research deals with questions that cross the lines between psychology, linguistics, public opinion research, and other fields. Some of his recent work focuses on how survey interviewing techniques affect response accuracy and how IQ testers can influence responses and scores.



3 May 2022

# KAYLA DE LA HAYE

Kayla is an associate professor at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California (USA).

In her work, she applies social network analysis to health promotion and disease prevention. Her recent research focuses on network-based interventions for promoting healthy eating and preventing childhood obesity.

7 June 2022

## GUY J. ABEL

Guy is a professor in the School of Sociology and Political Science at Shanghai University (China).

His research focuses on modelling migration flows and forecasting components of population change. His recent work involves studying the evolution of migration networks and using digital trace data to improve the measurement of migration patterns.



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## HOW TO TAKE PART?

The seminars are always at **4-5pm, UK time**. The sessions are **open to the public** and will follow either an online or a hybrid (online and offline) format.

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