

# European Winter School Methodological Issues in Comparative Electoral Analysis

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*This Winter School offers an exciting and intensive 4-day opportunity for young scholars to update and extend their analytical and substantive expertise in the field of comparative electoral studies.*

## Focus: Analytical Challenges in Comparative Research

### **Equivalence and Comparability**

operationalisation, measurement and structural relationships

### **Dealing with Multi-level Data**

strategies for data exploration and modelling

### **Handling and Structuring Complex Data-Sets**

how to get more use from your data; stacking or not?; when to pool data; weighting dilemmas; linking data

## Format

- lectures by renowned senior scholars
- instruction about analytical procedures with hands-on practical exercises
- 'sandpit' discussions about participants' own research and exemplary projects
- active involvement is expected from the participants throughout

## Eligibility

- young scholars (working towards a PhD or no more than 5 years of post-doctoral experience), who are actively involved comparative electoral research projects. Participants are expected to be familiar with methods for empirical data analysis at an intermediate level (e.g., working knowledge of and experience with multiple regression; familiarity with SPSS or STATA)
- priority of admission:
  - candidates nominated by MC members of Cost Action IS0806 (see [http://w3.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=234&action\\_number=IS0806](http://w3.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=234&action_number=IS0806) for a list of MC members)
  - young scholars participating in the Marie Curie Initial Training Network on Electoral Democracy
  - young scholars associated with the PIREDEU/EES2009 project (see: <http://www.piredeu.eu>) on recommendation of their supervisor/academic mentor/head of school.

## Cost

Participation fee is £500. Up to 30 participants nominated on behalf of the COST action will be fully subsidized.

## Application

download application form from

<http://true-european-voter.eu/node/22> and submit either electronically to [methodsanddata@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:methodsanddata@nottingham.ac.uk) or by fax to methodsanddata: +44-115-8468-149