

WSSR WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Constructing Composite Social Indicators

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October 13th-14th, 2017

9:00am – 4:30pm

Workshop Outline & Required Readings*

Day One:

Morning Session: Thinking about composite indicators

OECD (2008) *Handbook on Constructing Composite Indicators: Methodology and User Guide*. Paris: OECD. Part I: pp. 13-50. <https://www.oecd.org/std/42495745.pdf>

Hsu, et al. (2017) *Measuring Progress: A Practical Guide from the Developers of the Environmental Performance Index*. http://epi.yale.edu/sites/default/files/ycelp_measuring_progress_manual_0.pdf

Afternoon Session: Walk through of a basic composite indicator

Scruggs, L. (2003) "Measuring National Environmental Performance" in *Sustaining Abundance: Environmental Performance in Industrial Democracies*, Cambridge University Press, Chapter 2, pp. 19-54.

<http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?u-http%3A%2F%2F0-lib.myilibrary.com/mercury.concordia.ca%2FOpen.aspx%3Fid%3D42011>

Esping-Andersen, G. (1990) "De-Commodification in Social Policy" in *Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*, Chapter 2, pp. 35-54. <http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?14EF01CB>

Day Two:

Morning Session: Tools and techniques for developing composite indicators

OECD (2008) *Handbook on Constructing Composite Indicators: Methodology and User Guide*. Paris: OECD. Part II, pp. 51-132. <https://www.oecd.org/std/42495745.pdf>

Scruggs, L. (2014) Social Welfare Generosity Scores in CWED2: A Methodological Genealogy. CWED Working Paper 1. <http://cwed2.org/wpaper.php>

Afternoon Session: Discussion of participant projects, application of selected techniques for indicator development

Hsu, A. et al. (2016) *Environmental Performance Index*. New Haven, CT: Yale University, pp. 10-32. www.epi.yale.edu

Individuals who are developing their own indicators are invited to present work and receive feedback during the workshop on either or both days. Proposals (up to three single spaced pages) should be submitted to Professor Scruggs through Friday, October 6, 2017 at lyle.scruggs@uconn.edu.

*If you are registered for non-credit and are unable to access some of these readings, please email us at wssr@concordia.ca

