

Event History Techniques

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Empirical social research on career mobility often deals with questions about events (such as transitions from school to work or transitions into and out of unemployment). Moreover, we are frequently interested in the causes of such events. For example, we may raise the question if certain characteristics such as gender or field of study exert an impact on the risk/chance of individuals to experience a predefined event. By mapping the time until an event occurs, event history data enables us to investigate both the distribution and the determinants of events using the statistical tools of event history (or survival) analysis. This workshop offers an introduction to the basic ideas of event history analysis. The provided theoretical knowledge will be deepened by practical exercises.