

Quantitative data matters, also for urban studies.

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Are you afraid of numbers, do you hate anything that sounds numerical, or are you simply curious about novel ways to integrate quantitative methods into urban research? This two-hour session is for you then. Delivered by a qualitative disciple later converted to the usefulness of numbers, this session will try to show the value of combining qualitative and quantitative research methods. Integrating frontal delivery by the lecturer with group discussion, the session will aim to provide an overview of the possible ways in which urban research may benefit from quantitative methods. By the end of the session, participants will be expected to have achieved the following learning outcomes: (1) to understand the epistemological differences and complementarities between qualitative and quantitative research methods; (2) to explore where/when quantitative research methods may be successfully adopted by urban scholars; (3) to familiarise with key examples of quantitative research in urban studies.

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