HOW TO USE RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE FOR INNOVATIVE TEACHING – EXAMPLE OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL SURVEY

The European Social Survey (ESS) as a research infrastructure can have a significant impact on innovative teaching. Firstly, ESS provides high quality data that could be interesting to university community from different fields of social sciences: sociology, communication, politics, psychology, economy, law, etc. The survey measures the attitudes, beliefs and behavior patterns of diverse populations in more than thirty nations and is a rich source for interdisciplinary projects, as well. Moreover, the ESS data is available free of charge for non-commercial use. So, students can use it for their projects and final thesis. In different subjects students are also encouraged to prepare data-based action plans for societal changes, recommendations for policy makers.

Finally, the highest scientific standards in cross-national comparative research in the social sciences could be used as an example for studying methodology courses. Methodological data and documentation are available, as well as different courses for beginners and at advanced level.

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