



## DAMES research Node:

### 'Expert' and 'Training' workshop events, 2010/2011

*Topics include: Data on occupations, educational qualifications and ethnicity / Advanced approaches for data preparation / Cleaning data / Linking files / Workflows for data analysis / e-Social Science / Social care data / e-Health data*

The DAMES research Node is running a programme of workshops on the topic of 'data management'. These cover working with specialist social science data resources, and generic issues in handling and enhancing social science data for the purposes of analysis.

#### **Selected previous workshops:**

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| 1/7/2008    | <b>Resources for data management and handling social science data</b><br><i>Held within the ESRC NCRM Research Methods Festival, this workshop introduced the significance of attention to data management issues (materials available at DAMES website).</i>  |
| 24/6/2009   | <b>Cross-Nationally Comparative Social Survey Research</b><br><i>Held within the Fifth International Conference on e-Social Science (Cologne), and organised in collaboration with the CESSDA-PPP initiative, this workshop covered current practices in cross-national social survey analysis, and the relevance of 'e-Science' to the theme.</i> |
| 24-5/8/2009 | <b>Data Management for Social Survey Research: Two day training workshop</b><br><i>A two day training event focussing upon linking datasets and operationalising variables, drawing heavily on Stata software examples (materials available at DAMES website)</i>  |

#### **Selected forthcoming events:**

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| 28/1/2010        | <b>Expert workshop &amp; public seminar: Data on ethnicity in social survey research</b><br><i>This one day event will begin with presentations on the DAMES Node's research resource 'GEMDE', a portal system which is designed to enhance access to data resources relevant to the analysis of ethnicity in social survey research. Later in the afternoon, it will feature two public seminar papers on related topics.</i> |
| March 2010 (tbc) | <b>Expert workshop: Data on educational qualifications in social survey research</b><br><i>This one day event will concentrate upon the DAMES Node's 'GEEDE' service, which is concerned with distributing information resources concerned with educational qualifications.</i>  |
| Aug. 2010 (tbc)  | <b>Training workshop: Documentation and Workflows in social survey research</b><br><i>This two-day day event feature presentations on data management resources and activities, hands on training activities concerned with documentation and replication of social survey research activities.</i>  |
| Nov. 2010 (tbc)  | <b>Training workshop: Exploiting specialist data</b><br><i>This two-day event will feature presentations and practical sessions with a focus upon the analysis of variables in social survey research. We argue that great progress can be made by better exploitation of resources for operationalising and standardising variable measures.</i>  |
| Jan. 2011 (tbc)  | <b>Public workshop: The impact of data management</b><br><i>A one-day event is planned which will showcase DAMES Node services and resources for data management in social research.</i>   |

For booking arrangements to attend workshops, and to access materials from previous sessions, please monitor our website <http://www.dames.org.uk/workshops/>. For queries or other inputs, contact the DAMES Node PI, Dr Paul Lambert, University of Stirling, [paul.lambert@stirling.ac.uk](mailto:paul.lambert@stirling.ac.uk).



## DAMES: Data Management through e-Social Science

*DAMES is a research Node within the ESRC programme in e-Social Science. The Node is working on the development and support of services related to **data management** activities undertaken by social scientists. By 'data management', we mean activities, typically undertaken as part of the research process, concerned with preparing, manipulating, 'cleaning', documenting and standardising data for the purposes of analysis. For further examples, and more information on the Node, see <[www.dames.org.uk](http://www.dames.org.uk)>.*

- **Expert workshops:** We invite participants with previous research expertise in the area discussed, for their input and opinions on the data resources and services being developed by the DAMES Node.
- **Training workshops:** These sessions are intended to raise capacity in data management tasks amongst social science researchers. Workshops are especially relevant to academic researchers who work with quantitative data resources but may not have previously received training in data management topics.

### Next event: Expert workshop and public seminar: 'Data on ethnicity in social survey research', University of Stirling, 28 January 2010

*This one day event will begin with presentations on the DAMES Node's research resource 'GEMDE', a portal system which is designed to enhance access to data resources relevant to the analysis of ethnicity in social survey research. Later in the afternoon, it will feature two public seminar papers on related topics.*

**Provisional schedule** (subject to change; for updates see [www.dames.org.uk/workshops/](http://www.dames.org.uk/workshops/))

28 January

0930-1000	Coffee/Registration
1000-1100	Dealing with data on ethnicity: Principles and practice
1100-1230	Introduction to GEMDE: 'Grid Enabled Minority Data Resources' (including lab session)
1230-1330	Lunch
1330-1430	Review and consultation: Next steps in supporting data on ethnicity
1430-1500	Coffee/Tea
1500-1700	Public seminar: Research seminars on ethnicity and social survey data (seminars affiliated with the Scottish Social Survey Network, <a href="http://www.longitudinal.stir.ac.uk/surveynetwork">www.longitudinal.stir.ac.uk/surveynetwork</a> ).

*Bookings etc: The event is free but places must be arranged in advance. Limited funds are available on request to support travel to the event. Please contact Paul Lambert ([paul.lambert@stirling.ac.uk](mailto:paul.lambert@stirling.ac.uk)) for further information.*



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