

# Introduction to STATA

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## Course description

This course is a very first introduction to Stata, one of the most powerful statistical software that allows conducting quantitative analyses and that is very popular among social scientists. This course is completely applied and students will use the software from the very beginning. They will learn how to carry out the three necessary basic steps of data management (getting data from external sources, preparing this for analysis, and getting first exploratory results) previous to subsequent advanced analysis.

## Software

STATA

## Prerequisites

This course is a very first introduction to the software Stata and thus no previous knowledge of Stata is required. Attendance is recommended to those who plan to attend to subsequent courses which statistical program will be STATA within the frame of the RECSM Summer School.

## Schedule

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Time	Topic
9:00-10:50	Introduction to STATA. Getting external data with STATA and labeling (variables and values). Describing datasets
10:50-11:10	Break
11:10-13:00	Describing variables. Defining missing values and creating new variables with STATA (1)
13:00-14:00	Lunch time
14:00-15:50	Creating new variables with STATA (2). Case's selection. Adding cases and variables to a dataset
15:50-16:10	Break
16:10-18:00	Reshaping datasets. Exploring relationships between variables. Brief introduction to STATA graphs

## References

Course largely based on:

- Acocks (2014). A Gentle Introduction to Stata. Stata Press.
- Kohler and Kreuter (2005). Data Analysis using Stata. Stata Press.
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- Mitchell (2010). Data Management Using Stata: A Practical Handbook. Stata Press.

## Short bio

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