

WOG Workshop

Introduction in event history analysis in R



Digitization of historical data allows historians as well as demographers and sociologists to shift their focus from intergenerational research to research on life cycles. Research questions on the life cycle differ fundamentally from standard sociological and economic research questions and focus for example on the timing of transition into adulthood and whether the pace of such transitions has changed over the centuries.

To answer such questions a different research method is required as well: event history analysis. Together with Melinda Mills the Scientific Research Network Historical Demography (WOG) organizes a one-day workshop introducing event history analysis in R. The workshop focuses on an audience that has an interest in both event history analysis and R, but have little or no knowledge of event history analysis and want to familiarize themselves with the statistical package R. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops and instructions to install R will be provided before the workshop.

The workshop will take place in the picturesque city center of Utrecht (Drift 21, a ten minute walk from the Central Station). You may register for the workshop by sending an email to Wing Lai before Friday September 15th. We encourage you to sign up immediately since the number of places is limited.

The WOG sponsors the event. Catering during the day will be provided for. In some cases travel claims can be reimbursed. Please contact the workshop organizers Richard Zijdeman or Mattijs Vandezande for further information.

What: WOG Workshop: Introduction in event history analysis in R

Where: Sweelinckzaal, Drift 21, Utrecht

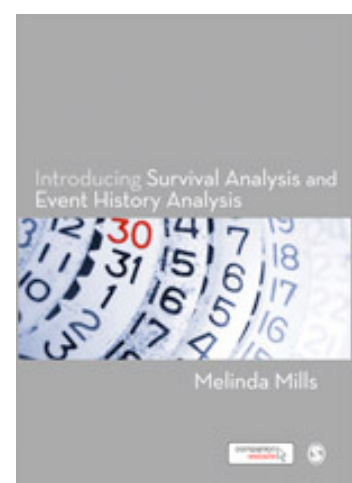
When: Thursday October 6th, 2011, 10.30 - 16.30 hours

Registration: Wing Lai <W.F.Lai@uu.nl> before Friday September 15

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Organization: WOG: <http://www.historicaldemography.be>

Melinda Mills (ICS / University of Groningen) is the author of *Introducing Survival Analysis and Event History Analysis*. The book is an accessible, practical and comprehensive guide for researchers and students who want to understand the basics of survival and event history analysis and apply these methods without getting entangled in mathematical and theoretical technicalities. Inside, readers are offered a blueprint for their entire research project from data preparation to model selection and diagnostics (SAGE 2011).



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