



Trinity College Dublin
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Welcome everyone to Applied Social Data Science (ASDS) and Trinity!

Brief Intros – Who are we?

Head of Political Science Department – Prof Constantine Boussalis (BOUSSALC@tcd.ie)

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Brief Intros – Who are you?

Please share with us your:

- Name
- Why you enrolled in MSc programme
- Biggest concern for the course
- Favourite Irish dish/food

Steps to Success

- Learning process → Preparation + synthesis + practice = learning
 - Individual preparedness: Reading & slides before class
 - In class: Discussion and Q&A on important concepts
 - Tutorial: Advanced theoretical problems, group work
 - Office hours: Review and correct mistakes
 - Problem sets: Individual homework assignments
- **In-person participation is key!**

People & Important Dates

And now, a dramatic reading
of the ASDS handbook!



Break time

Back to the handbook!



Extras - Plagiarism

ASDS is unique regarding plagiarism

- Original code
 - Working with your colleagues to overcome problems = good
 - Taking attribution for work you didn't originally do and don't understand = bad
 - Cite your sources!
 - Good practice: "Every stroke of the keyboard is yours"
- ChatGPT, OpenAI, etc.
 - Be very cautious!!!



Course Structure - Modules

<u>Module Code</u>	<u>Module Title</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Weighting</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
POP77001	Computer Programming for Social Scientists	MT	10 ECTS	Tom Paskhalis
POP77003	Applied Statistical Analysis I	MT	10 ECTS	Jeffrey Ziegler
POP77011	Research Design for the Social Sciences	MT	10 ECTS	Ceren Cinar
POP77004	Applied Statistical Analysis II	HT	10 ECTS	Jeffrey Ziegler
CSP7001	Introduction to Machine Learning	HT	5 ECTS	Giovanni Di Liberto
POP77164	Survey Methods for Social Scientists	HT	5 ECTS	Jeffrey Ziegler
POP77022	Quantitative Text Analysis for Social Scientists	HT	5 ECTS	Tom Paskhalis
POP77184	Computational Methods for Economics	HT	5 ECTS	Jian Cao
POP77014	Social Forecasting	HT	5 ECTS	Thomas Chadeaux
POP77154	Data Visualisation for Social Scientists	HT	5 ECTS	Jeffrey Ziegler
POP77164	Sociological Thinking in the Digital Age	HT	5 ECTS	Taha Yasseri
POP77100	Dissertation	HT	30 ECTS	

Dissertation Supervision

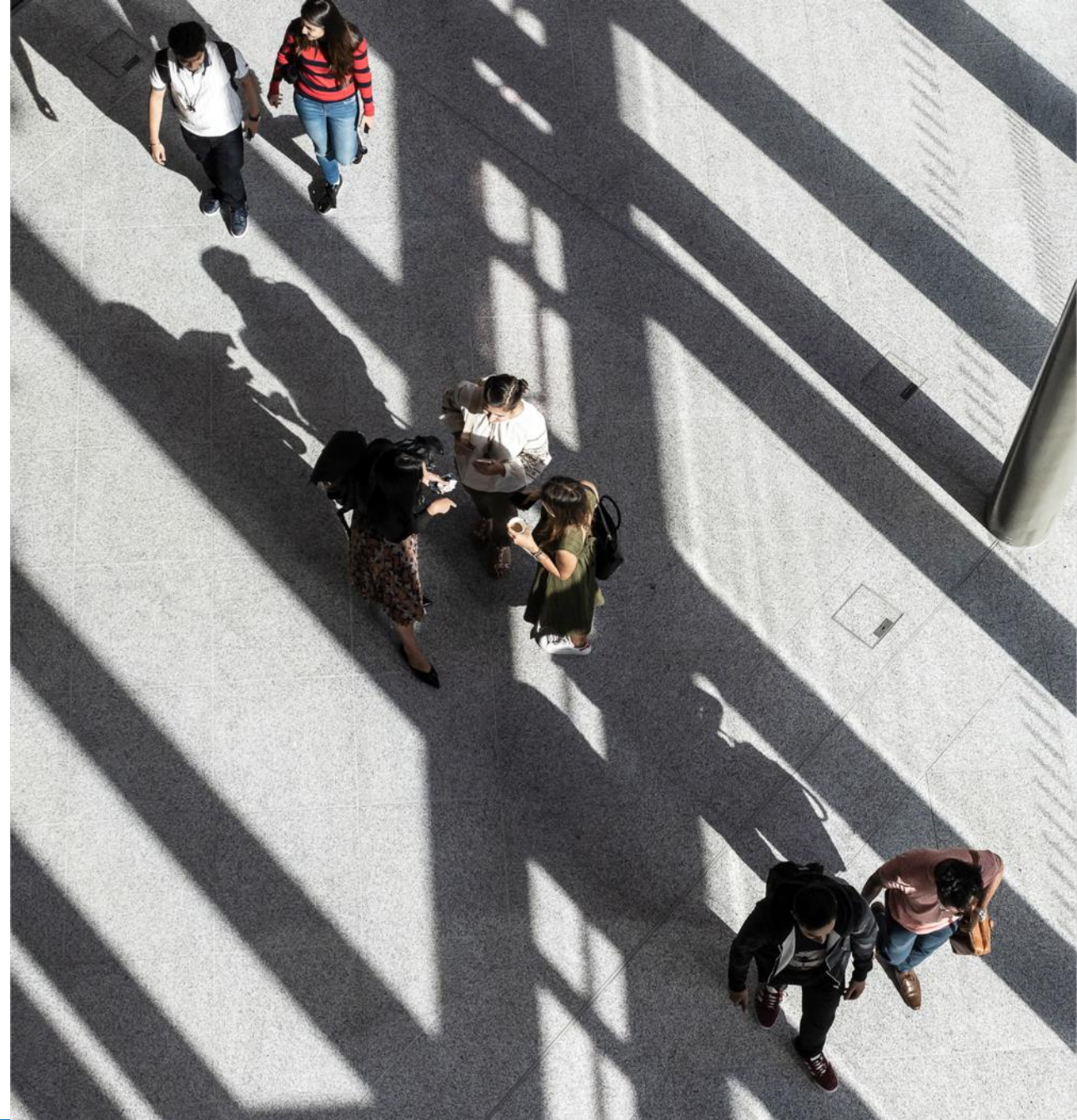
- Select a topic
 - We will distribute possible topics that potential supervisors think will make for feasible dissertations
 - Students submit dissertation topics to MSc Course Director by Dec 5 2025
- Supervision allocation
 - Jeffrey Ziegler, Tom Paskhalis, Thomas Chadeaux, Taha Yasseri
 - Students formally assigned to dissertation supervisors by Jan 16 2026



Research Ethics

Probably don't know now, but if you plan on conducting a dissertation with human subjects and/or data, you need to adhere to TCD's Research Ethics.

Talk with me later!



Thanks so much for your attention!

