Tutorial 06, Michaelmas Term

Research Methods for Political Science (PO3600)

Stefan Müller

21 November 2017

Trinity College Dublin
http://muellerstefan.net/research-methods

Session Outline

1. Questions?

2. Merging Data in SPSS

3. Summary statistics

Exercise: Merge datasets on Irish counties

1. Download the two following datasets:
   - `ire_01.sav`
   - `ire_02.sav`
2. Import both datasets into SPSS
3. Sort both datasets ascending by `county_id`
4. Merge datasets (Data → Merge Files → Add variables)

Exercise: Summary Statistics

1. Use the merged datasets to create summary statistics of all continuous variables (Analyse → Descriptive Statistics → Frequencies)
2. Interpret the variable distributions with your neighbour.
3. Are there information we can leave out?