

HHuCap: The History of Human Capital - DHB2017

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Quantitative approach to social mobility

- usually only 2-3 observations over the life course
- limited to observations, not behaviour

Qualitative approach to social mobility

- limited number of research persons
- generally biased towards more elitish backgrounds

Combining Qual and Quant

- take all biographies from biography.net
- retrieve occupational mentions from biographies
- reconstruct careers

How - text wizardry

- resource specific text characteristics: order, – e.g. first parental or own description
- chronological information: time derived from recorded event

How - social mobility part

- code all occupations into a standard
- apply scale scores

An example: Johanna Westerdijk

(YASGUI)[<http://yasgui.org/short/B1p82-KEb>]

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First analysis: more examples of careers

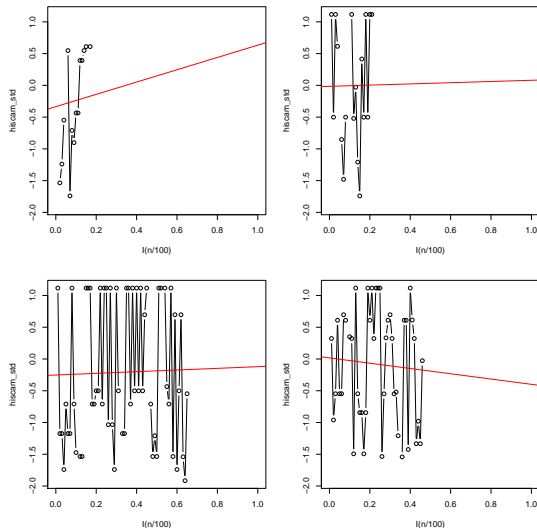


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First analysis: average careers

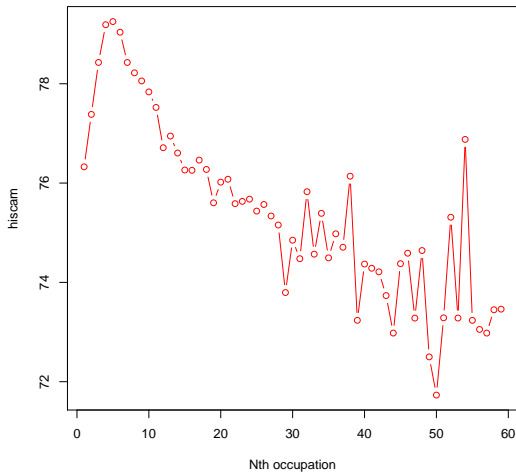


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First analysis: average careers by period

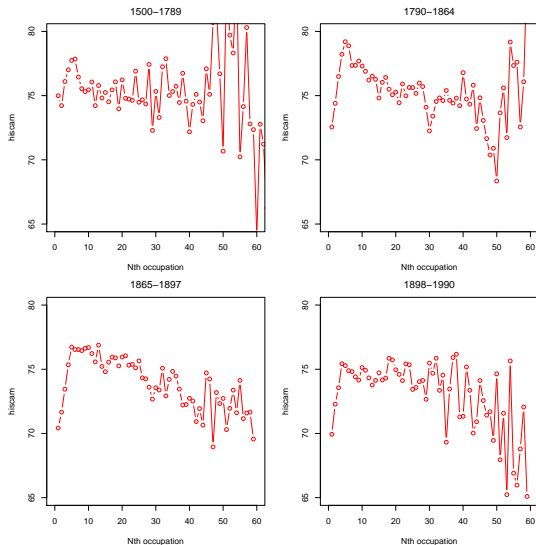


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First analysis: career growth

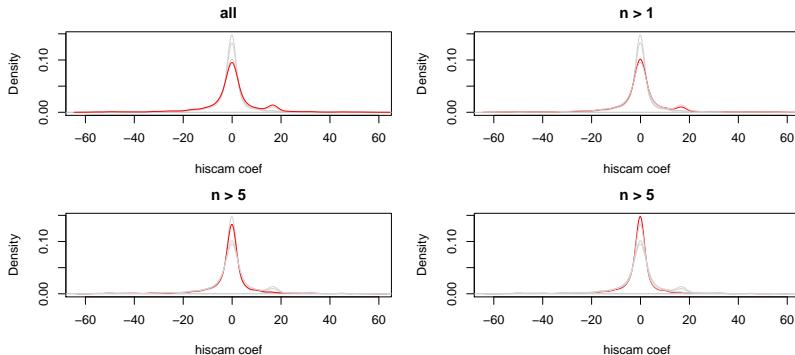


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