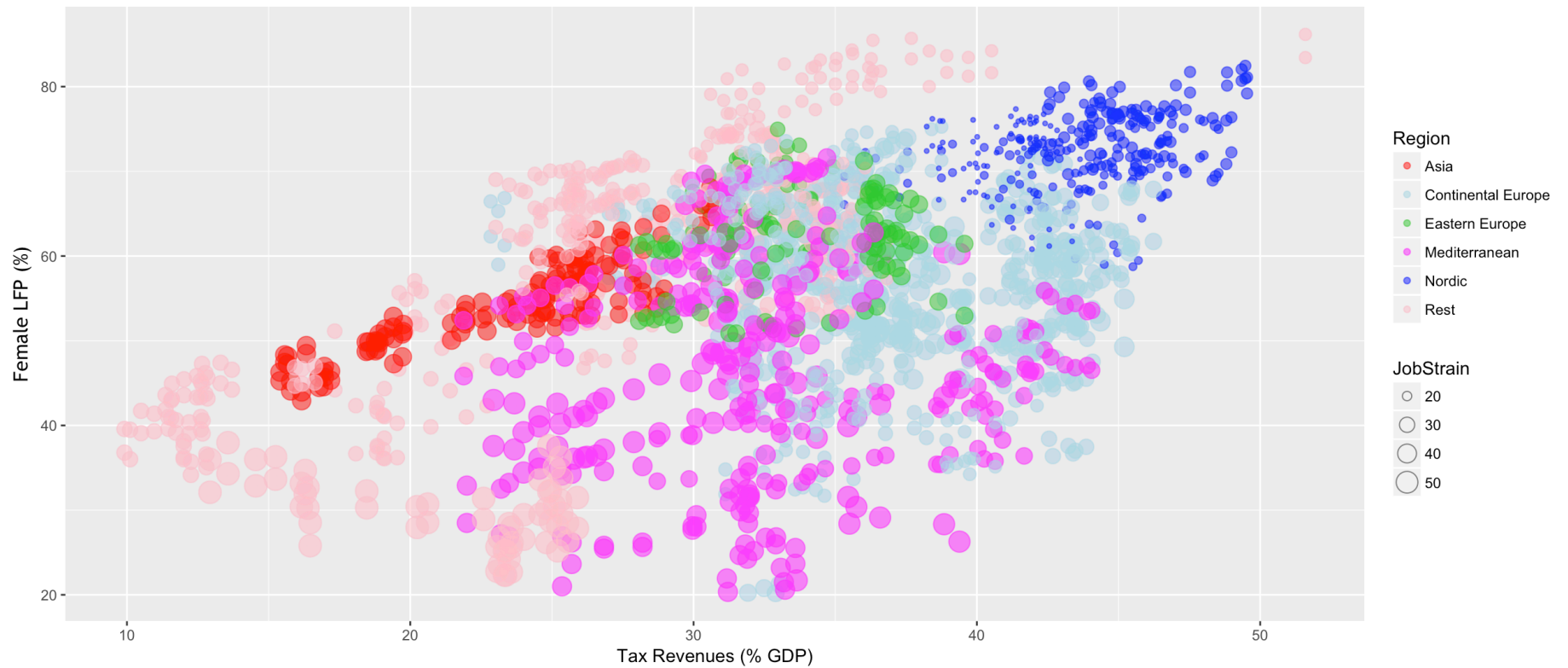


Female Labor Participation, Size of Public Sector, and Job Quality

Countries with higher female labor participation have, on average, larger public sectors, and higher job quality levels.

A regional clustering pattern similar of that in first graph is also clear, with Nordic countries at the upper right corner and lower reported job strain levels.

Whether and the extent to which this relations are meaningful, of course, requires more careful analysis and more granular data. For instance, are there specific types of public spending that might explain both large government size and women participation in the labor market? This and related issues can be explored in later stages of the analysis.



Source: OECD Statistics, 1980-2017

Job strain index = Proportion of workers facing more job demands than the number of resources they have at their disposal. Taking into account of data availability, two types of job demands are identified: i) time pressure which encompasses long working hours, high work intensity and working time inflexibility; and ii) physical health risk factors.