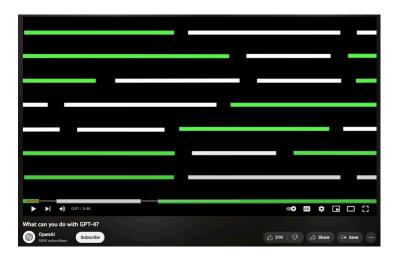
Masterclass in Social Research

Using AI for Social Research





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How ChatGPT and Bing can help (Hendriksen 2023)

- ► Identifying and adjusting research ideas/questions and relevant literatures (e.g., what has been done in this area?)
- ► Locating relevant co-authors and key researchers in the field (e.g., who has worked on this topic?)
- Exposing ideas to simulated and targeted critical readers (e.g., how will my research be received)
- ▶ Producing research applications (e.g., develop an outline for research proposal; coding and programming for specified tasks)



Research ethics and integrity

- ► Plagiarism
- ► Transparency
- Replicability
- ▶ Bias
- ▶ what else?



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Can Generative AI improve social science?

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Exercise: Using AI for/in your research

- What computational skills would you like to learn?
- List the methods you will or plan to use in your dissertation project.
- Without using ChatGPT and Bing, imagine how you can integrate Al into your research practice and workflows.
- Now ask ChatGPT and Bing to see what they can do for your research. Are these suggestions at the risk of violating the College's policy on AI and academic integrity?
- You can also ask ChatGPT and Bing in general what they can do for qualitative and/or quantitative (social) researchers.
- ▶ How comfortable are you with using AI for research purposes? Why