# Research Methods for Political Science
# Tutorial 1: Introduction to R

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## Focus of Tutorials

- **Weekly** Tutorials
- Furthering what we did in class
- Hands-on R
- Applications of concepts and quantitative methods;
- Revision of Homeworks
- Q&A
- Tutorials are NOT recorded, due to issues associated with GDPR.
- Tutorials do not replace the lectures!

## Grading I

The module grade consists of three components:

- **End-of-term Exam**, which makes up 60% of the final grade
  - The exam will consist of short descriptions of relevant concepts, short essay questions and the interpretation of a statistical model.
- **Group paper** counting 16%
  - In this paper, you will set up a (small) research project (based on secondary data) and execute it (including a limited statistical analysis).
  - Groups will be randomly assigned.
  - Due on the last Friday of the teaching term (18.12.2020).

## Grading II

- **Four assignments** each is worth 6%, in total 24%.
    - Due at 5pm on the Friday of each given week.
    - Homework 1: 23.10.2020 (Week 4)
    - Homework 2: 06.11.2020 (Week 6)
    - Homework 3: 27.11.2020 (Week 9)
    - Homework 4: 11.12.2020 (Week 11)

- Note that **5 points per day** will be taken off your mark on assignments submitted late without a valid excuse (capped at 30 points).

## The very Basics of R:

Week 1 (today):

- Installing R and R Studio
- Discussing R Studio interface
- Basic Operations
- Types of Variables
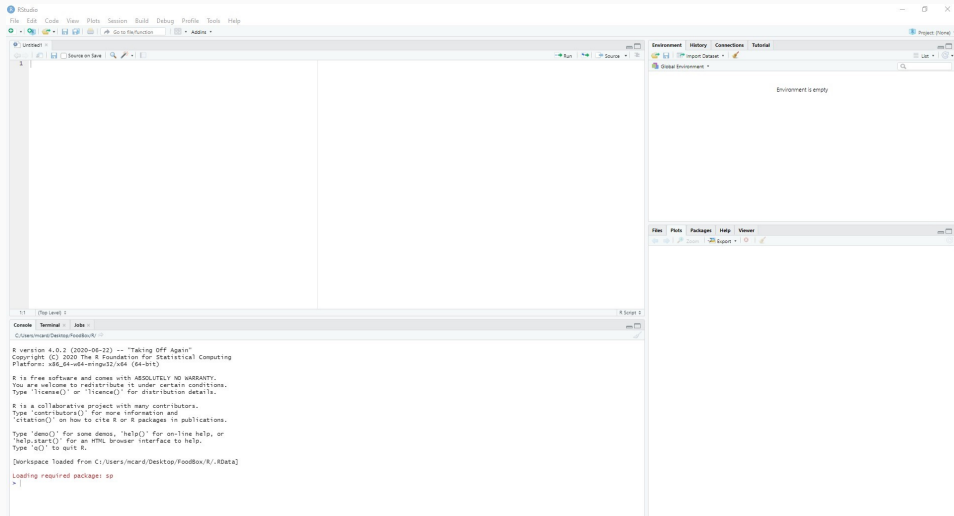- Different types of objects

**The very Basics of R:**

Week 2:

- Creating a Project and file structure
- Reading and Saving Datasets
- Data inspection

## Downloading & Installing R

- R: https://cran.r-project.org/
- R Studio: https://rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/

# R Studio Interface

## Types of Variables

- Character (aka String)
  - Text denoted by quotation marks, "Hallo World"
- Numeric or Integer
  - Numbers, e.g. 25 3.25 $\pi$
- Factors
  - Groups, e.g. Age Groups, Gender, Wage Brackets
  - Special Form is the Binary/Dummy Variable

Questions?