

Research Methods for Political Science PO3110 (TCD)

HT: Tutorial 10 - Week 11

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Today's topics:

- Basic concepts used in homework 4 (Check tutorial 8 as well);
- Homework 4 correction (grades next by Monday);
- Other questions.

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Let's go to SPSS to do the homework

Questions

- Any other questions?

Thank you!

Good luck in your final assignments, take care and (if possible) enjoy the break !