

2.9 Practical 2

In the practical you will divide into groups to discuss example papers from the literature with respect to the issues raised in this session. One week in advance of the practical we will send out information on your groups and we will provide the paper that each group should discuss. Please read the paper assigned for the group discussions in advance.

In your group discussion please consider the following questions:

- 1 What type of investigation is presented in the paper?
- 2 Is the investigation type and research question made clear?
- 3 What data sources were used?
- 4 What analysis approaches were used?
- 5 How were the models used assessed?
- 6 How were the results presented?
- 7 What conclusions were drawn and did the authors discuss strengths/limitations of their study?
- 8 Did you discover methods or concepts that are new to you?

In the last part of the practical the whole class will join together and each group is asked to present their findings for 5-7 minutes.

- You do not have to cover all of the above questions in your discussion or presentation – some papers may raise more discussion on certain questions than others.
- You can choose one member of your group to present, or do it as a group or subset thereof.
- Your presentation can be verbal, or you can make slides, or any other suitable format that you can think of. You can choose to present figures or tables extracted from the paper.
- You are not expected to understand everything covered in these papers!
- This is not an assessed presentation!