

# Using SID to analyse occupational structure

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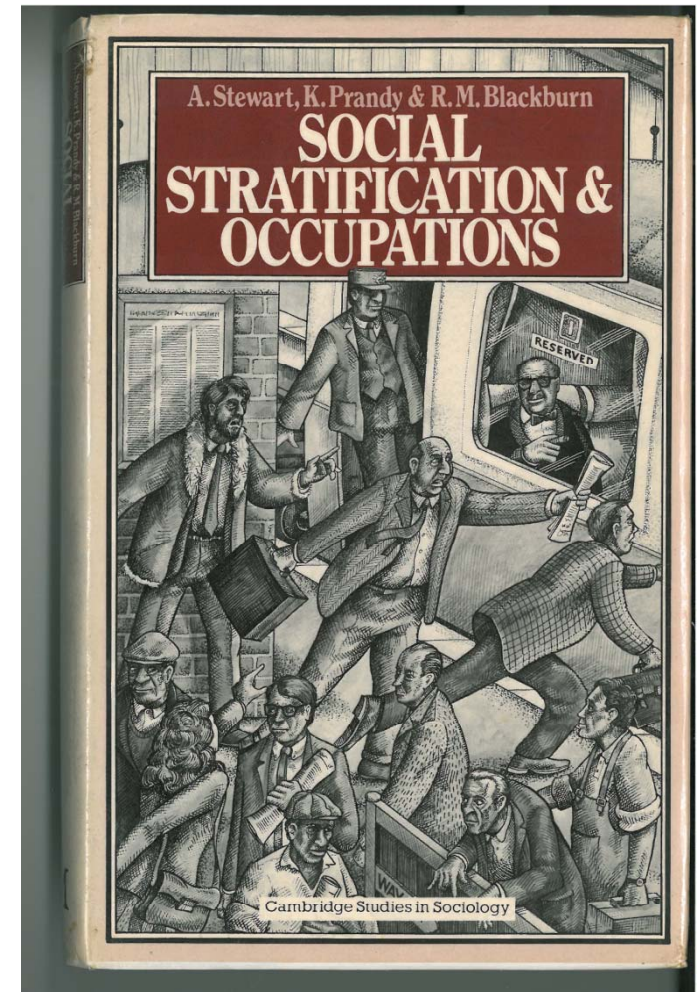
1)	Some background on CAMSIS
2)	Constructing CAMSIS scales (with examples)

- Studying social interactions and social connections can help us to understand social structure and social trends and transformations
  - Inequality between the incumbents of occupations
  - Transformations in social inequality through time / over countries
  - Exploiting detailed occupational codes and new (large scale) empirical data

# The Cambridge Scale

*Stewart et al. 1980; Prandy 1990*

- Stewart, A., Prandy, K., & Blackburn, R. M. (1980). *Social Stratification and Occupations*. London: MacMillan.
- Analysis of friendship patterns
- ‘White collar’ sample within 60 miles of Cambridge, plus a ‘general’ sample from 4 UK regions (UKDA: 1369).
- Finds an order of social stratification from social interaction distance analysis
- Stewart et al. (1980: 59-68):



Employee University teachers	+131	Employee Guards	-175
Employee Civil Engineers	+102	Manager Guards	-122
Employer Accountants	+55	Own account Publicans	-62

# CAMISIS, [www.camsis.stir.ac.uk](http://www.camsis.stir.ac.uk)

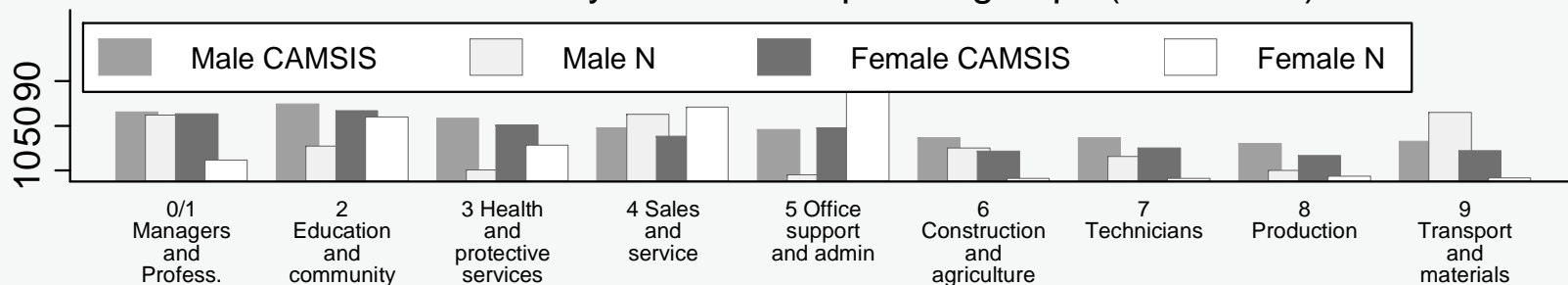
*Lays out a methodology for analysing social interactions for the purpose of social stratification research*

- Analyse pairs of occupations linked by a social interaction (marriage; friendship; inter- and intra-generational connections)
- Use correspondence analysis (SPSS; Stata) or RC-II association models (Stata; IEM) on pairs of occupations
- *Tradition of 'specificity': makes an empirical calculation within a 'context' (country; time period)*
- Many other writers are using association models/correspondence analysis for similar structural analytical purposes (e.g. Chan 2010; Bakker 1993; Levine 1990; Laumann and Guttman 1966)

# Figure 1: Illustration of SID scales

## USA, 2000

CAMSIS scores by broad occupational groups (USA 2000)



CAMSIS scores for 475 occupations (male CAMSIS scale)

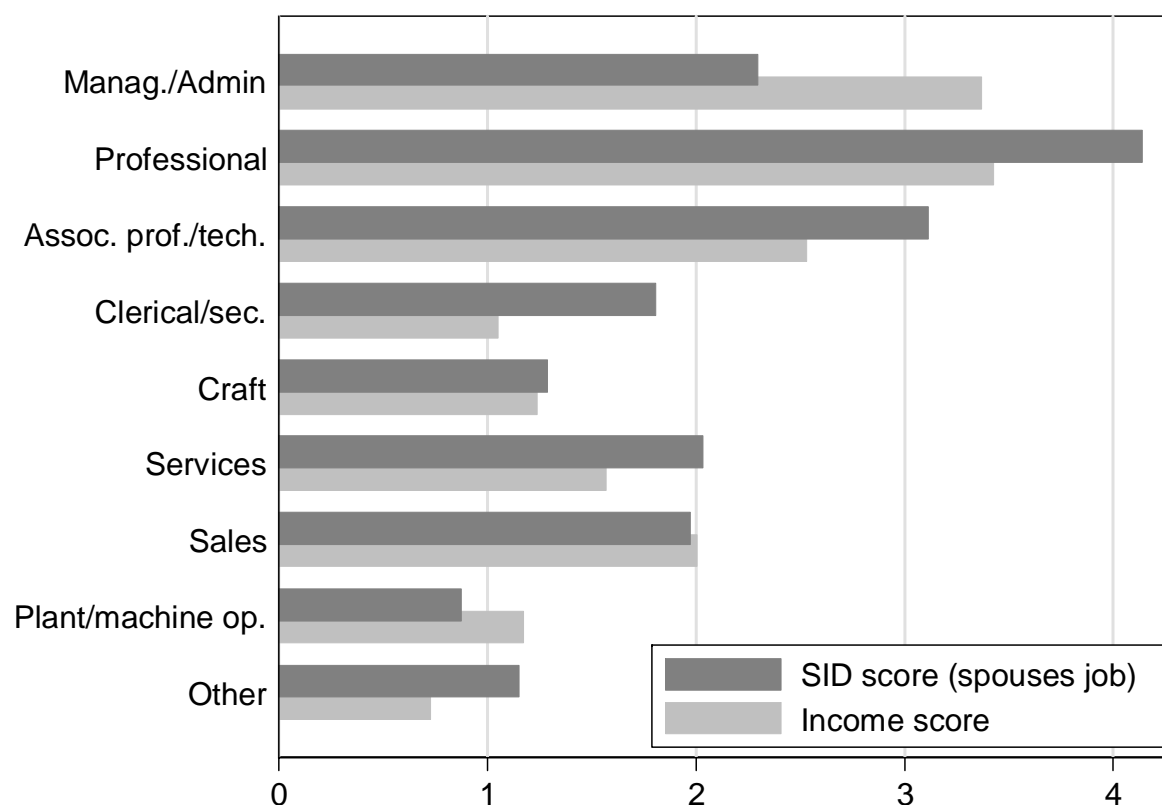


Source: IPUMS USA, 3% sample, and [www.camsis.stir.ac.uk](http://www.camsis.stir.ac.uk)

Panel 1: Occupational groups are first digit of US SOC2000. N is sample N / 3,000,000.

Panel 2: Marker size is proportional to number in occupation. Labels show 15 most common occupations.

# Why characterise structure through interactions?



Source: Analysis of married males in BHPS. Scores mean standardised plus 2.

- Interaction structure is not identical to other empirical summaries
- Interaction structure is theoretically interesting (?the trace of social reproduction)
- Other measures of structure may not exist

# Theorising SID analysis

- Based *only* upon social interaction patterns, CAMSIS scales may *better* represent the true order of social reproduction and stratification
  - Should be more stable over the longer term / across the career (esp. Stewart et al. 1980)
  - Bourdieusian features of capital (Bottero 2009)
  - Superior to ‘social class’ measures which introduce artificial boundaries and reflect current job content (e.g. Prandy and Blackburn 1997)
  - Debate regarding ‘social status’ (Chan 2010)

# Sorting out multiple dimensions

- Social reproduction isn't the only force which influences social interactions (e.g. regional proximity; industrial proximity; age and gender; other social institutions such as religion)
- In CAMSIS, which explicitly tries to identify the social reproduction dimension, much work using SID analysis involves differentiating other such forces from the main dimension of interest



# Constructing CAMSIS scales

Methodological notes at [www.camsis.stir.ac.uk](http://www.camsis.stir.ac.uk)

- 1) Extracting data on pairs of socially connected occupations
- 2) Association models to detect structure in pairs of connections (and isolate the 'social stratification' dimension)
- 3) Extraction of scores from model results, typically with re-scaling/standardisation

# 1) Constructing suitable data

Image from:

[http://www.uk1881census.com/census\\_page.php](http://www.uk1881census.com/census_page.php)

Census data: Example from France 1962 (20+yrs) accessed via IPUMS-I

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanit
	London	St. Dunstons	London		

No. of HOUSES	ROAD, STREET, etc. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Rank, Profession, or OCCU
56	St. Dunstons	William Secretary	Head	Mar	28	Barman
		Hannah do	Wife	Do	28	
		Joseph do	Son	Unm	10	out of Employment
		Oliver do	Son	Do	10	Envelope Man
		Edward do	Son	Do	10	School
		Hannah do	Daughter	Do	7	do
57	do	James Walter Cole	Head	Mar	28	General Labourer
		Ann do	Wife	Do	23	
		Emily do	Daughter	Do	10	10 <sup>th</sup> Mill Worker
		Frank do	do	Do	10	School
58	do	Mary Ann Clark	Head	Mar	27	Needlewoman
59	do	John Chittenden	Head	Mar	65	Labourer unemp
		Hannah do	Wife	Do	62	
		Eliza Brooks	Step-daughter	Mar	26	Envelope Man
60	do	Thomas Cole	Head	Mar	60	General Labourer
		Elizabeth do	Wife	Do	60	
		Henry do	Son	Unm	19	Wattman & Sign

serial	pernum	sex	age	fr62a_occ	educf
16000	1	Male	34	Administrative secretaries	CE
16000	2	Female	31	Former workers of the private sector	CE
17000	1	Male	41	Skilled workers	CE
17000	5	Female	40	Other nonactive people (includes persons age 14 or less)	CE
18000	1	Female	49	Smaller merchants	CE
19000	1	Female	33	Other nonactive people (includes persons age 14 or less)	None declare
19000	2	Male	32	Farmers	CE
19000	3	Male	24	Skilled workers	CAP, BE
20000	1	Male	59	Office employees	None declare
21000	1	Female	66	Other service personnel	None declare
22000	1	Male	28	Artists	BAC, BP, BT, BEA, BEC, BE
23000	1	Female	73	Skilled workers	None declare
24000	1	Female	38	Office employees	None declare
25000	1	Male	58	Smaller merchants	None declare
25000	2	Female	61	Specialized workers	None declare
26000	1	Female	37	Professors, literary and scientific professions	BAC
27000	2	Female	40	Other nonactive people (includes persons age 14 or less)	BAC, BP, BT, BEA, BEC, BE
27000	3	Male	46	Office employees	BAC

For analysis, we usually convert data into a 'pairs' oriented dataset

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use micro.dta, clear
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keep if sex==2
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keep serial occ age
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rename occ wocc
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rename age age_sp
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sort serial
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sav temp.dta, replace
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use micro.dta, clear
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keep if sex==1
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keep serial occ age
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rename occ hocc
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sort serial
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joinby serial using temp.dta
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*Stata 'joinby' command in this instance matches & keeps all male-female within household pairs*

serial	hocc	wocc	age	age_sp
1000	Professors, professional scientists	Skilled industrial artisans	30	32
2000	administrative employees	administrative employees	45	45
8000	Civil employees, service agents of public function	Service personnel to individuals	63	61
9000	Professional news, arts and shows	Professional news, arts and shows	40	40
25000	Businessmen and employees	Skilled driver	58	61
30000	Agricultural workers	administrative employees	68	58
45000	Service personnel to individuals	Service personnel to individuals	33	32
47000	Service personnel to individuals	Service personnel to individuals	33	29
52000	Skilled industrial artisans	Skilled driver	29	36
53000	Skilled driver	Skilled driver	23	20
57000	administrative employees	Business employees	40	42
59000	Skilled driver	Skilled driver	31	27
63000	Businessmen and employees	Skilled driver	30	26
64000	Skilled industrial artisans	administrative employees	28	30
65000	Skilled driver	Service personnel to individuals	37	37
68000	Teachers and other employees	administrative employees	53	60
77000	Professional administrative and commercial institutions	Civil employees, service agents of public function	44	40
78000	Business employees	Civil employees, service agents of public function	39	36
85000	Engineers of technical businesses	Professors, professional scientists	61	54
95000	Service personnel to individuals	Service personnel to individuals	53	48

In turn, we would typically reduce the data into a 'table format' record

(Loses other features of microdata but dramatically improves storage/performance)

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tab hocc
gen freq=1
collapse (sum) freq, by(hocc wocc)
summarize hocc wocc [fw=freq]
tab hocc [fw=freq]
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	hocc	wocc	freq
1.	Agri cul tural farmi ng, fi shermen	Agri cul tural farmi ng, fi shermen	36853
2.	Busi nessmen and empl oyees	Arti sans	10335
3.	Skilled dri ver	Skilled dri ver	9979
4.	Skilled industri al arti sans	Skilled dri ver	5851
5.	Skilled industri al arti sans	admi ni stratve empl oyees	4403
6.	Skilled dri ver	Servi ce personel to indi vidual s	3169
7.	Skilled industri al arti sans	Skilled industri al arti sans	3072
8.	Skilled dri ver	admi ni stratve empl oyees	2792
9.	admi ni stratve empl oyees	admi ni stratve empl oyees	2540
10.	Skilled industri al arti sans	Servi ce personel to indi vidual s	2400
11.	Busi nessmen and empl oyees	Busi nessmen and empl oyees	2265
12.	Skilled dri ver	Skilled industri al arti sans	2262
13.	Skilled industri al arti sans	Ci vil empl oyees, servi ce agents of publi c functi on	2172
14.	Skilled dri ver	Ci vil empl oyees, servi ce agents of publi c functi on	2001
15.	Teachers and other empl oyees	Teachers and other empl oyees	1866
16.	Arti sans	Arti sans	1678
17.	Techni ci ans	admi ni stratve empl oyees	1496
18.	Skilled dri ver	Busi nessmen and empl oyees	1461
19.	Ci vil empl oyees, servi ce agents of publi c functi on	Ci vil empl oyees, servi ce agents of publi c functi on	1414
20.	Skilled industri al arti sans	Busi ness empl oyees	1361

# That's all, except...

- Fine-grained or coarse-grained analysis?
  - The more detail the better (but diminishing statistical returns, and costs of practical convenience, to more disaggregation)
  - Occupational units, or occupations cross-classified by employment status?
- Gender specific analysis?
  - Ego-alter analysis without gender, or male-female analysis so that separate male and female scores are available
- Checking for sparse occupational units
  - As a broad guideline, if there are less than 30 cases within an occupation we recommend merging it with another 'similar' category

All of these issues are discussed further at [www.camsis.stir.ac.uk](http://www.camsis.stir.ac.uk)

## 2) Fitting the association model

- As soon as a 'pairs' dataset is set up, we can fit the association model
- With small numbers of units, this will probably immediately identify an obvious stratification dimension
- With larger numbers of units, there will probably be distortion caused by very sparse units and/or by other dimensional structures

## Husband's Job Units

		Husband's Job Units				
Occ Units ↓ →		1	2	..	407	
Derived scores ↓ →		75.0	70.0	..	10.0	
Wife's Job Units	1	72.0	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	..	<b>0</b>
	2	72.5	<b>13</b>	<b>170</b>	..	<b>1</b>
	..	..	..	..	..	..
	407	11.0	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	..	<b>80</b>

- *Derived scores predict frequency of interactions (#cases per cell)*
- The scales describe one or more dimensions of a **structure of social interaction...**
  - ...this turns out to also represent a **structure of social stratification...**
  - ...resulting in scale scores which measure an occupation's relative position within the structure of stratification.

## *In addition you have the option to...*

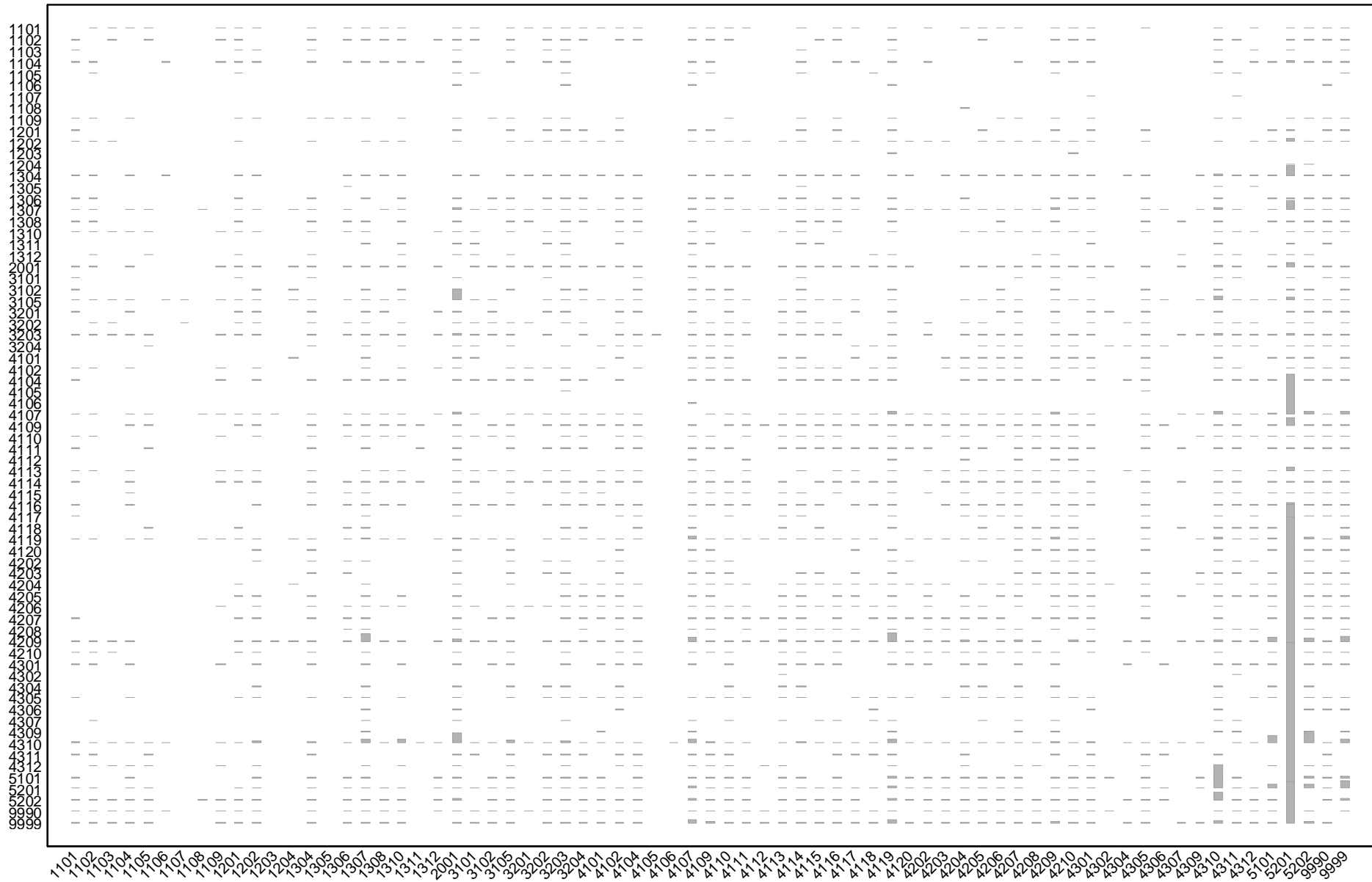
- Specify ‘diagonals’
- Specify ‘Pseudo-diagonals’
  - Typically exclude or downweight specific occupational combinations which ‘unduly’ influence the SID pattern
  - I.e. if not about stratification and clearly about some other social connection process
- Specify ‘subsidiary dimensions’
  - E.g. explicitly set a gender segregation dimension into the model to separate those effects from the stratification dimension

*By and large, for heterogeneous societies the main dimension story doesn't change with and without these treatments, but they can add statistical information. For less heterogeneous societies, though, the main dimension may well be farming or driven by some similar pseudo-diagonal, and separating out structures is sometimes harder (see more at [www.camsis.stir.ac.uk](http://www.camsis.stir.ac.uk))*



# Unusual cases: Highly skewed historical occupational structures

## Norway, 1865



(Excluding diagonals, n\*20)

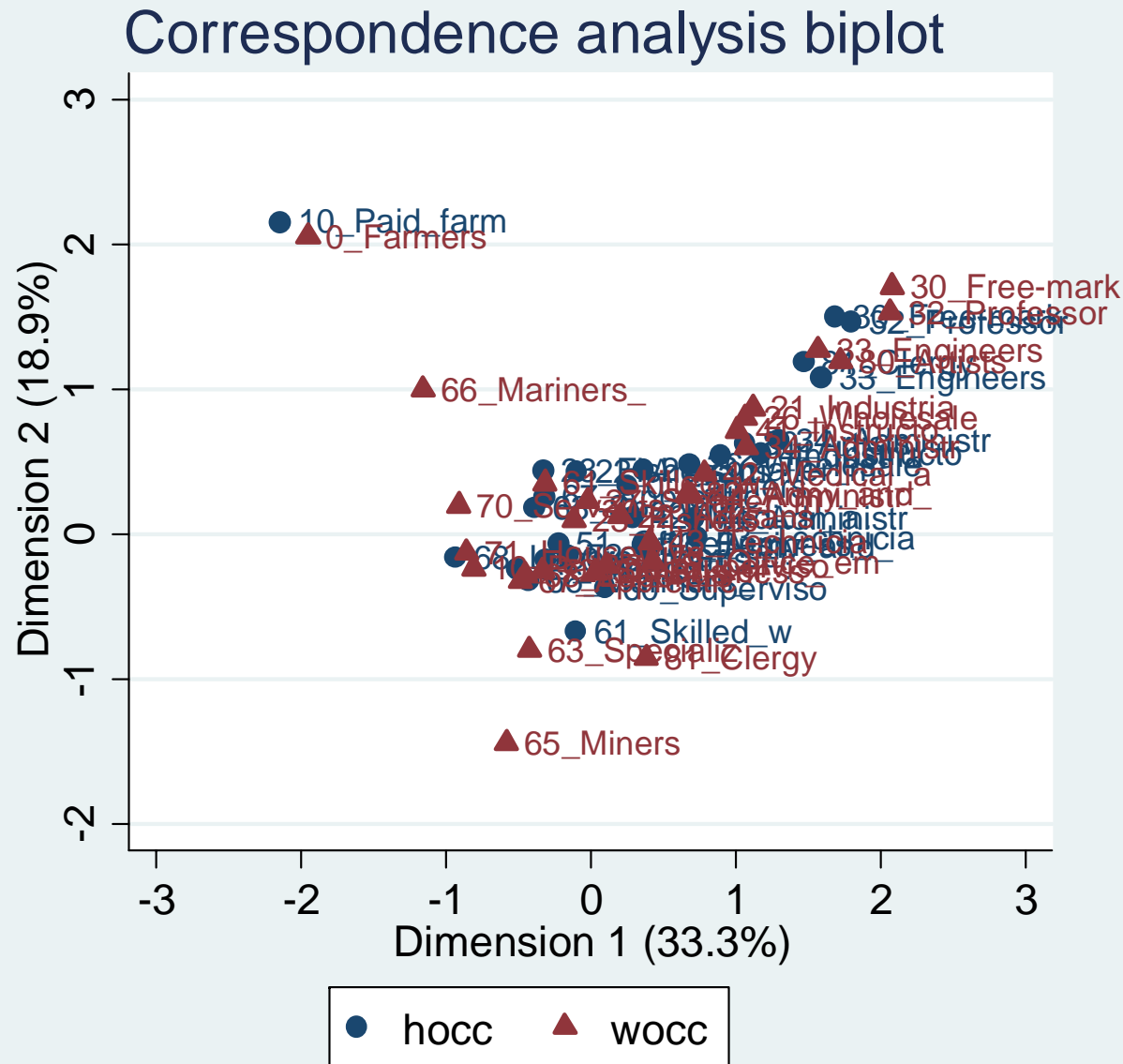
# Model examples on the website (& some in labs)

- › `tabdat <- as.data.frame(xtabs(cfreq~hocc+wocc, data=microdata))`
- › `mod <- gnm(Freq ~ hocc+wocc + instances(Mult(1, hocc, wocc),1), family=poisson, data=tabdat, iterMax=10000, ofInterest = "Mult", subset = (Freq!=0))`
  
- `ca hocc wocc if (psds==0) [fw=freq], dim(2)`
  
- `correspondence table=hocc (1 114) by wocc (1 114) /dimensions=2 /measure=chisq /standardize=rcmean /normalization=symmetrical /print=table rpoint cpoint /plot=ndim(1,max) biplot(20).`
  
- `dim 114 114`
- `mod {hocc,wocc,ass2(hocc,wocc,5a), ass2(hocc,wocc,5a,3,3),fac(HW,70)}`
- `rco`
- `des dmatrix114model1.txt`

## *Manual or automated SID scale derivation?*

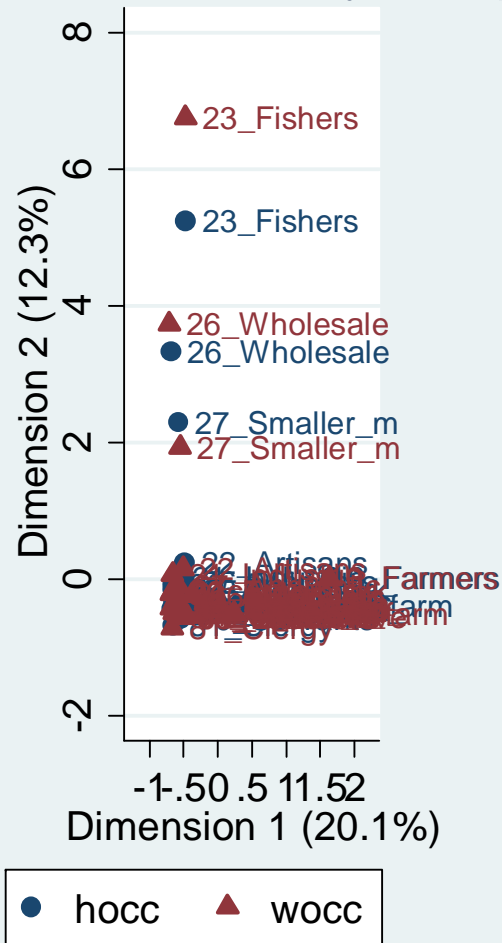
- Sometimes there are many possible scales (different permutations of data, occupational units, and subsidiary dimension coverage)
  - As part of HISCAM, we calculated over 1000 different SID scales (country\*time\*occupational detail\*gender) (Lambert et al. 2012)
  - Each scale takes ~30mins computational time aside from preparatory time
  - *Some degree of automation may be desirable, but could be dangerous too*
- **No automation:** case-by-case model development
- **Partial automation:** case-by-case model development sharing model building and subsidiary dimension specification templates between models
- **Substantial automation:** I've written a pre-set routine in Stata which reads in data (hocc & wocc), takes optional psd specification, and runs models and constructs scale scores
  - [www.camsis.stir.ac.uk/make\\_camsis](http://www.camsis.stir.ac.uk/make_camsis)

(a) You might immediately get an interesting/  
convincing structure



(b) You might get something which doesn't look so smooth

Correspondence analysis biplot



coordinates in symmetric normalization

# Solutions to (b)

- Check for sparse units (sparse non-diagonal units) and recode if relevant
- Add pre-specified 'pseudo-diagonals' to the model to depict common connections between certain jobs which we are confident arise for reasons separate to the stratification dimension
  - PSD's are either cut out of analysis, or a specific model parameter is fit for them

### 3) Processing/reviewing results

- Retrieving scores tends to be software specific.
  - In CA in Stata, extract the scores with 'predict, rowscore'
  - With IEM, copy and paste the dimension scores
  - With R, export the dimension scores as an object
- *Usually **standardise scores to mean 50, sd 15** for national population, and link them back to all possible occupations (not just the group used in analysis) using subgroup means*
- **Confidence intervals for the scores?**
  - Not traditionally published, but...
  - gnm in R can estimate standard errors for scores which can also be extracted (I've not got this to work on a large scale, though!)
  - otherwise, we recommend calculating approximate standard errors from the mean and sd of the alters distribution on the original data

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. list soc2010 gb_csm gb_csf gb_csm_se gb_csf_se if es==5 & ~missing(gb_csm_se) in 400/450

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	soc2010	gb_csm	gb_csf	gb_-m_se	gb_-f_se
402.	2221. Physiotherapists	72.66	73.29	1.282295	.5872164
408.	2222. Occupational therapists	72.66	73.29	1.282295	.5872164
420.	2229. Therapy professionals n.e.c.	72.66	73.29	1.282295	.5872164
426.	2231. Nurses	44.36	52.62	.7649782	.4620625
438.	2311. Higher education teaching professionals	80.02	82.32	.7534429	.7559308
444.	2312. Further education teaching professionals	70.58	74.85	.7893718	.6951411
450.	2314. Secondary education teaching professionals	73.6	69.93	.3925574	.3798914

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. list soc2010 gb_csm gb_csf gb_csm_se gb_csf_se if es==5 & ~missing(gb_csm_se) in 20/60

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	soc2010	gb_csm	gb_csf	gb_-m_se	gb_-f_se
24.	1122. Production managers and directors in construction	57.74	57.83	.5556703	.8928211
36.	1131. Financial managers and directors	66.78	68.3	.5423195	.4818444
42.	1132. Marketing and sales directors	67.92	73.79	.5091547	.7752766
48.	1133. Purchasing managers and directors	56.33	68.16	.850561	1.281459
54.	1134. Advertising and public relations directors	67.84	90.28	2.7956	1.153109
60.	1135. Human resource managers and directors	61.68	72.27	.9148157	.5766781

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. list soc2010 gb_csm gb_csf gb_csm_se gb_csf_se if es==5 & ~missing(gb_csm_se) in 1000/1050

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	soc2010	gb_csm	gb_csf	gb_-m_se	gb_-f_se
1002.	3561. Public services associate professionals	57.33	48.24	1.699955	.9856362
1008.	3562. Human resources and industrial relations officers	55.59	60.82	1.027657	.5852029
1014.	3563. Vocational and industrial trainers and instructors	54.73	54.14	.7448601	.7516112
1020.	3564. Careers advisers and vocational guidance specialists	67.14	51.46	1.64791	1.201635
1026.	3565. Inspectors of standards and regulations	50.24	56.54	1.11756	1.726127
1032.	3567. Health and safety officers	55.16	58.15	1.142406	1.279091
1038.	4112. National government administrative occupations	54.97	46.95	.8143517	.5252942
1044.	4113. Local government administrative occupations	44.81	49.75	1.530865	.597466
1050.	4114. Officers of non-governmental organisations	63.96	56.94	1.608485	.9833232

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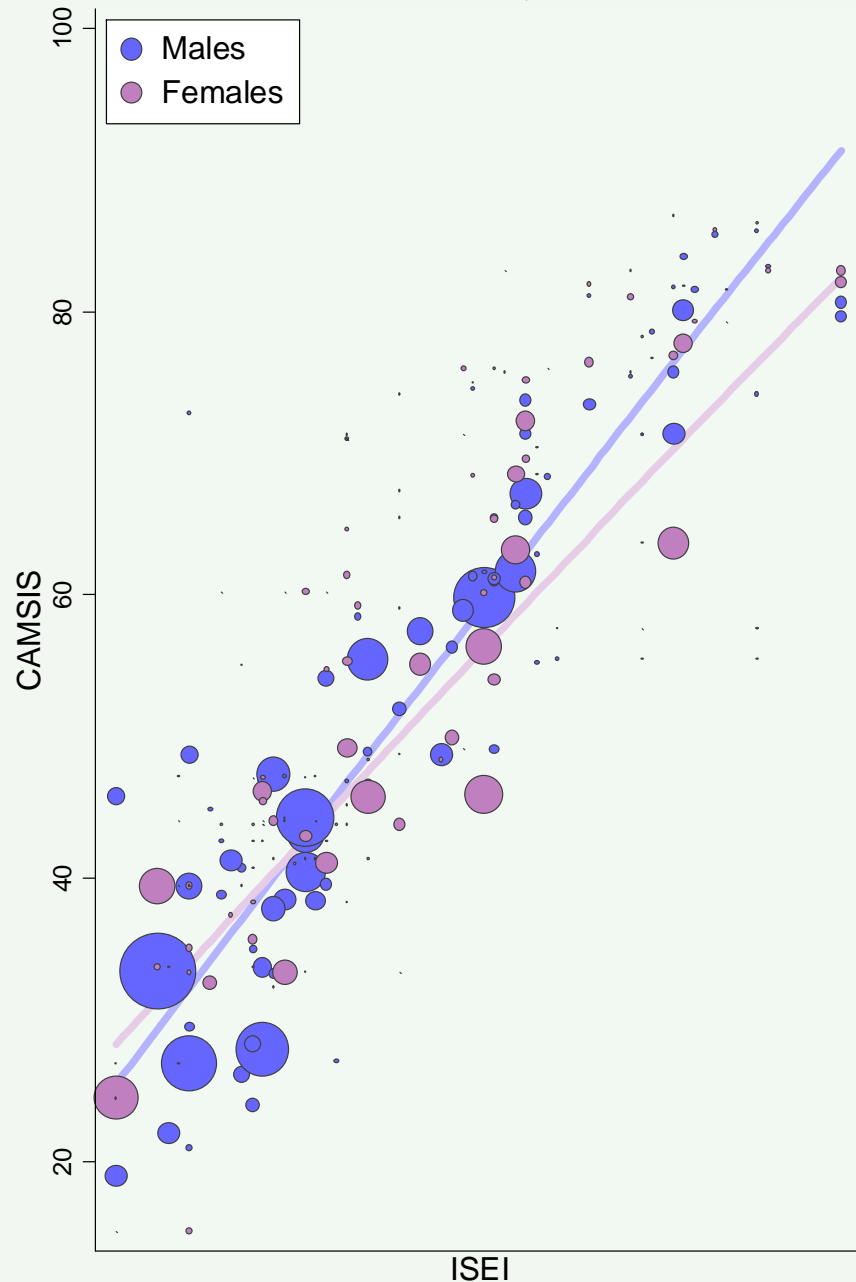
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	soc2010	gb_csm	gb_csf	gb_-m_se	gb_-f_se
1992.	8221. Crane drivers	29.41	31.7	2.149145	.
1998.	8222. Fork-lift truck drivers	23.35	31.7	.7458186	.9545087
2004.	8223. Agricultural machinery drivers	26.63	31.7	.9595577	.
2010.	8229. Mobile machine drivers and operatives n.e.c.	26.63	31.7	.9595577	.9545087
2016.	8231. Train drivers	44.86	31.7	1.03836	.9545087
2022.	8232. Marine and waterways transport operatives	44.86	31.7	1.03836	.9545087
2028.	8233. Air transport operatives	57.18	31.7	1.397962	.9545087



## Venezuela, 2001

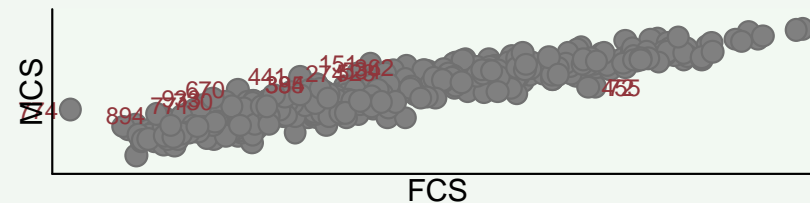
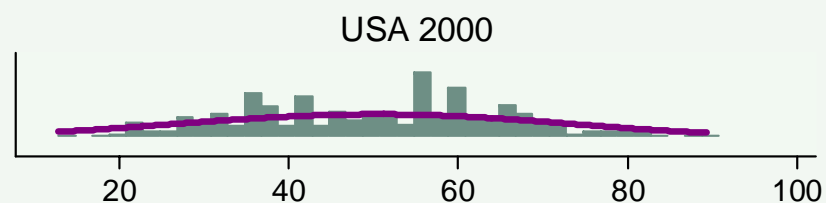
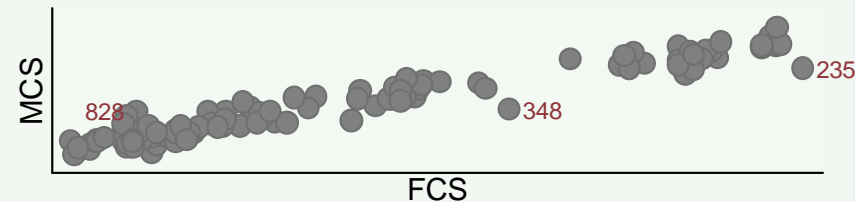
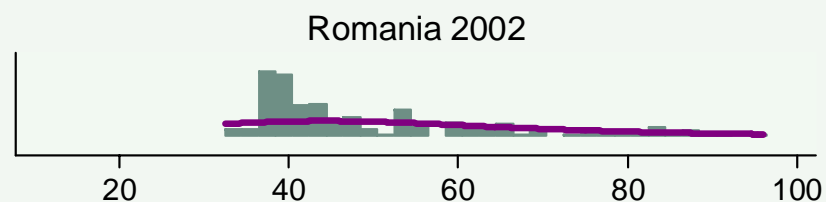
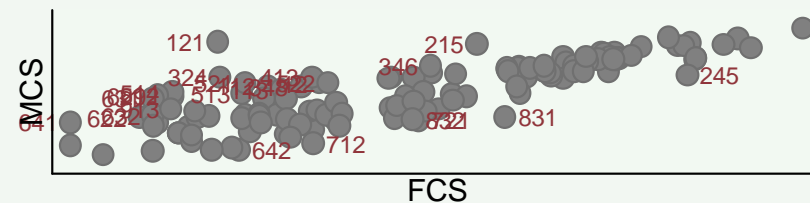
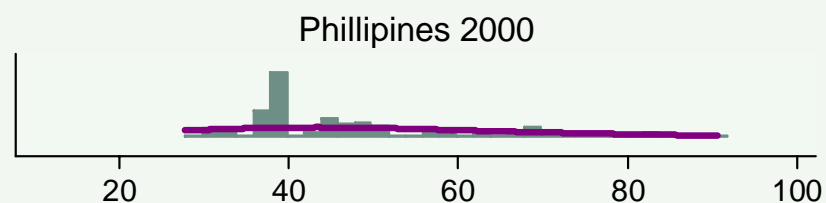
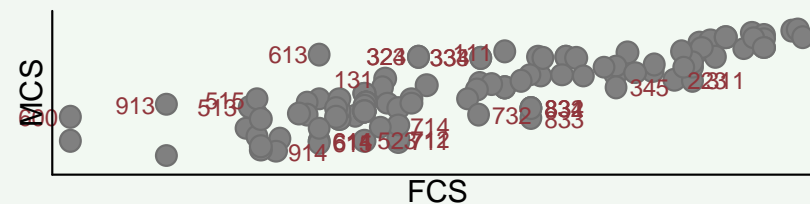
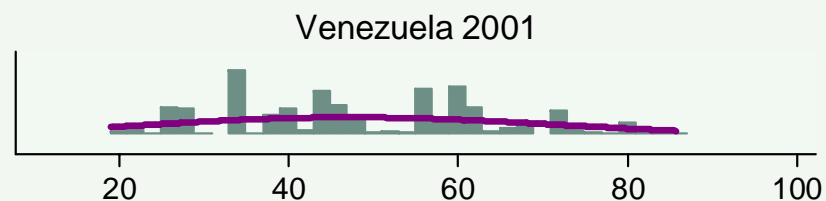


Source: IPUMS-I, N=778k with occ data  
Data is coded here to ISCO88 3-digit minor groups

- *Using CAMSIS approaches,*  
[www.camsis.stir.ac.uk](http://www.camsis.stir.ac.uk)
- First dimension of SID scales is usually 'social stratification'
  - We'd interpret it as the contour of social reproduction
  - Gradational, but 'lumpy' for operational reasons (occ.s)
  - 'Specificity' (many scales!)
  - (Griffiths and Lambert 2012)
- *Dimensions:*
  - 1 main one
  - numerous subsidiary patterns
- *Boundaries:*
  - None(?)

# Dimensions=1; Boundaries= none; or maybe 1 in Ro?

## CAMSIS scale distributions



All microdata from IPUMS-I. CAMSIS scales at [www.camsis.stir.ac.uk](http://www.camsis.stir.ac.uk).

Histograms show distribution of male scale for all adults in work.

Scatterplots show unweighted male-female scores unweighted, ISCO88 3-digit or census SOC for USA



Male CAMSIS scale scores across four countries using 'microclass' units.

# Summary: SID applied to social connections between occupations

- *Connections are central to social organisation of the stratification system [e.g. Bottero 2005]*
- Challenges of data preparation and scale
  - Occupational coding – ISCO; Microclass; etc
  - Identify social connections (within hhld; other)
  - Select/discard some types of connections (e.g. farming)
- Analytical approaches
  - Model with proxy indicators, random or fixed effects  
*...Focus on the social connection..*
  - **Association models**
  - **Network analysis**

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