

SSC 7200

# GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP

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Many concepts of inherent interest to social scientists -- for example, monetary policy, inequality, social capital, the public's "mood" -- are inherently latent, and exist over time. Standard psychometric approaches such as factor analysis are not applicable to these substantive problems, because they cannot handle either over-time dynamics or missing data.

In this workshop, I present an approach from Stimson (1991) that uses multiple indicators to create a single measure of important concepts that might have seemed to be beyond researchers' grasps. Along with the underlying approach, we will cover software, estimation, and interpretation.



**Catered lunch provided**

**OCTOBER 9**

**11:15-1:15 PM**