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Socioeconomic Disparities in Health Behaviour : Comparative Approaches

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This course will consider theory and method relating to one key (though controversial) source of socioeconomic disparities in health and longevity – health behaviours such as smoking, exercise, and diet. These behaviours contribute to mortality and differ by socioeconomic status. Yet questions remain about their social meanings and underlying causes. Comparisons across nations in the size of socioeconomic disparities in health behaviours provide one means to help answer the questions.

The course first examines debates over the demographic importance of health behaviours for mortality. It next considers multiple explanations for SES disparities in health behaviours that focus on both monetary and non-monetary resources. Since healthy behaviours such as non-smoking save rather than cost money, non-monetary resources likely prove important. Then, based on the premise that tests of the explanations can come from comparisons of the determinants of health behaviours across contexts and nations, the course introduces some basics of multilevel modelling with cross-national data. It finishes with a review of studies using these data and methods to identify individual and macro-level determinants of smoking, diet, weight, and exercise.

The course goes beyond the particular set of health behaviours by discussing broader theories of stratification and health and suggesting methods to test the theories. It will focus less on the specifics of using statistics programs for multilevel modelling (HLM, MLwiN, SAS, STATA) and more on the logic of using comparative models to test theories

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