



NCRM

National Centre for
Research Methods

crossing methodological boundaries

The National Centre
for Research Methods'
activities and achievements
from January 2015 onwards

Funded by ESRC since 2004



About NCRM

The National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM) was established by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) in 2004 and was originally coordinated from the University of Southampton. Since 2014 NCRM has been a partnership between three universities with international reputations in methodological research and training in the social sciences: Southampton, Manchester and Edinburgh. We also work with **33** different universities, delivering advanced research methods training across the UK, supporting and conducting an international research programme and providing a wide range of online, freely accessible resources.

This brochure visualises NCRM's activities and achievements since January 2015 when the current programme of work commenced.

Training and events

NCRM Training courses

We have run over 100 face-to-face advanced social science research methods courses with around 20 participants attending each course.

We have also organised three Autumn Schools and in 2017 we ran our first Oxford Summer School.

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"The mix between lectures and practicals were very good. Presenters gave very clear answers to questions. I feel confident applying these methods to my own work."

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"This was an excellent event. As a PhD student I had little knowledge of "re-study" – so this was really informative. It was especially useful and interesting to me as a feminist researcher to hear directly from the presenter on her experiences."

www.ncrm.ac.uk/training

NCRM Events

We have organised 17 methodological research events (in London, Edinburgh, Manchester, Oxford and Bath). Most of our events, including seminars and symposia, were free to attend and have covered a wide range of cutting-edge methodological topics.

Examples of NCRM events:

Data Linkage

The Shard, London – 100 participants

Methods for Studying Creativity

RSS, London – 80 participants

Crowd Sourcing the Future?

University of Manchester,
Manchester – 52 participants

Our largest event is the biennial ESRC Research Methods Festival

Our eighth Festival is being held at the University of Bath in July 2018. Each of our previous Festivals have attracted around 800 social science researchers at various stages of their careers, from across a wide range of disciplines and sectors.

The spread of UK attendees from home institutions to NCRM training events – our major venues are each represented by a different colour, with most lines representing multiple attendees.



Research: United Kingdom

We carry out a programme of methodological research, which focuses on strategically important areas, enabling social scientists to address key substantive and policy-relevant research questions.

www.ncrm.ac.uk/research

Does 'statistics anxiety' impede students' ability to master data analysis?

- Edinburgh
- Manchester
- Glasgow
- Sunderland

How feasible is it to conduct secondary data analysis across existing data from several qualitative longitudinal studies?

- Southampton
- Edinburgh

What is the most efficient way to model criminal sentences?

- Leeds
- London

What are the appropriate methods for biosocial research when considerable amounts of biological data are missing?

- Manchester

How can we estimate and correct for multiple sources of measurement errors in longitudinal studies?

- Manchester

How does the new and changing data environment impact on the anatomy of disclosure risk?

- Manchester
- Southampton

How can we design a movement toolkit that actively supports research activities as well as mental and emotional wellbeing of researchers?

- Coventry

Do participatory visual methods give 'voice'?

- Milton Keynes
- Northampton

How can we use participatory theatre and walking methods to better engage marginalised groups in social research?

- London

Can sensors and digital devices help us to understand UK households?

- Surrey

How have patterns of social science data usage changed over time?

- Southampton

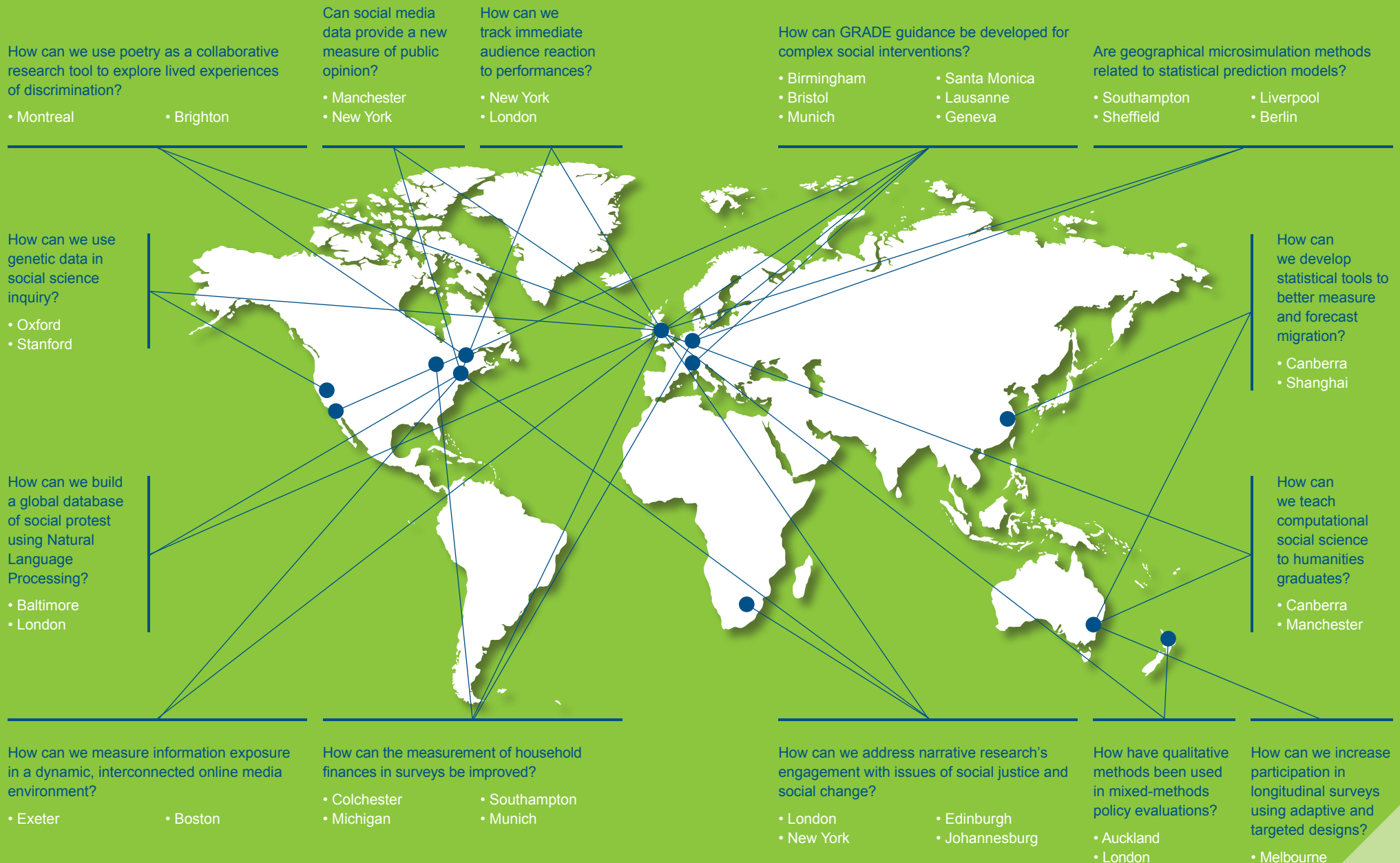
What are the interviewer effects on response latencies in face-to-face interview survey?

- Southampton

How are advanced and innovative social science research methods taught and learned and how can we articulate the pedagogy involved?

- Southampton

Research:Worldwide



Resources

394,993

sessions on ncrm.ac.uk

(Since January 2015)

542,667

sessions on restore.ac.uk

(Since January 2015)

Mailing list with
over **3,500**
subscribers

NCRM offers a wide range of free methodological resources available online.

www.ncrm.ac.uk

Our resources are easily searchable via the NCRM Explore portal.

www.ncrm.ac.uk/explore

We also host the ReStore repository of ESRC funded online research methods resources.

www.restore.ac.uk

Over **45**
audio podcasts

(20 since January 2015)

Over **236**
videos

(105 since January 2015)

11
online
modules

Over **2,407**
publications

(155 since January 2015)



Future plans

For the next 2 years of the current award we will focus on developing our international and online presence through research collaborations (such as the International Visitor Exchange Scheme), online modules, webinars and other resources available via the new NCRM Explore search engine and portal.

We will be updating our assessments of strategic areas of methodological research needs and we will work with ESRC to identify and address training needs.

We will be engaging with the public (e.g. ESRC Festival of Social Science), government departments and third sector organisations (e.g. NCRM Placement Fellowships).

We will continue to run approximately 50 face-to-face training days each year and organise over 20 research events in venues across the UK before the end of the award in December 2019.



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