

## **Procedure for registering dependent variable for term papers**

**Registration of variables for the fall 2009 paper will commence Friday 11 September 1415-1600**

### **Option 1 Use your own data**

- Your own data will have to satisfy some minimum requirements securing that a valid multiple regression can be performed. Hence, use of your own data has to be approved. The requirement is basically that the dependent variable either is a measurement scale variable with sufficient variation for ordinary least squares regression or a nominal scale variable for logistic regression.

### **Option 2: Recycling a variable used in a previous term paper**

- If a student took SOS3003 earlier, turned in a paper for that course and either did not complete the course, or received an unsatisfactory grade, they may use the same paper (hopefully improved) as their paper for this term; and they have a priority in using the variable used previously. IF the variable used is taken from ESS we need to know which variable it is no later than Friday 11 September at 1400.

### **Option 3: Choosing a variable from the European Social Survey**

- The process of choosing dependent variable will commence at 1415 on Friday 11. Given that we want all to have different variables, and given that some variables may be more popular than others, we would want to approximate an equitable distribution by the following procedure:
  - All students in the class will be listed alphabetically with numbers 1 – 70
  - A random number will determine where we start on the list. From there on we follow the list towards increasing numbers until the end where we go to the beginning.
  - For those who are unable to attend class on 11 September, or for some reason are unable to decide before their turn comes, it is always possible to come to my office to register a new variable. Also in these cases the rule is that first come is first served.
  - Those who have sent me a wish for variable will be considered to be first in the queue after Friday 11, 1600.
  - It is also possible to change your mind after having chosen a variable. You can choose a new feely among all untaken variables.