

## **Administrative registers in research – Nordic and Austrian perspectives**

**International Seminar (online)  
3 October 2023, 10.00 – 11.30 CEST**

This International Seminar aims to provide a comparative view on research with register data in the Nordic countries and in Austria. There are several reasons why there is a strong register culture in the Nordic countries. First, there is a long tradition to collect public information. Second, unique personal identity codes were introduced early for all citizens and permanent residents. Third, several data quality studies have shown the high quality of routinely collected registers. In Austria, research with registry data is much less developed but has gained in scope and importance over the past few years, in particular with the establishment of the Austrian Micro Date Center in 2022.

Professor Mika Gissler and Minna-Liisa Luoma (THL – Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare) will outline the rationale and framework conditions for register data research in the Nordic countries. Matthias Reiter-Pázmándy (Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research) will contribute an overview of the current situation and future perspectives in Austria.



Mika Gissler, M.Soc.Sci in Economics (1989) and Statistics (1992) and Dr.Phil in Epidemiology (1999), is a full Professor and hold professorships and faculty appointments at the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, the University of Turku, Finland, the University of Oulu, Finland, and Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden. He has long been the focal point for international health statistics in Finland, and providing the annual data to Eurostat, OECD and WHO data. He has worked with international collaborative projects for more than 20 years, including several studies in the Nordic countries (funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers and Nordic Research funds) and in other European countries (funded by the European Union). His main research focus has been in utilization of routinely collected health and welfare registers. These include the Medical Birth Register, Hospital Discharge and Outpatient Register, Prescription Register and Cause-of-Death Registers with experience using registers in all Nordic countries (Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland), and in several European countries (e.g. Germany and Estonia). The main research interests include perinatal and maternal health, migrant health, childhood and adolescent health, sexual and reproductive health, mental health, and use of health care services. Increasingly, the studies have included a longitudinal component, usually from the prenatal period until adulthood.



Minna-Liisa Luoma, PhD in Psychology (1996), is Associate Professor in University of Jyväskylä (2016). She is appointed Chief Specialist on ageing at National Institute for Health and Welfare. Her key responsibilities are promotion of and services for the welfare, health, and functional capacity of older people, supervising in ageing policy as well as ageing services and elderly abuse research and disability issues. She has worked with international collaborative projects for more than 15 years, including several studies in the Nordic countries (Nordic Research funds) and in other European countries (funded by the European Union). Her main research focus has been quality of life among patients with cancer and elderly, end of life care, palliative care, functional capacity of older people, age technology, elder abuse, violence against people with disabilities and elderly and disability services. She is Member of Council for Choices in Health Care in Finland (COHERE Finland), the deputy head of the advisory board for the elderly and pensioners, Member in the General Assembly, Joint Programme Initiative More Years Better Lives, and a co-opted Member of the Board of Directors at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research.



Matthias Reiter-Pázmándy has studied sociology and worked in market and opinion research. He is Deputy Head of the Department for Social Sciences and Humanities in the Directorate General for Scientific Research and International Relations in the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research. He represents Austria in several European committees on research infrastructures, in the social science and humanities, for instance as Vice-Chair of the General Assembly of CESSDA.

## Agenda

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| <b>10.00</b> | Welcome and introduction   |
| <b>10.05</b> | Administrative registers in research – a Nordic view <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mika Gissler and Minna-Liisa Luoma, THL, Helsinki, Finland</i></li></ul>   |
| <b>10.35</b> | New opportunities for research with administrative data in Austria <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Matthias Reiter-Pázmándy, Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research</i></li></ul> |
| <b>11.00</b> | Discussion   |
| <b>11.30</b> | End of meeting   |