How to make the most out of recitation

- Attend all recitation sessions.
- Come to recitation with any questions you may have about your research or using Stata.
- Complete your Stata assignments on time.
- Start getting your data together as early as possible – the sooner you have your data, the more valuable assignments and recitation will be.

Office hours and individual meetings

Office hours will be 11:00-12:00 on Wednesdays. I am also available for in-person individual help Mondays and Thursdays by appointment, and for e-mail help as needed.

For all individual meetings, please bring the following:

- All your original data sources (e.g. Excel files)
- All your Stata data files for your thesis
- All your Stata do files

For e-mail help, please e-mail me all relevant files or send a dropbox or googledocs link, and be very specific in your question or the problem you are encountering.
Recitation schedule

Sep 29: Introduction, Literature reviews – where to begin and how to search efficiently; bibliography management using RefWorks; thesis file management

Empirical data – introduction to IR and CP off-the-shelf datasets, replication data, Mechanical Turk, primary sources; data management

Oct 6: Getting to know your data using Stata I: Descriptive statistics, correlations and cross tabs

Oct 13: Getting to know your data using Stata II: Basic graphs, difference-of-means tests

Oct 20: Merging datasets using Stata I (Exercise 1 due)

Oct 27: Merging datasets using Stata II

Nov 3: Analyzing data using Stata: OLS regression (Exercise 2 due)

Nov 10: Analyzing data using Stata: Control variables and fixed effects, interaction terms, binary dependent variables

Nov 17: No recitation, Draft Research Proposal due

Nov 24: No recitation - Thanksgiving break

Dec 1: Mandatory individual data appointments

Dec 8: Optional individual data appointments (Exercise 3 due)

Dec 15: No recitation, Research Proposal due

Jan 29: Formatting regression tables and descriptive statistics; OLS review

The remainder of the semester will consist of thesis topic-specific Friday workshop sessions and individual appointments. I will organize workshop sessions around common empirical analysis and interpretation topics (e.g., graphing, interactions, lagged dependent variables, etc). Most students should plan to meet with me at least biweekly in February and early March.

Feb 2: Workshop session I - Graphing

Feb 9: Workshop session II – TBD based on thesis needs

Feb 16: Workshop session III – TBD based on thesis needs