SOCIAL DISTANCE, MARRIAGE PATTERNS AND SOCIAL STRATIFICATION IN NEW ZEALAND 1981–2001: USING CENSUS DATA TO MAP MOVEMENT IN SOCIAL SPACE

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Structure of Presentation

- Introduction
- Literature review: Historical theoretical approaches to stratification research
- Pierre Bourdieu: social distance/social capital
- Methodology for research
- Early analyses and findings
- Conclusions



Discussion

Literature Review

Interrelated areas of literature

- Historical and contemporary theories of class/ social stratification systems and reproduction
- Social stratification measurement methodology, schema and theoretical underpinnings
- Empirical and theoretical investigations of marriage/cohabitation patterns



Bourdieu: Transmission of Class Inequalities

- Reproduction, persistence and transmission of class inequalities/stratification from differences found and marked in social interaction of actors/groups of actors
- Relationships and social actions reflect, differentiate and renew class positions
- Bourdieu's expansion on Marx's Capital: Access to and utilisation of multiple capitals
 - Economic
 - Social
 - Cultural
 - Symbolic



• Linguistic

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Data & Methodology

Data

- National-level data (NZ Household censuses) for a 20 year period (1981–2001)
 Analysis
- Correspondence analysis: a relational and social distance model for categorical data (used in Camsis scale construction)

Toolkit

 SAS and SPSS computer programmes for data analysis



Camsis Scale

- Origins in Cambridge friendship scale
- National specific, and:
 - Allows international comparisons
 - Includes status in calculations
 - Gender friendly



Census Data Variable Types: 1981–2001

Data types

- Marriage/cohabitation status
- Employment/Occupation
- Ethnicity
- Immigration
- (Education)

Initial investigation: 1981–1991–2001 Censuses

- Marriage/cohabitation
- Employment/Occupation variables

(Full- and part-time employment)



NZSCO Occupational Categorisations

Major	Occupations: 2001 Census	Examples of Occupational				
1	Legislators, Administrators and Managers	aggregation)				
2	Professionals					
3	Technicians and Associate Professionals	Reflective of tasks expected skills required and				
4	Clerks	educational level expected				
5	Service and Sales Workers					
6	Agriculture and Fishery Workers	Ondin al listin a second la stine of				
7	Trades Workers	social order/class structure/				
8	Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	social capital				
9	Elementary Occupations (incl. Residuals)	Based on ISCO schema				
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Correspondence Table: 2001 Census Major Level

NZ Census 2001: RR table	Females Major_2									
Males Major_2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Row Totals
1 Legislators, Administrators and Managers	19632	13686	9354	17805	8925	1338	507	1305	1545	74100
2 Professionals	6189	21729	8085	10806	4722	708	312	642	804	53997
3 Technicians and Associate Professionals	5151	9852	8904	10959	5946	636	378	852	1074	43755
4 Clerks	1785	3213	2619	5760	3114	282	159	699	867	18501
5 Service and Sales Workers	3291	4401	3624	6630	8100	414	261	858	1074	28656
6 Agriculture and Fishery Workers	2331	4797	3018	4959	4584	16683	183	1023	1260	38829
7 Trades Workers	6840	8754	8193	18015	12723	1269	1713	2760	3219	63480
8 Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	3945	5028	5247	10899	10980	1689	642	5199	4428	48060
9 Elementary Occupations (incl. Residuals)	1695	2094	2130	4569	4362	516	240	1179	3084	19875
Column Totals	50862	73557	51177	90405	63453	23535	4395	14520	17355	389247







Dimension Scores: 2001 Census Controlling for 'Specialities'

2001 -Row Coordinates (Male)

		Diml	Dim2			
1	Legislators Administrators and Managers	-0.2303	-0.3194			
2	Professionals	-0.4708	0.2870			
3	Technicians and Associate Professionals	-0.1674	0.0738			
4	Clerks	0.0652	0.0489			
5	Service and Sales Workers	0.1474	-0.0155			
(6	Agriculture and Fishery Workers) (Controlled)	(1.5492)	(-0.0820)			
7	Trades Workers	0.1765	-0.0119			
8	Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	0.4942	0.0760			
9	Elementary Occupations (incl Residuals)	0.5067	0.0791			
2001 - Column Coordinates (Female)						
		Dim1	Dim2			
1	Legislators Administrators and Managers	-0.2348	-0.4026			
2	Professionals	-0.4091	0.2382			
3	Technicians and Associate Professionals	-0.1046	0.0579			
4	Clerks	0.0440	-0.0382			
5	Service and Sales Workers	0.3160	-0.0002			
(6	Agriculture and Fishery Workers) (Controlled)	(2.0331)	(-0.0935)			
7	Trades Workers	0.3406	0.0083			
8	Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	0.7072	0.1191			
9	Elementary Occupations (incl Residuals)	0.6967	0.1250			
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An example of common marriage/cohabitation patterns and pairings at occupational unit level

M = Property manager 6111 × 10 = 61110 + employment status = 2 = **Occlst = 61112**

F = Farm manager 6112 × 10 = 61120 + employment status = 2 = **Occlst = 61122**



Some fun for statisticians

and a cure for Sociologists who have trouble sleeping at night

- *This SPSS syntax programme is for Major level data.*
 - descriptives var=htd3 wtd3
- /save /statistics=all .
 - *(creates by default standard normal vars, mean 0 sd 1, prefixed by z).
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 - * then generate to fit within desired range and precision.
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 - * finally, 'crop' any extreme values that exist.



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6	1 LEGISLATORS, SENIO	-5	Self-employed with fewer	62.4	54.1			
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32	3 TECHNICIANS AND AS	-2	Supervisor	58.6	67.9			_
33	3 TECHNICIANS AND AS	-1	Employee	57.6	55.4			_
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35	4 CLERKS	Employer (ICSE-93 2) (UKEMP	-2	72.7	73.9			
36	4 CLERKS	Employee (ICSE-93 1) (UKEMP	-1	47.0	54.5			
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Conclusion

- Examination of social stratification/homogamy in NZ over 20 years (1981–2001)
- Bourdieu's habitus/field/multiple capital approach to social stratification
- Looking at levels of social interaction between couples in the 1981, 1991 and 2001 Census data
- Using correspondence analysis/NZ census data
 - Five different levels of analysis
 - Allows for optimum level of detail
- Early Findings
 - 1981, 1991 and 2001 data indicate relative
 - closeness between couples of similar occupations



Building the Camsis scale for NZ