1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):

This was a three-day training workshop, introducing different approaches to econometric modelling in general, and choice modelling in particular, by a leading scholar in the field. It offered hands-on training in relevant software, and offered a solid foundational overview of the econometric underpinnings, as well as theoretical and computational considerations for working with econometric models.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

This workshop provided a comprehensive foundation for my further development of my statistical skills and understanding of econometric analysis. Through this workshop I have improved my comprehension of the theoretical/mathematical underpinnings, strengths and weaknesses of different econometric models, as well as a better understanding of my own strengths and weaknesses, and specific areas where I need to improve. Furthermore, the workshop was highly interactive, offering practical training in the use of software for econometric modelling and analysis.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

I will be able to better target my further advancement in econometric methods through independent study, and am looking into further courses. I will also be attending CAPOD’s training workshops in the use of R for statistical analysis, based on which I will work on applying what I learned in the Choice Modelling workshop, in R.

On another note, I connected with another female PhD student at another Scottish university also working on developing skills in econometric analysis and choice modelling, with whom I aim to stay in...
touch and hope to be able to offer each other mutual support and exchange experiences in our respective ‘journeys’ into econometrics.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials).

As this was a training workshop, it did not involve the production of any resources...

5. Tips/experience learned from the event

The first day of the workshop was somewhat daunting, as it was taught by an economist, and was characterised by an assumption that participants came from a mathematical/economics background, thus diving straight into mathematical technicalities with which participants were assumed to feel comfortable and familiar, in order to then build up to more advanced and conceptual understandings. While I am not entirely new to econometrics, the approach to econometrics which I have encountered as a geography and environment student, has taken a very different perspective, starting from the big conceptual picture, and slowly moving into the technical details. While I am altogether more comfortable with such an approach, I do think it is healthy, for anyone, from any background, to encounter other ways of approaching things than one is used to. What is gained from such an experience includes the questions which emerge, the gaps in one’s knowledge or understanding which are uncovered, or the new nuances which become clear.

6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event

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