TKI - Causal Inference Workshops Evaluation

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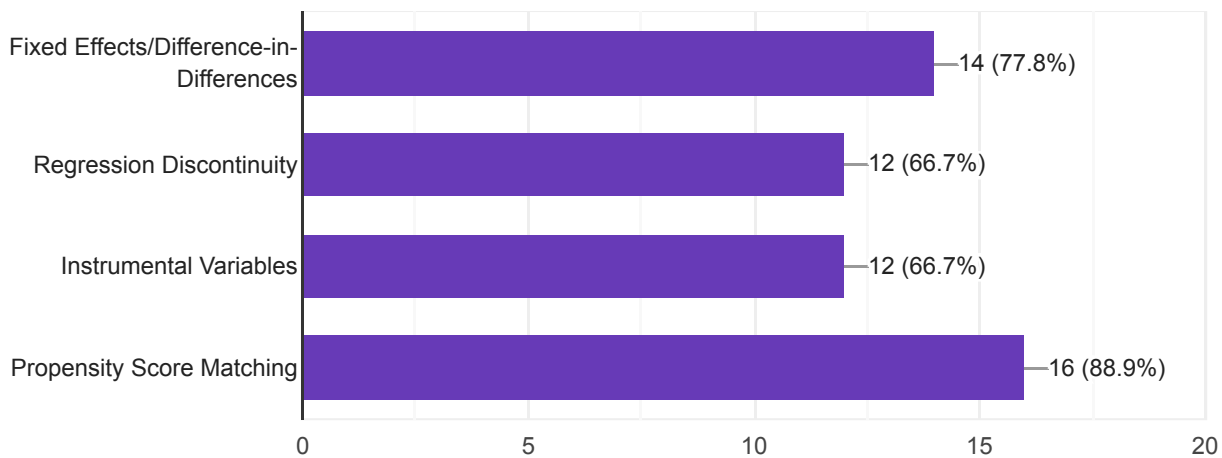
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Which workshops did you attend?

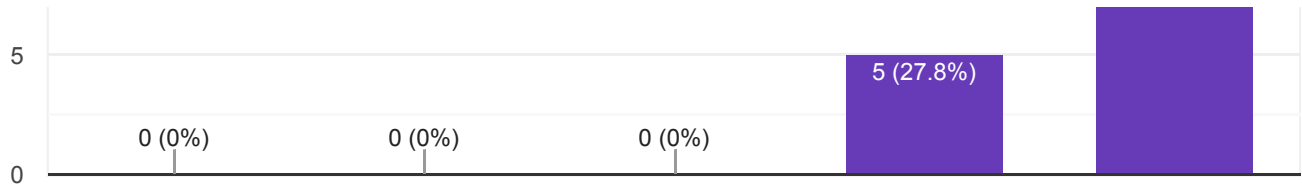18 responses

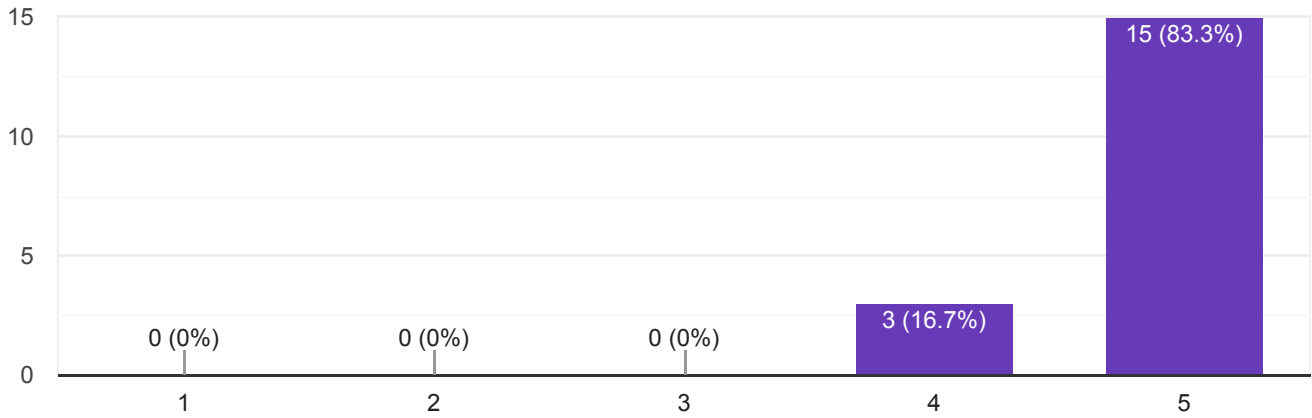## How would you rate your overall experience in the workshop(s)?

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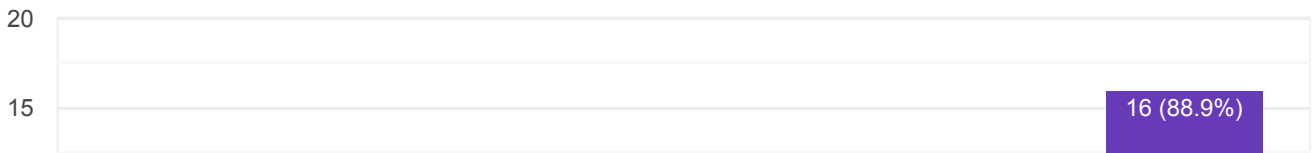
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The workshop and subject matter were well organized.

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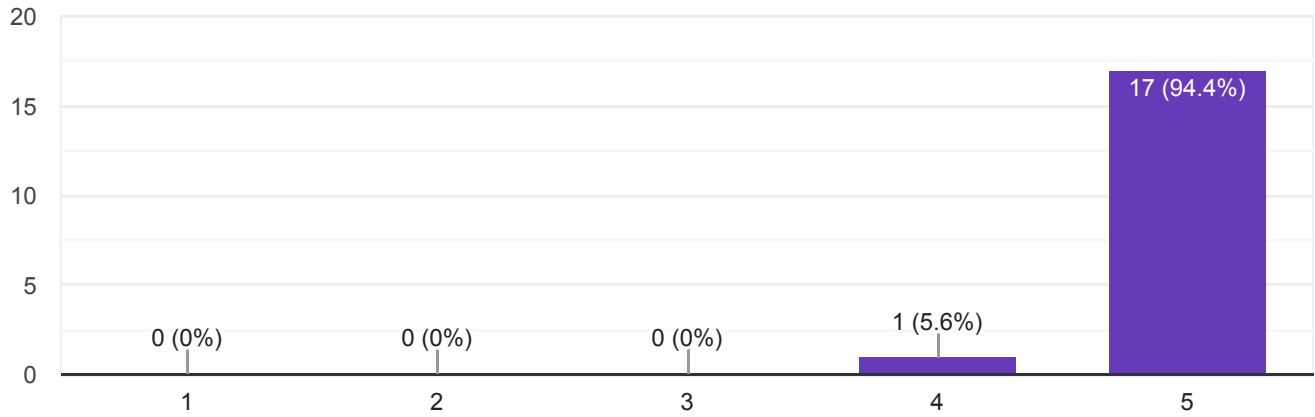## The instructor communicated effectively.

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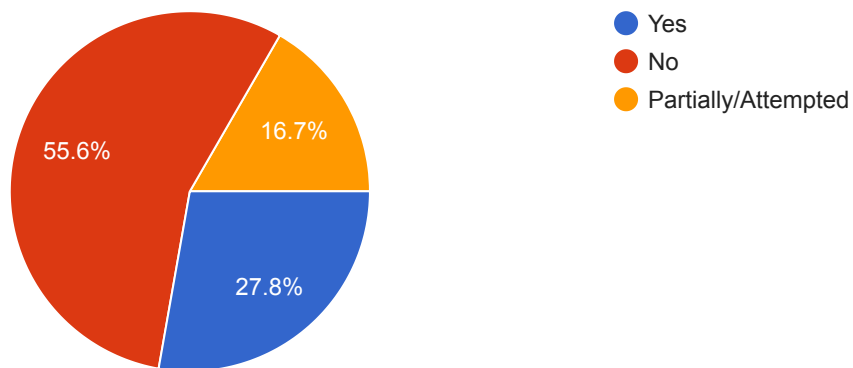15   16 (88.9%)

The instructor seemed enthusiastic about teaching.

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Did you use STATA software during the lab portion?

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- 🔵 Yes
- 🔴 No
- 🟠 Partially/Attempted

55.6%

16.7%

27.8%

The instructor helped me understand how to apply content learned in lectures.

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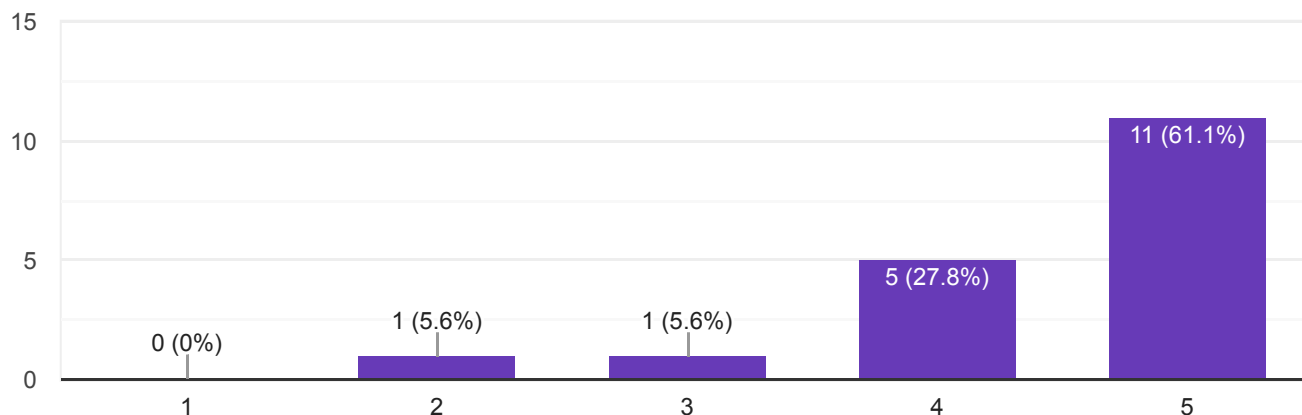
What feedback would you pass on to the instructor to prepare for teaching the workshop again?

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Jacob - you did a great job and have inspired me to run similar workshops in my research institute. The key to these techniques is that the stats are actually not very complicated for people who already know how to run regression analyses; instead, it's really all about either the design of your study, or being opportunistic and creative when you don't have the luxury of designing the study. So on that, you gave great examples of your own and did a fantastic job of soliciting relevant examples from the groups.

Excellent workshop. No further feedback

In the labs, spend a little more time interpreting the output / telling the story of what the numbers mean.

Can't really add anything here

The labs were too quick. It would be good to have more explanation about the purpose of each line of code. Supplied R source could would also be helpful.

Jacob it would be nice if you could recommend further reading to gain a better understanding of the methods, particularly for the attendees that have pretty basic skills on stats, and are eager to learn more

In the 3rd workshop each table had a specific example we could use to apply instrumental variables, I think that all the workshops should have run with an example so it would be easier to grasp the concepts

I think in the fixed effects workshop you needed to, at the start, explain what a fixed effect is and what a random effect is as it needed a bit more context around it.

A very impressive, personable and energetic presenter!
For a generalist audience like the TKI mob, I think one or two papers demonstrating the utility of each technique would be helpful (even if these are just in the resources folder).

This would be particularly important for something like Instrumental Variables, where the audience don't have a strong intuition for the technique.

For the propensity score matching it would have been helpful to have pointers to appropriate packages for application in R, with more annotation of the Stata code that was provided - this would make it easier to implement at a later date.

Having a copy of any reference material (e.g. papers) is useful, especially if presenting data from it. But this is not critical as we can find them ourselves with the info on the slides.

Continue relating lecture material with the lab exercises. Important to reiterate concepts taught into a practical setting, especially for researchers/data analysts.

Having more worked examples would be great. A few more proven? published fully fleshed out examples would have been really helpful.

Don't change anything.

There's nothing I would change. I've taken several stats workshops, and these were by far the most engaging and applied workshops that I've participated in. I really appreciate Jacob's teaching style and how engaged he is in the material. He went above and beyond to make the material relevant to a broad set of interests, which was impressive.

You've given me a lot of new ideas of ways to analyze data for the grant I'm working on. I really appreciate how you used my example (and others) throughout the workshops to talk about the methods. Very impressed with your ability to respond to tough questions on the spot.

None - it was a great experience, thank you!

Maybe all of the STATA stuff could be done on a single day with a bit more time? Just an idea.

Please take time to leave any other general feedback you have for the instructor.

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Excellent.

This is Kirsten, so I'll be a little biased. Thanks so much for doing these workshops, I'm really glad I asked you to do them. I know our team got a lot out of these. Personally, I think I have a better understanding of where economists are coming from and how they think, which will benefit my networking with interstate LCC researchers (i.e. I'll understand what they're talking about), and I think I'll approach future studies with a more rigorous mindset which can only be a good thing. Lots of people have told me how impressed they are with you, which is a great reflection of your abilities, but it also reflects well on me (and I'm interested in that too!)

Great presentations, great instructor, learnt a lot. Keep up the good work!

The sessions felt long, might want to consider 8 shorter workshops if the option is available. Having morning tea/lunch provided was great.

Jacob is an excellent teacher. Pretty committed and knowledgeable. Very approachable and not selfish at all. He is a role model! I felt inspired!

Jacob is an excellent presenter really enjoyed the opportunity to learn from him

Instructor was very personable and explained statistical/econometric concepts in accessible ways.

Excellent presenter. I liked how he kept getting each table to engage with examples.
There were a few questions that came up on the fly (what is 'lagged', define endogeneity) that Jacob answered very well. I don't think these could be pre-empted without adding time to the workshop.

Delivered material clearly and concisely.

Thanks Jacob. Your teaching style was excellent and you made the material as accessible as it could be for a bunch of non-economists. Focusing on our research questions as a tool to explain the material was a very effective strategy. Although I loaded STATA I never got round to familiarising enough to use in the lab but that didn't matter. I learnt just as well by following your steps on screen.

You will make an excellent professor.

Fantastic job at presenting this difficult information. Thanks!

Thank you so much for your feedback!