

Tackling and overcoming non-response in cohort and survey studies – a national symposium for researchers and stakeholders

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The event will also be streamed via Zoom

Welcome to a symposium organized by the National E-infrastructure for Aging Research (**NEAR**) and Relations, Work and Health across the life-course - A Research Data infrastructure (**REWHARD**)



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9.15-9.25

Introduction and welcome to the symposium

Debora Rizzuto, Associate Professor, NEAR Director, Karolinska Institutet
Martin Hällsten, Professor, PI of LNU, Stockholm University

9.25-12.10

SESSION I: Understand the Drop in Response Rate: Causes and Solutions

Chair: Serhiy Dekhtyar, Associate Professor, Karolinska Institutet

9.25-9.50

Why have response rates declined?

Nicklas Källebring, Head of IPSOS Public Affairs

9.50-10.15

How to improve response rates and incentives to participate in studies

Sebastian Lundmark, Researcher at the Society, Opinion, and Media (SOM) Institute, University of Gothenburg

10.15-10.40

How can we statistically address non-response rates?

Dan Hedlin, Professor, Department of Statistics, Stockholm University

10.40-11.10

COFFEE BREAK

11.10-12.10

Panel discussion among the speakers

Chair: Hugo Westerlund, Professor and Director of REWHARD, Stockholm University

12.10-13.10

LUNCH

13.10-16.20

SESSION II: Experiences with managing non-response in cohort studies and surveys

Chair: Carin Lennartsson, Associate Professor, Karolinska Institutet

13.10-13.35

Dealing with non-response in the Swedish National Study on Aging and Care (SNAC)

Amaia Caldéron-Larrañaga, Associate Professor and PI of SNAC-Kungsholmen, Karolinska Institutet

Sölve Elmståhl, Professor and PI of SNAC-Skåne/GÅS, Lund University

13.35-14.00

Tackling non-response in Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA)

Parminder Raina, Professor and Director of CLSA, McMaster University

14.00-14.25

Addressing non-response in English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)

Paola Zaninotto, Professor and Deputy Director of ELSA, University College London

14.25-14.50

Dealing with non-response in Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)

Arne Bethmann, Doctor and SHARE Germany Country Team Leader, SHARE Berlin Institute

14.50-15.20

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