



# **Lunchtime Seminar**

# **Multi-Level Modeling in Language Education Research**

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## **Abstract**

The seminar will feature an introduction to hierarchical linear modeling. Participants will receive a handout with a step by step guide to setting up, running and interpreting a multi-level model featuring an analysis of the effect of training on student perception of the validity of peer assessment. A second example will demonstrate the execution of a multi-level analysis of the impact of school leadership, which features the influence of institutional organization on equalizing achievement outcomes.

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