



## **Finding Thetas in Europe**

**Conference on Applied Bayesian Statistics and MCMC Methods in Social Science**

November 16-17th 2012, University of Bern (Switzerland)

Lerchenweg 36, 3012 Bern, Room S121

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Applications in Social Science**

15:00 Welcome

15:15 Title: "Explaining Couple Satisfaction"

Authors: Gertrudes Velasquez & Bernd Weiss (Florida State University/University of Belize & University of Cologne)

16:15 Title: "Estimating Party Positions"

Authors: Moritz Marbach & Moritz Osnabrügge (University of Mannheim)

17:15 Coffee Break

17:30 Title: "Estimating Environmental Concern in 32 Countries"

Author: Dominikus Vogl (University of Bern)

18:30 Title: "Pooling the Polls for the Catalan Elections"

Author: Xavier Fernández i Marín (Center for Global Economy and Geopolitics, Barcelona)

20:30 Dinner

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> – Tools and Methods**

10:00 Title: "Posterior distributions: What you can and cannot do with them"

Author: Robert Birkelbach (Graduate School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Utrecht University)

11:00 Title: "Introducing New Tools: ggmmcmc and STAN"

Author: Xavier Fernández i Marín (Center for Global Economy and Geopolitics, Barcelona)

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Discussion: Future Perspectives and Strategies for Finding Thetas in Europe

19:00 Fondue at Dominikus' place