Meta-Analysis encompasses a suite of statistical techniques for drawing generalizable conclusions from a large number of empirical studies that examine the same research question. While used extensively in the experimental sciences, these techniques have only recently begun to be used with some frequency in the social sciences. After providing a brief introduction to meta-analysis, this session will illustrate how techniques common in econometrics can be coupled with the statistics of meta-analysis to generate methods for estimating meta-regression models that can be used to synthesize results from non-experimental research from the social sciences. I demonstrate the validity of these techniques and I illustrate their utility through meta-analyses of research examining (1) inequities in the distribution of environmental risk and (2) the effectiveness of educational vouchers.

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