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A few comments

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Challenges

To contribute to a better understanding of research based on large data sets – perhaps particularly among legal professions – and of the kind of risks connected to such research.

To work for an acceptance of establishing data sets for research in specific areas without necessarily referring to a specific project – will presumably need a change of the present law – a governmental commission will publish its final report in June, reactions to it will be crucial.

Challenges

MONA is in many ways an impressive structure and works well for many purposes, but it should, when needed, be possible run analyses outside MONA when needed.

To simplify for comparative studies – to have the possibility to combine data from several countries in one data set – is hardly possible with MONA. Since comparative studies involve other countries than the Nordic, such a possibility would be of great value.

Possibilities

A data set with standard classifications for individuals that can be connected to smaller data sets, including for example (from a social science perspective)

Social class, Education, Social status, Income, Location, Parental statuses – the same or similar categories, Recent history for some concepts e.g. income

The data set ought automatically be updated yearly