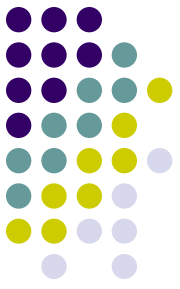




# Boring (but needed) information



- Two classes each Wednesday starting from today
- Room class: 903 in Building 3
- ✓ 9:00 – 10:30 am: during which I (mainly) speak!
- ✓ 4:30 – 6:00 pm: during which you (mainly) work!
- Office Hour: Tuesday and Thursday 09.50-11:50 am, Office 1110. But basically, anytime you want! Just drop me a line the day before
- Email: [luigi.curini@unimi.it](mailto:luigi.curini@unimi.it)
- On Twitter: @Curini

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How to evaluate you???

85% Course grades will be based on home-assignments (1 for each class)

15% Course grades will be based on class-participation

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- All the slides, scripts and datasets that we employ during our classes will be made available the day before each lecture at the following URL:

<http://www.luigicurini.com/applied-scaling--classification-techniques-in-political-science.html>

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This course is aimed to:

- ✓ Introduce you some of the new methods developed within the literature in the last years to analyze texts
- ✓ Offer you guidelines on how to effectively (and practically) use text methods for social scientific research

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- Plan of the course:
  1. An introduction to text analysis
  2. From words to positions: scaling algorithms
  3. From words to issues: classification algorithms

# Boring (but needed) information



- You should be familiar with R...and if you are not, you will become!
- If you can, it is highly suggested to bring your own laptop!



# Really boring information!



- My name is Luigi Curini
- Full Professor of Political Science at Università degli Studi di Milano
- Mainly interested in party competition, valence politics, populism, legislative behaviour, quantitative methods applied to political science, social media analytics
- I am also involved in the [Waseda Institute of Social Media Data](#)
- I am the Director of the Master (2 years-program) DAPS&GO (*Data Analytics for Politics, Society and Complex Organization*), University of Milan. We starts September 2019!