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Rolf V. Olsen, Sigrid Blömeke & Ute Suhl Effects of teacher quality and instructional quality on student achievement





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Research questions

- 1. Which teacher characteristics are significantly related to instructional quality and/or to student achievement?
- 2. To what extent do the relations between teacher quality and instructional quality vary by country? Is it possible to identify regions or clusters of countries where similar relational patterns exist?
- 3. Is instructional quality significantly related to student achievement? Does this relation vary by country, and, does a pattern exist that applies to countries from larger regions or cultures?
- 4. If teacher quality is significantly related to instructional quality and if instructional quality is significantly related to achievement, does instructional quality partially mediate the relation between teacher quality and student outcomes?

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The sample: 4th grade TIMSS 2011

- 47 countries
 - 10 059 classrooms/teachers [67 538]
 - 205 515 students [1423 11 228]
- Average classroom size = 20 [12 34]
- Average ICC = 0,30 [0.07 0.56]











The analysis

Step 1: Establishing the item parcels

Step 2: Measurement invariance testing of the latent constructs (multiple group CFA)

Step 3: Single group analysis of the whole sample

Step 4: Multiple group analysis of the whole sample

- P<.05 within and p<.10 between level
- ML with robust sandwich SE
- Missing handled by using FIML



Conclusions and discussion

- Metric invariance and model fit
- Proximal vs distal features of TQ
- Universal vs country-specific models
- Important measures of TQ not included
- Limited measures of InQua