

**Reading list supplied by Kenneth Benoit LSE
in advance of the ELECDDEM workshop in content Analysis
held at the University of Amsterdam in March 2011.**

2011. William Lowe, Kenneth Benoit, Slava Mikhaylov, and Michael Laver. "Scaling Policy Preferences From Coded Political Texts." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 26(1, Feb): 123-155.
http://www.kenbenoit.net/pdfs/posscaling_LSQ_FINAL.pdf

Slava Mikhaylov, Michael Laver, and Kenneth Benoit. "Coder Reliability and Misclassification in the Human Coding of Party Manifestos." Unpublished paper.
http://www.kenbenoit.net/pdfs/CMP_reliability_Midwest2008.pdf

2009. Kenneth Benoit, Slava Mikhaylov, and Michael Laver. "Treating Words as Data with Error: Uncertainty in Text Statements of Policy Positions." *American Journal of Political Science* 53(2, April): 495-513.
<http://www.kenbenoit.net/pdfs/blm2009ajps.pdf>

My most current work builds on:

2003. Laver, Michael, Kenneth Benoit, and John Garry. "Extracting Policy Positions from Political Texts Using Words as Data." *American Political Science Review* 97(2, May): 311-331.
<http://www.kenbenoit.net/pdfs/WORDSCORESAPSR.pdf>

Slapin, J. B. and S.-O. Proksch. 2008. "A scaling model for estimating time-series party positions from texts" *American Journal of Political Science* 52(3):705-722.
http://www.kenbenoit.net/pdfs/SlapinProksch_AJPS_2008.pdf

To demonstrate my most recent work, I will be demonstrating some text analysis in R that makes use of the Austin package. Not required but if students have it installed, they will be able to follow along.
https://r-forge.r-project.org/R/?group_id=785