

# Series Editor's Note

I'm very pleased to introduce Christian Geiser's book to you. This book was originally published in German by Springer Verlag. I felt it was so important to bring the book to a broader readership that we secured the rights to produce it in English as part of The Guilford Press series Methodology in the Social Sciences. Given that Christian is a very talented multilingual scholar, I knew that rendering this excellent work in English would be both easy for him and an important contribution. Special thanks go to the legal and contracts team at The Guilford Press who worked diligently to secure the English-language rights to Christian's book and to Whitney Moore, whose assistance in bringing this book to fruition was above the call of duty.

Why am I so pleased to bring this book to you? Simply, it is the most thorough and accessible book available on how to use Mplus for all manner of statistical analysis procedures. Mplus is a popular software package that is capable of estimating a wide variety of useful analyses. Figuring out how to get Mplus to do most of the analyses, however, is both challenging and frustrating if you rely on the Mplus User's Guide. Christian's book is clearly organized, covers a wide variety of analyses that Mplus can estimate, and is easy to follow.

In other words, *Data Analysis with Mplus* fills an important gap. It is not focused simply on a cookbook model of how to run the various analyses in Mplus. Because it is written for the applied researcher and not the quantitative analyst, the models are accessible. Christian explains each

