

# Call for Sessions - WEHC 2015 [S20044]

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## **Proposed title of the session**

African, American, Asian and European ways of institutionalizing statistics

## **Abstract**

This session will be devoted to the comparison between various national experiences of institutionalizing statistics in America, Asia, Europe and even Africa so as to test the hypothesis of the existence of a few national or continental “models” that spread in different parts of the world. Could we thus refer to a “French model”, a “German model” or an “Anglo Saxon” model or even a “Soviet union model”? This session will gather specialists of various human and social sciences, economists, historians, political scientists, sociologists, and will involve young and senior researchers, working on different national or continental statistical experiences. We will thus (1) analyze the influence of different historical and political contexts on the construction of the national statistical systems, on their respective institutions and on their relationships with the political authorities and the economic power. In an historical perspective we will study the impact of major changes on the construction of the public statistical institutions such as the two World Wars, the “Cold War”, the democratic transition of the “Eastern bloc”, the democratization of South America, the transformation of China, for example. The influence of the liberal turn and of the globalization will also be discussed. The session also aims to study (2) the reception of statistics and the influence of specific statistical institutions on the society of different countries and continents. We will take a real interest in the study of inquiries, censuses, their objectives, their methods, the diffusion and the uses of their results and the debate they give rise to. And finally (3), we will focus on comparisons between statistical experiences.

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