

Call for Papers to Session S20044

XVIIIth World Economic History Congress, Kyoto, Japan, 3-7 August 2015

■ Session Title

Title : African, American, Asian and European ways of institutionalizing statistics

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Deadline of the Call : 30 April 2015

The celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Fundamental Principles of the Official Statistics of the UNO [<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/statorg/FP-French.htm>] is the occasion to build an international research program on the public systems of statistics and this proposal for session will be part of a series of activities structured around it. Our main objective will be to constitute a solid international network of specialists and students interested by the production and the uses of official statistics in contemporary societies. The 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”?

We will gather specialists of various human and social sciences, economists, historians, political scientists, sociologists, and we will involve young and senior researchers, working on different national or continental statistical experiences.

Three steps could be envisaged. We will (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 analyze the impact of major changes on the construction of the public statistical institutions: 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 analyze 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.

Guideline of the Call (title, abstract, full papers, limit of words, etc.) :

Applicants should send abstracts of up to 400 words alongside a CV by March 9, 2015. Selected panelists are expected to circulate their full papers by April 30.

This open call is limited to up to two or three papers. We encourage papers covering all parts of the world, proposals relating to Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe will be particularly welcome.

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