

Welcome



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Statisticians aim at **providing knowledge**, providing e.g. objective descriptions of social and economic phenomena, or at providing proofs. **Are our figures always that objective? What is our role in data-driven policy making? Can we ignore the usage of statistics**, e.g. government finance statistics, for policy purposes? The Stability and Growth Pact calls for corrective measures in case of excessive budget deficit (greater than 3% of GDP) or of excessive public debt (60% of GDP). Those measures can have dramatic consequences for parts of the population or even for a whole country.

Early this year, **Alain Supiot**, one of the leading French specialists in labour law, published his lectures given at Collège de France and he provides a very critical analysis of the usage of the numbers, be it in the former Soviet Union (planned economies) or today in the ultra liberal capitalism, up to the point the government by the numbers takes over the rule of law and threatening the democratic foundation of modern societies.

At the **first edition of the European Statistics Day**, statisticians should analyse the role they play in modern societies. For this purpose **Jacky Fayolle, administrator at INSEE – France**, will give a lecture on the theses of Alain Supiot from the perspective of an official statistician. The subject will then be discussed further in a round-table gathering politicians, journalists and statisticians. **Save the date!**

Information society is also quantification society. Talking about numbers, about statistics, we end immediately up with questions on data deluge and big data. But it is not only about statistics!

Quantification is widely spread: in accountancy, in business management and from here also in new public management with a myriad of performance indicators with their well-known feedback processes on actors.

The Seven Pillars of Statistical Wisdom

On 13 September 2016, the LSS has welcomed **Stephen M. Stigler** for a lecture on the theme “*The Seven Pillars of Statistical Wisdom*”.

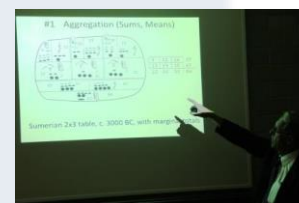
Stigler is one of the world’s leading experts on the history of statistics. His book, published March 2016 by Harvard University Press, presents the seven pillars in their historical genesis from the Sumerian tablet till today.

This conference was a unique opportunity to attend a fascination presentation of statistics as “*the original and still preeminent data science*”.

The conference was attended by about 50 participants at the University of Luxembourg (Limpertsberg).

More pictures [here](#)

Visit Stephen M. Stigler’s [personal web page](#)



General Assembly of the LSS



The General Assembly of the LSS was held on 13 September. On that occasion, the agenda focused on the **activities undertaken this year**, the **balance of the LSS’ accounts**, the **activities foreseen in the following months**.

Besides, it was decided to launch a **short online survey** during a month (from mid-September to mid-October) in order to obtain feedback and ideas, notably for scheduling future events. The results are presented on the next page.

Mr Jim Ruppert was elected as a new member of the Board. Jim is Statistician at Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Consumer protection.

Next LSS Conference

Mark your calendars! 20 October 2016

European Statistics Day



Download the [flyer](#) (in FR)

« La Gouvernance par les nombres » est-elle la fin de l'histoire de la statistique ?

Speaker : **Jacky Fayolle** administrator INSEE - France

Round-table : **La Gouvernance par les nombres**

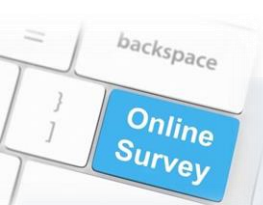
Serge Wilmes Député / **David Wagner** Député / **Romain Hilgert** Journaliste /

Aline Muller Directeur général du LISER / **Serge Allegrezza** Directeur du STATEC

/ **Stephen Senn** Head of Competence Center for Methodology and Statistics au LIH

Conference room C2 of [Chambre de commerce](#) (7, rue Alcide de Gasperi au Kirchberg)
at 14:15 and will end at 17:30 with a glass of statistical friendship.

Register at info@statec.etat.lu



Results of our online consultation

Since his formation **one year ago**, the LSS has organized several conferences with **international speakers** and has launched a **quarterly Newsletter**. This online survey was the occasion to obtain your **feedback** and to hear your **ideas and suggestions**.

Respondents mainly heard about the LSS from their **professional network** (71%)

"Being informed of statistical events in Luxembourg" is the most popular answer for **joining the association** (71%)

It was suggested to privilege **exchanges between participants** after the conferences and to propose **less academic** lectures

Respondents voiced their interest in participating to **conferences dealing with Official Statistics**

Above all, we would like to thank the respondents to this survey. These results are very important for us, notably for scheduling future events. Anyway, do not hesitate to contact us by [email](#) to give your impressions or ideas!

Other Upcoming Events

EDSC – 7/8 November in Luxembourg



The European Data Science Conference is the inaugural conference of the **European Association for Data Science** and aims to provide a setting for

fostering communication among all stakeholders of Data Science in Europe. For further details, please refer to the conference [website](#)

NTTS 2017 – 14/16 March 2017 in Brussels



New Techniques and Technologies for Statistics (NTTS) is an **international biennial scientific conference** series organised by [Eurostat](#) on new techniques and methods for **official statistics**, and the impact of new technologies on statistical collection, production and dissemination systems.

The NTTS 2017 conference will take place from 14 to 16 March 2017 in Brussels. For further details, please refer to the conference [website](#)