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1. A look back

Starting in issue 1 of volume 120 (2000), Schmollers Jahrbuch / Journal of Applied Social Science Studies has a special section entitled European Data Watch. Contributions to this series describe data that can be used in empirical research in economics, and in the social sciences in general. Most of the data sets described are micro data at the level of individuals, households, or firms (including linked employer-employee data sets), and some of them cover units from more than one country. The purpose of the contributions to the Data Watch section is to describe the information that is available in the data sets, to give examples of topics investigated with the data, and to inform readers how to access these data for their own research. The contributions are written by experts who often were in charge of collecting or constructing the data sets. Furthermore, papers in the series portray the research data centers and data service centers of data producing institutions that allow academic researchers to work with (mostly confidential) micro data for individuals and firms.

From 2000 until 2014111 papers were published in the Data Watch section, 43 of them on data for individuals and households, 36 on firm level data, and 7 on linked employer-employee data. 12 contributions deal with research data centers and data service centers, and the other papers cover special topics (including macro data, micro data for teaching purposes, and methodological topics like anonymisation of business micro data). Papers that were published before 2013 can be downloaded free of charge from the web at http://www.ratswd.de/publikationen/european-data-watch. Table 1 is a survey of the contributions to the series.

2. A look ahead

This is the last and final contribution to the Data Watch section in Schmollers Jahrbuch. From 2016 onwards the journal will change its aims and scope. However, while this paper is a look back on the history of the Data Watch series, it is not an obituary. The series will migrate. From 2016 on there will be the Data Observer section in the Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik / Journal of Economics and Statistics that will publish papers on data sets and data providers. Those who are interested in contributing to this new series are encouraged to contact me by sending a mail to wagner@leuphana.de.
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