

THE UNION OF NUMBERS

FORGING STATISTICAL HARMONY WITHIN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (1951-1995)

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Abstract: In this ADG seminar, Guus Wieman presents findings from his dissertation that analyses the role of the developing European Communities on international statistical harmonization.

Despite increased social and historical scrutiny towards statistical measures and the scholars that designed them, little attention has been given to the role of international organizations in the field of statistics and 'international statistical harmonization'.

Through several case studies developed for his doctoral thesis, Weiman analyses how and why the European Communities became engaged with international statistical harmonization, and how European policy projects and economic ideas influenced national and international statistical practices. He also demonstrates how various national statistical traditions conflicted with each other and international interests, and what strategies were employed to make national statistical practices more compatible and comparable.

