



Journal of the International Association for Official Statistics

Strategy and planned activities: 2019-2021

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Hand over of Editor-in-Chief role

Thank you to Kirsten West for the great work done during the years, and for all the efforts of introducing the incoming Editor-in-Chief to the SJIAOS community, training on the procedures and the Manuscript Tracking System.

Main strategic orientations

2019-2021

Keeping the strong points.

- The existing approach for soliciting manuscripts on a broad set of current and innovative issues in official statistics.
- Being at the forefront of discussing important developments by engaging actively in the discussions of current important topics for official statistics.
- Having an integrated approach with other IAOS instruments.
- The high quality of the articles and interviews.
- Strengthen even further the relationship between ISI/IAOS Membership and the Journal.

Main strategic orientations 2019-2021

Expanding the audience, contributors and exposure

- A closer relationship with the governance of the National Statistical Systems and by incorporating more actively representatives of this audience in discussions and manuscripts.
- Moving to a more active engagement of the emphasis editors.
- Expand the number and origin of contributors from the currently non-core regions.
- Making the Journal a 'must' for a new group of readers by promoting the active use of the Journal (via some key articles, or specials) as training and reference material for those working or wishing to work in a brand of official statistics.
- Further its exposure and brand character.

Actions:

concerning the general direction of the Journal

- Documenting more explicitly (via lead articles, special invited articles or opinions, from a leading expert or ‘statistical opinion maker’) main developments and current trends in official statistics.
- Creating via articles drafted to provoke a discussion, a platform for initiating and having an exchange of opinions (see below also ‘discussion platform’).
- By active soliciting manuscripts from domains related or neighbouring to the work of official statistics, promoting a wider multidisciplinary authorship and readership.
- The number of interviews/conversations will be limited to interviews/conversations with leading experts or opinion makers, guest editors or with an article in the same issue. More shorter interviews are foreseen for the new SJIAOS website.

Actions:

directions for the manuscripts

- Articles should have an emphasis on institutional, methodological and conceptual issues rather than being (purely) mathematically or econometrically oriented.
- Overall, the published articles should in number balance the interest of a potential wide group and the interest of specialists.
- At the minimum one and maximum two issues per year are Specials, for in principle a domain that is relatively wide.
- For each issue, at least one article, deals with a topic that invites for a global audience to discuss 'a governance of statistics' issue.

Specials: requirements

- The topic of the Specials should concern a rather wide audience of official statisticians and interested parties from neighbouring fields.
- The list of articles in each Special should have contributions from all regions of the world and contains theoretical articles and articles that concentrate on applications.
- The number of articles will be more than 10 and can contain 'lead' and supporting articles.

Specials: topics

The following topics are provisionally identified as topics for a full special:
Population and housing censuses (Vol 36, Issue 1, 2020),

Economic statistics/globalization (Vol 36, Issue 3, 2020).

Other topics planned are Training in official statistics, Statistical literacy;
Agricultural statistics; SDG's methodology and results.

Beyond these topics, other special issues can contain special sections
dedicated to a specific topic.

A new website, a discussion platform and twitter account

Modern, faster and agile communication tools

- **A new SJIAOS website:** the journal, events, interviews, on-line discussion
- **An on-line platform for discussion** on topics of significant relevance for official statistics.

Anyone working in or just interested in official statistics, to contribute to topical discussions, at their own convenience.

Contributions have to be in English, have to be clear and concise, specifically addressing one of the statements

With each issue of the Statistical Journal of the IAOS a new discussion topic will be launched via a leading article. Statements from this article will then invite to post opinions and arguments. Each discussion will run for a year and be closed with a concluding commentary by the article author(s).

- **Twitter account.**

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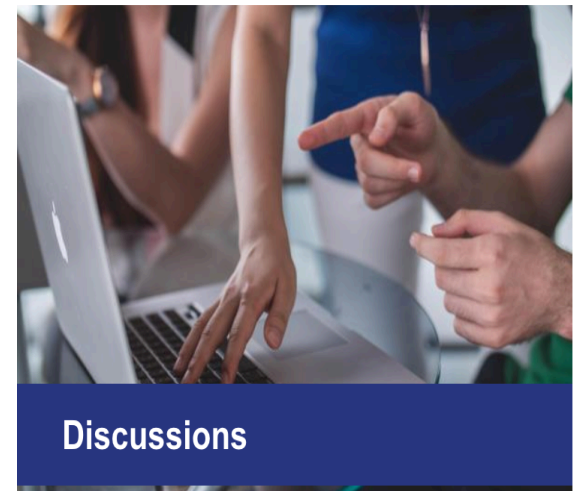
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Discussions

Actions:

in the SJIAOS submission system and procedures

- **A review of the list of emphasis editors:** update and better coverage of the (current) domains in official statistics.
- **A review of the list of reviewers:** to ensure a smoother review process.
- **A new Manuscript Tracking system:** Better tuning between the key words of manuscripts and key profiles of emphasis editors and reviewers.
- **A new editorial board:** Guiding the general direction of the Journal.
- **A rating of the Journal:** making the journal more attractive for academic contributions.

The upcoming issues

- ***Volume 35, Issue 3, September 2019***

“Official Statistics Using 'Un-Official' Data, a Threat or a Challenge`. The first discussion on the new discussion platform will centre around their manuscript, ‘You Say You Want a (Data) Revolution:’ A Proposal to Use Unofficial Statistics for the SDG Global Indicator Framework .

A mixture of around 15 manuscripts covering varying topics. Beyond these focused manuscripts, there is an interview with Sibylle von Oppeln-Bronikowski and a conversation about the International Programs at the U.S. Census Bureau. The issue will also contain a report from the 50s anniversary of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) meetings. The report is based on the panel discussion about past, present and future roles for the UNSC with Katherine Wallman, William Seltzer, Hermann Habermann, Paul Cheung and Stefan Schweinfest.

Next issues

Volume 35, Issue 4, December 2019

- Data for Policy (D4P) and Policy for Data. Also the theme for the second discussion.
- Trusted smart statistics, four prize winning manuscripts of the Young Statisticians Prize 2019. manuscripts from the ISI WSC as well as from the New Techniques and Technologies in Statistics (NTTS) Conference from March 2019 (Brussels).

Volume 36, Issue 1, March 2020

- Special: Population and Housing Census Round 2021, Jean-Michel Durr (INSEE) accepted to be the guest editor for this issue. This will also be the third theme for the discussion platform.

Volume 36, Issue 2, June 2020

- Manuscripts from the 2019 ISI WSC and Joint Statistical Meeting

Volume 36, Issue 3, September 2020

- Special: The Future of Economic Statistics. Ivo Havinga (UNSD) guest editor for this issue.
- This issue will also mark the closing of the discussion on the first topic, launched in September 2019 with a summary article on the collected opinions and argument from the discussion on the use of un-official data in official statistics.

Invitation

Launch of new web-site and discussion platform

The new website and the on-line discussion platform will be launched on **the 22nd of August in a Lunch Time Discussion Group meeting.**

The discussion in this LTDG will follow after a short introduction by Steve MacFeeley on the topic for the first discussion.

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