

# Statistics and policy-making during the 19th and 20th century

Location: Institute for European Global Studies, Basel University, Gellertstrasse 27, 4020 Basel, Organizers: Milena Guthörl (Basel Graduate School of History, Basel University), Cornelia Knab (Institute for European Global Studies, EIB)

## Thursday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

20:00h Dinner Manger&Boire Gerbergasse 81, 4001 Basel (Barfüsserplatz)

## Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>

### Panel I: **The Rise of Statistical Thinking**

Chair Teresa Pullano (EIB), Discussants: Cornelia Knab (EIB) and Amalia Ribi (Graduate Institute, Geneva)

09:00-11:00 Anna Mohr (ETH Zurich) "Networks of Quantification. Military doctors and the collection of statistical knowledge in the British Empire during the early 19th century"

Daniela Hettstedt (Basel University) "Statistics and Policy-making in precolonial Morocco and international Tangier"

11:00-11:30 *Tea/Coffee*

11:30-12:30 Guy Becket (Birbeck College, London) "Spiritual Arithmetic. Global sociologies, religious counting & the rise of statistical thinking"

12:30-13:30 *Lunch*

### Panel II **Instrumentalization of statistics as political tools?**

Chair Amalia Ribi (Graduate Institute, Geneva), discussants: Teresa Pullano (EIB), Cornelia Knab (EIB)

13:30-14:30 Thomas Ruoss (Zurich University) "The role of the public school in the social policy knowledge production. Functions and limitations of statistical data production discussed by the example of child employment around 1900"

14:30-14:45 *Tee / Coffee*

15:00-17:00 Yitang Lin (Lausanne University) "Statistics as rhetorical tools: Wartime relief and rehabilitation in China (1937-1946)"

Milena Guthörl (Basel University) "Standardizing welfare state models. How an epistemic community of insurance mathematicians and statisticians transformed social politics"