

Which facts does society actually need?

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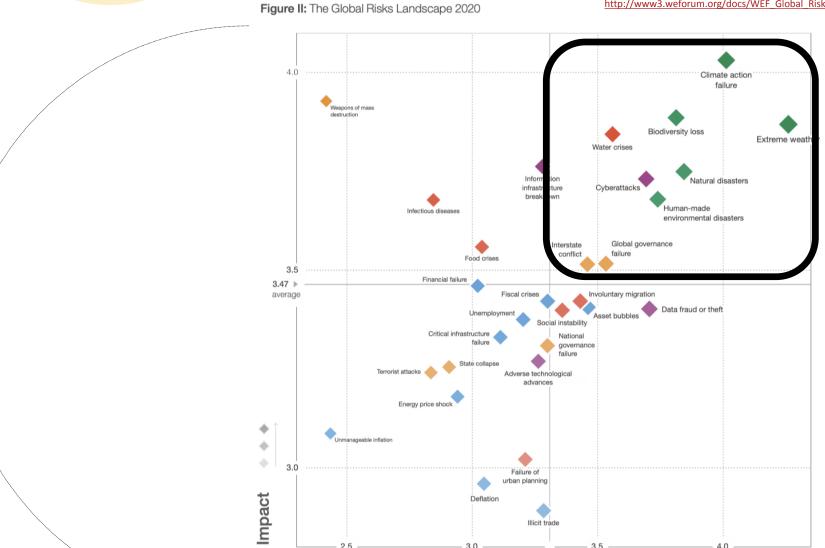
World Economic Forum asks all Davos participants to set a net-zero climate target



https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/01/davos-net-zero-emissions-target-ceos-climate/



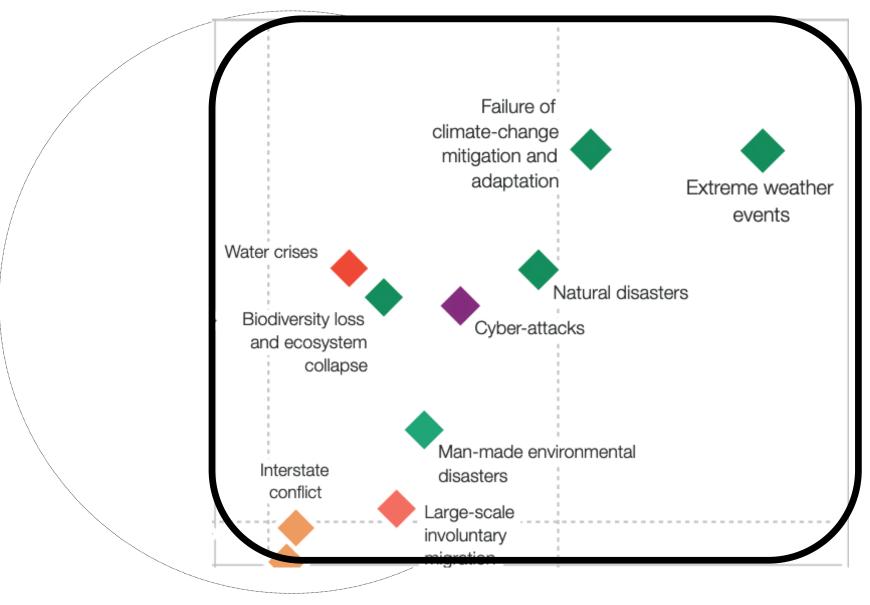
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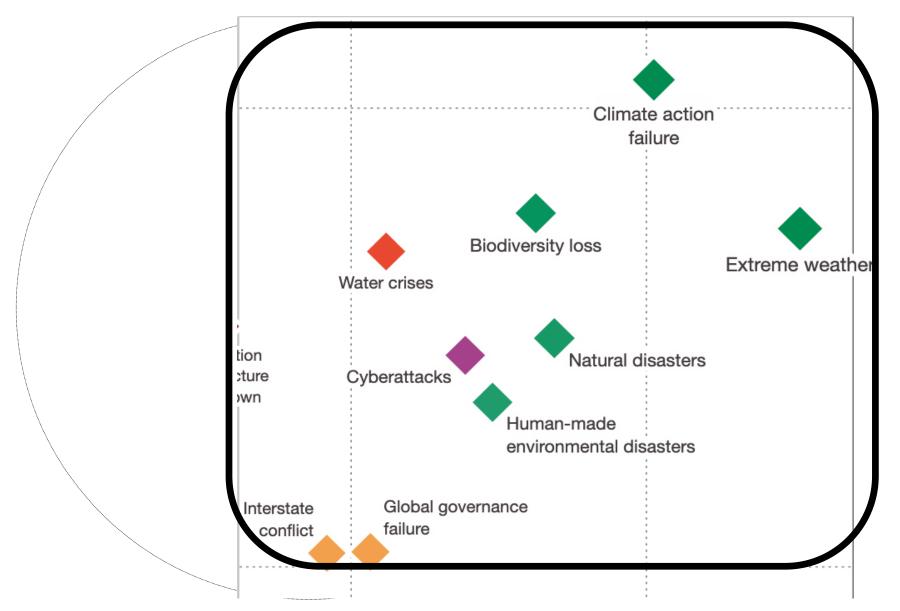
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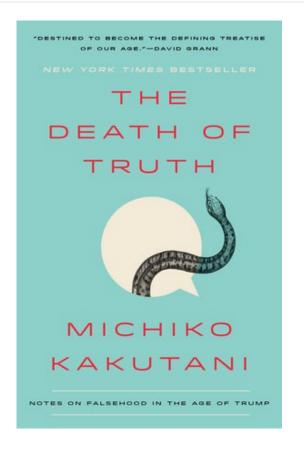




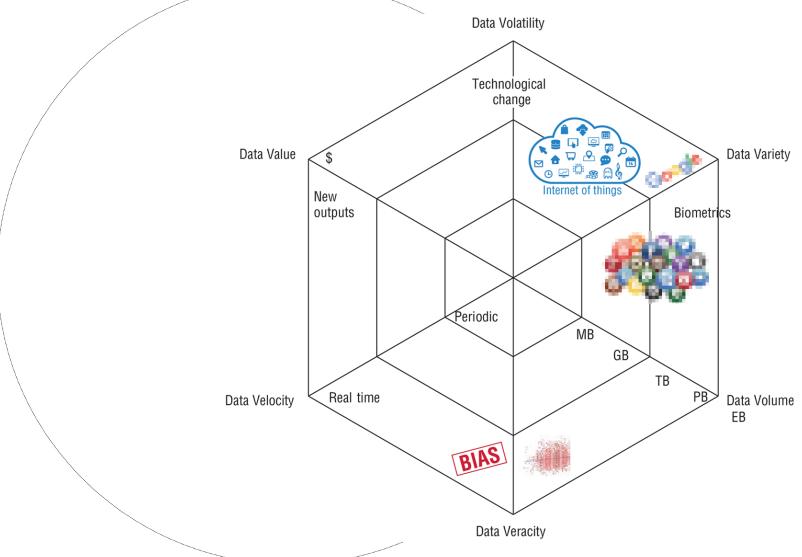
Data Goldrush & Death of Truth

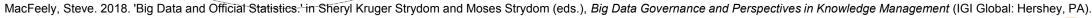
The Era of Digitisation and Globalisation



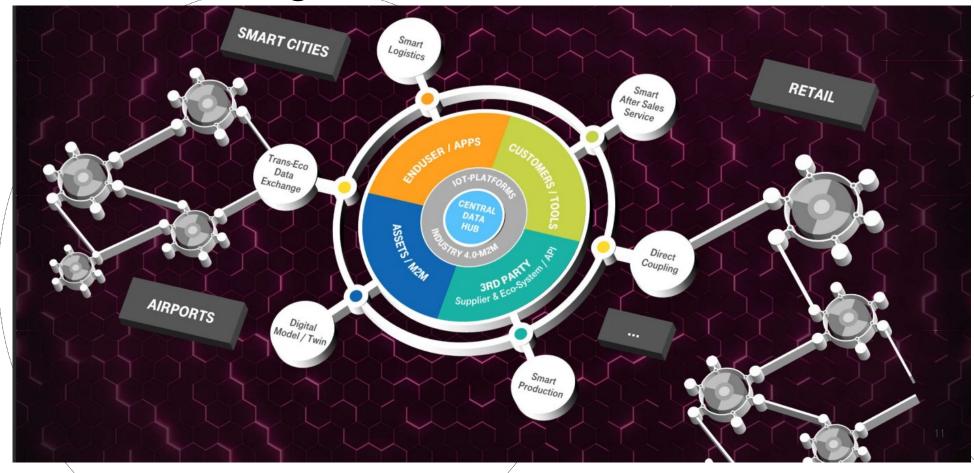


The 6V's of big data for official statistics





Internet of Things IoT



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The world we live in

Data revolution: "What steam was to the 19th century, and oil has been to the 20th, data is to the 21st" (http://www.rss.org.uk/Images/PDF/influencing-change/rss-data-manifesto-2014.pdf)

Data Society towards an IoT Society

Evidence based decision making: "If you can't measure it, you can't manage it" (https://blog.deming.org/2015/08/myth-if-you-cant-measure-it-you-cant-manage-it/)

Audit Society towards an Al Society

Post-truth-politics: "The 5% Unemployment Figure Is One Of The Biggest Hoaxes In Modern Politics" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMmk3oQ0Qil)

Twitter Society

Globalisation of economies and crises: "Planet at risk of heading towards 'Hothouse Earth' state"

(http://www.stockholmresilience.org/research-news/2018-08-06-planet-at-risk-of-heading-towards-hothouse-earth-state.html)

Global Risk Society





Data4Policy

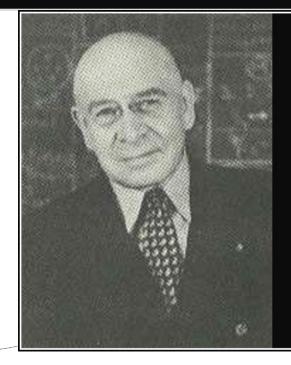
Data are given - Facts are produced



The best material model of a cat is another, or preferably the same, cat.

— Norbert Wiener —

AZ QUOTES



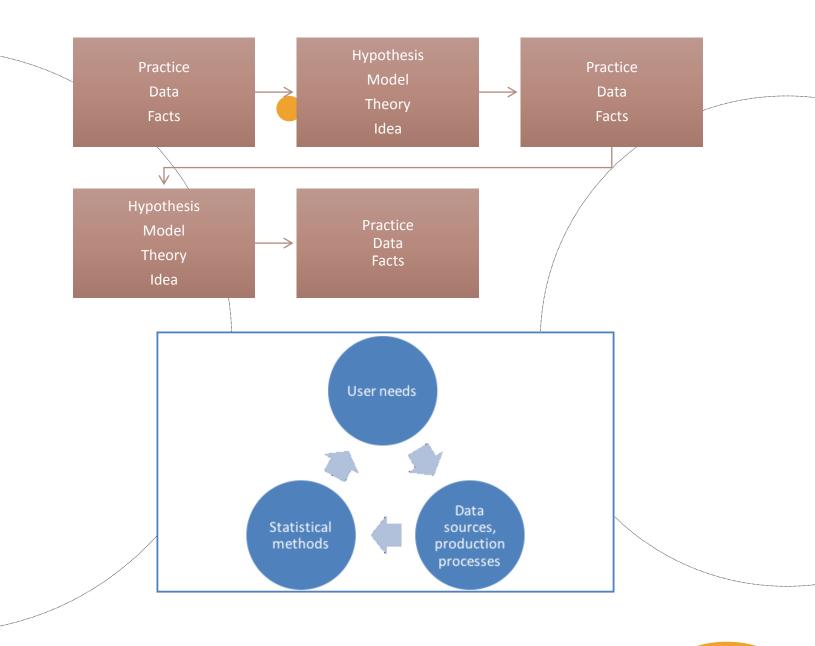
The map is not the territory, the word is not the thing it describes. Whenever the map is confused with the territory, a 'semantic disturbance' is set up in the organism. The disturbance continues until the limitation of the map is recognized.

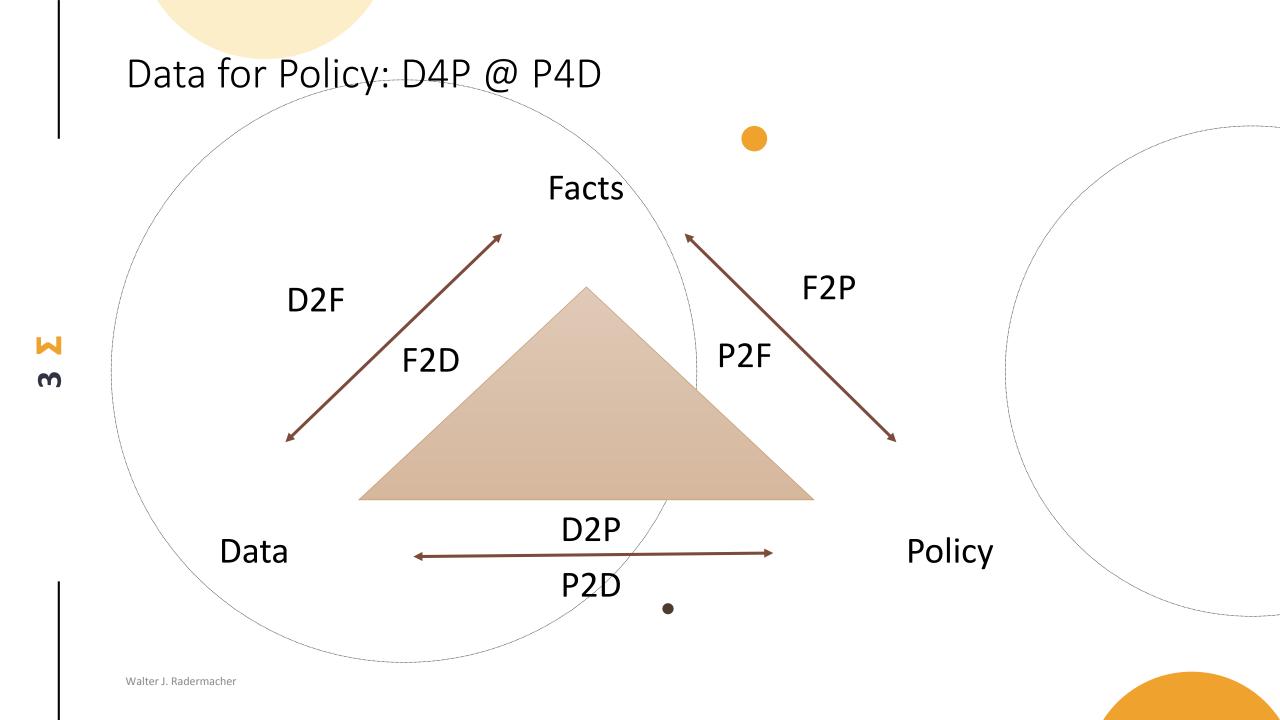
— Alfred Korzybski —

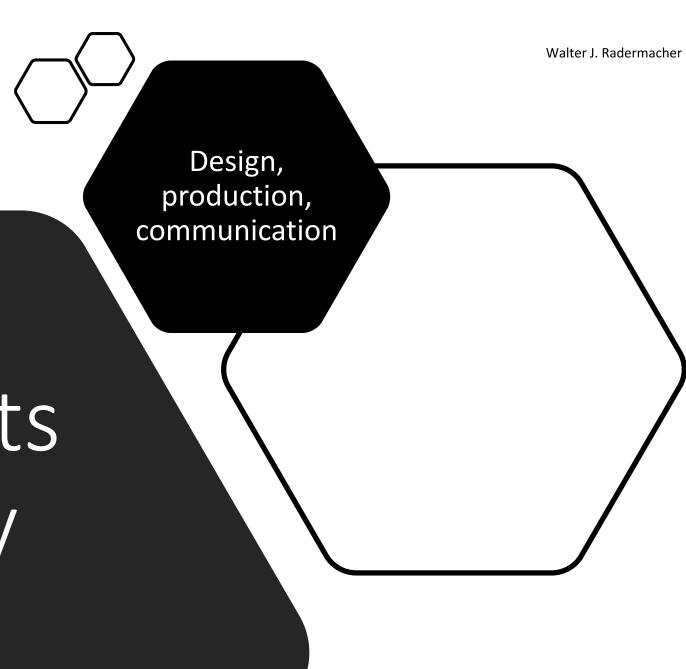
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Epistemological position	Perspective			
Naïve realism	Reality is an objective phenomenon that exists and can be measured independently of social and cultural processes.			
Critical realism	Reality is an objective phenomenon, the measurement of which is mediated through social and cultural processes and can never be known in isolation from these processes			
Relativism	Nothing is a reality in itself – what we understand to be a 'reality' is the product of historically, socially and culturally contingent 'ways of seeing'			

Statistical learning & iteration btw deduction and induction







Verified facts
High quality

INFORMATION QUALIT	Y SCALE Facts??	
Zone 1	Verification??	
True statement	Verified facts ???	
ZONE 2		
Distorted statements	Framing, acute angles, omission, "selected facts"	
Unsubstantiated statements	Rumors (maybe true, maybe false)	
ZONE 3		
False statements	False rendering of facts, in contradiction to these lies	
Bullshit	False rendering of one's own motives and goals, misrepresentation, faking, dissolution of the separation between true and false	
Fake News	Fake news, false reproduction of motifs and goals with simulation of journalism and thus truthfulness	

Hendricks, Vincent F.; Vestergaard, Mads, 2018, "Post faktisch", München

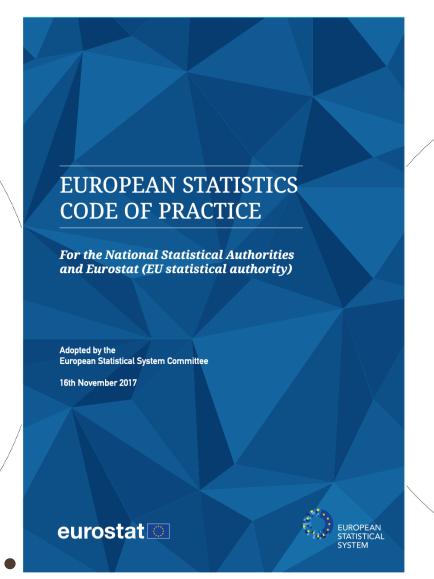


(Total) Quality Management

EFQM Modell 2019



https://www.efqm.org/index.php/efqm-model/



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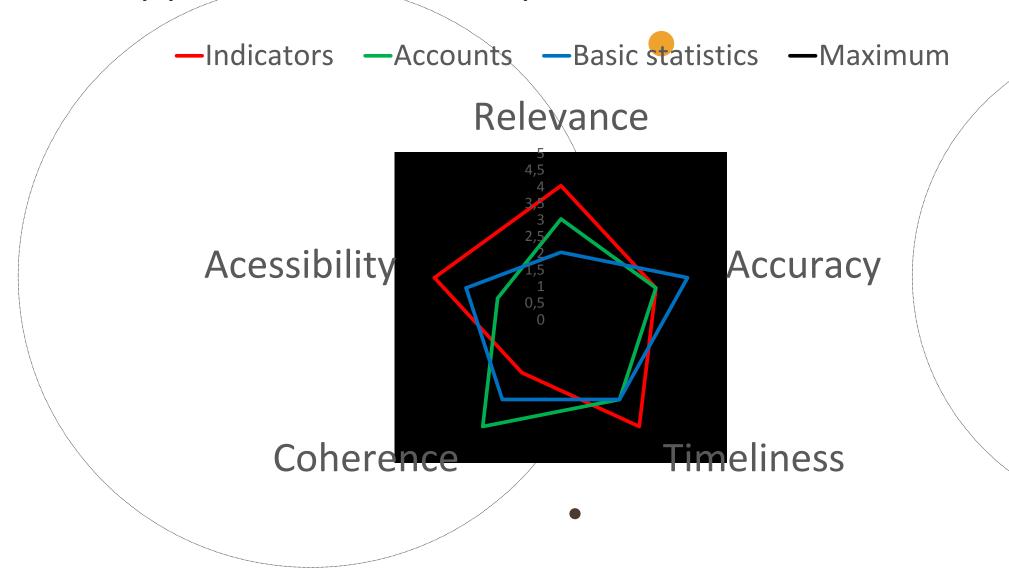
Verification: Code of Practice

Institutional	Statistical processes	Statistical output
environment		
1. Professional	7. Sound methodology	11. Relevance
independence	8. Appropriate	12. Accuracy and
1bis.Coordination and	statistical procedures	reliability
cooperation	9. Non-excessive	13. Timeliness and
1. Mandate for data	burden on	punctuality
collection	respondents	14. Coherence and
2. Adequacy of	10. Cost-effectiveness	comparability
resources		15. Accessibility and
3. Commitment to		clarity
quality		
4. Statistical		
confidentiality		
5. Impartiality and		
objectivity		

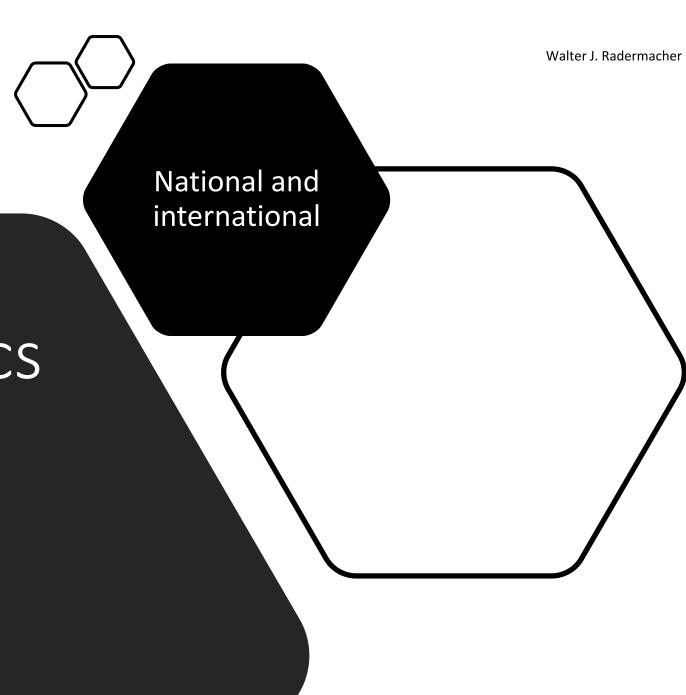




Quality profiles of statistical products



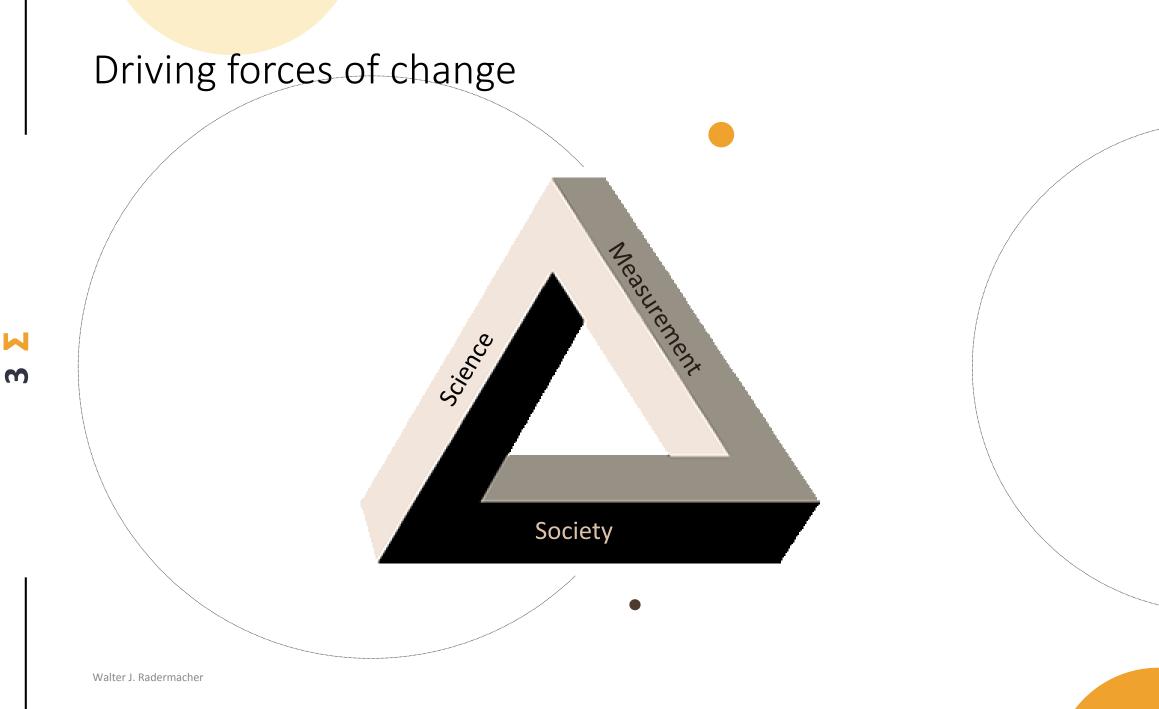
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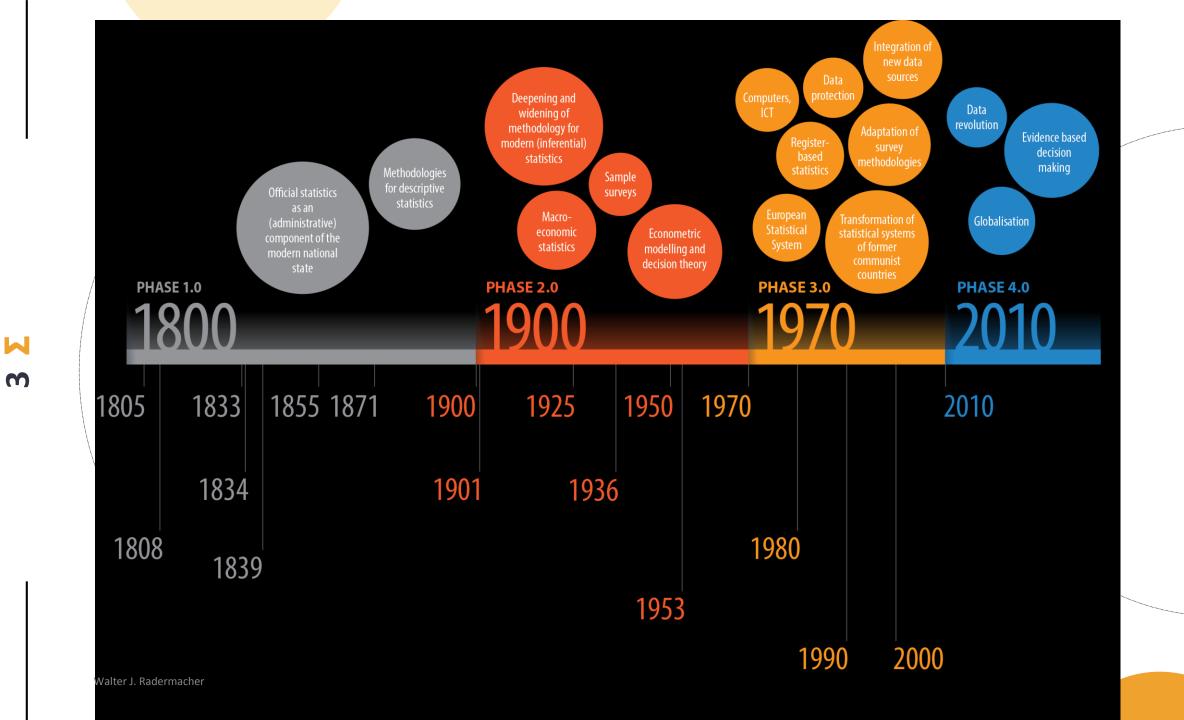


Official statistics

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public administration





Principles of good governance

- Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law
 - accountable not only for how much they spend, but also for how they use the resources
 - accountable for outputs, both positive and negative, and for the outcomes
 - accountable to legislative bodies
 - demonstrate the appropriateness of their actions, adhere to ethical values and respect the rule of law
- Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement
 - established and running for the public good
 - governing bodies ensure openness in their activities
 - using clear, trusted channels of communication and/consultation
 - engaging effectively with all groups of stakeholders, such as
 - individual citizens
 - service users
 - institutional stakeholders

IFAC. 2014. INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK: GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR - executive summary (The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA): London).



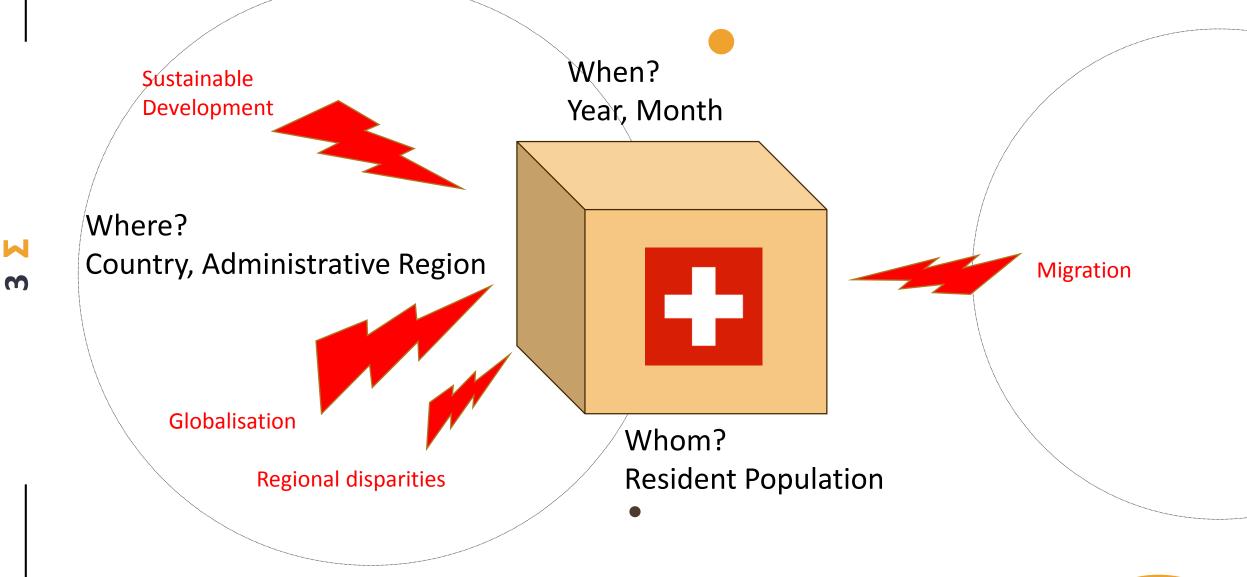
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globalisation

Guiding principles of Official Statistics 4.0

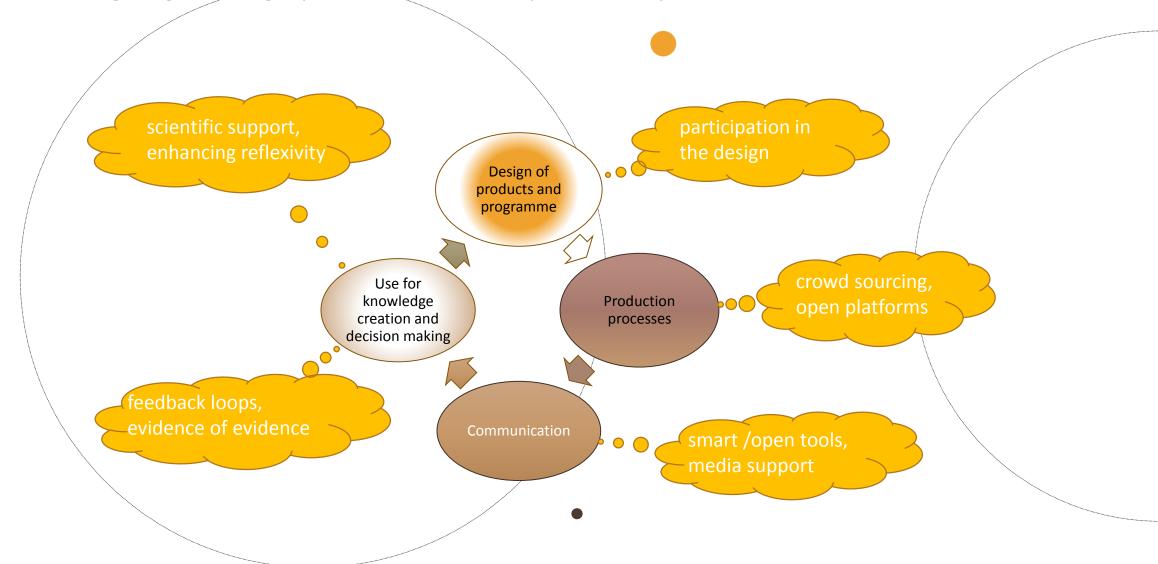
- Statistics is key for people empowerment: Statisticians should be aware of data's power to provide information and, hence, knowledge.
- Open data is fundamental for open societies: Statisticians should ensure open and transparent access to data and metadata and monitor their actual use for information and knowledge.
- 'Datacy' is a key enabler for citizens: Statisticians should promote data literacy in society at large, and regularly monitor the levels of understanding.
- The future is (trusted) smart statistics: Statisticians should continue to invest in methods, algorithms and a business architecture that enhance the quality of data for statistical services tailored to users' needs.
- Users participate in the design, production and communication of statistics: Statisticians should foster a greater involvement of civil society in all stages and processes of statistical production.
- More influence means more responsibilities: It is the duty of statisticians to explore the link between statistics, science, and society, and to lead intellectual reflections on the possible risk of over-reliance on data-centrism

Glocalisation: Reviewing the national statistics paradigm



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Bridging the gap: civil society as co-producer







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Closing the scientific gap

Teaching statistics



Doing Statistics



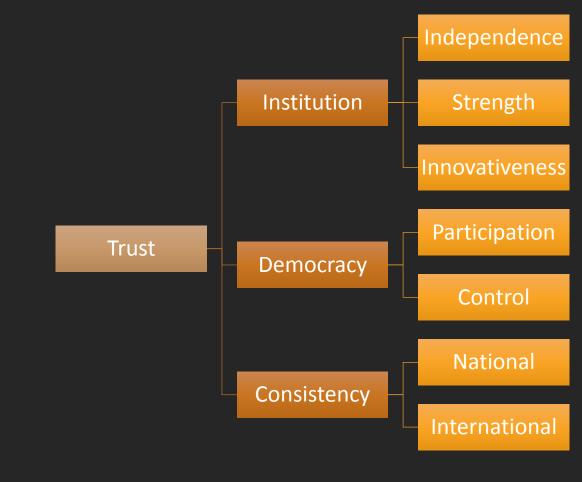
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- Lack of scientific research, suitable textbooks and qualified training courses for official statistics
- There are many sciences contributing to research on processes of quantification and the impact of quantification within social contexts
 - A scientifically founded, conceptual operationalisation of statistical processes (in data collection, national accounts, indicators) requires more than the knowledge of specific statistical methods, informatics or data sciences
 - Other disciplines, such as sociology, historical, or legal disciplines to be taken on board



Statistical governance in the new era

Policy relevance without being politically driven!



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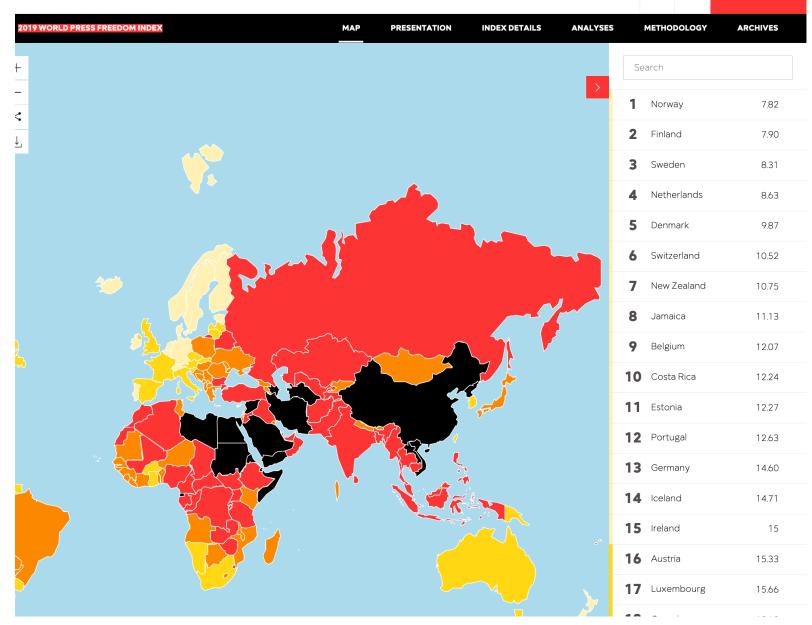
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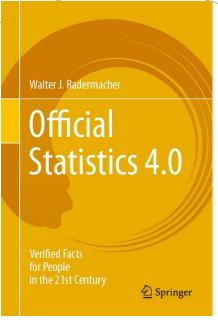
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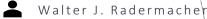


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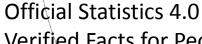
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Governing-by-the-numbers / Statistical Governance

Reflections on the future of official statistics in a digital and globalised society

SJIAOS, Dec 2019

https://www.iaos-isi.org/index.php/journal

