

Data into the Limelight

The *Low Countries Journal of Social and Economic History* (TSEG) wants to give special and structural attention to structured datasets in the future with the aim:

- Give data collector(s)/researchers a platform to bring their dataset into the limelight;
- Draw readers' attention to the existence of data sets;
- Give reviewers the opportunity to reflect critically on datasets.

The editorial board distinguishes between two types of contributions: a 'data stage' and an 'data review'.

A *data stage* article is a brief presentation of a dataset by the compiler(s) with all the relevant information on the size and the content of a dataset answering questions like on what sources is the dataset based? For what purposes can the dataset be used? What are the limitations? Any tips for users? The data stage article is similar to a well-annotated source publication.

A *data review* article is a critical appraisal of the pros and cons of one or more datasets and also discussing possible stumbling blocks for working with the data set(s). It is self-evident that only freely accessible data sets in this column will be discussed. Data collectors and data users are very welcome to contribute to this new column. For guidelines, see our website (www.tseg.nl).

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