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GGDC Newsletter

New Database

The Historical National Accounts datahub is now publicly available on the GGDC website. The main goal of this new addition to the GGDC database is to bring together the available, but often fragmented, data on GDP at the industry level for all major economies. Currently the database contains data for major European and Asian economies and covers the 19th and 20th century. In addition, we included several Eastern European economies covering the period 1950-1990. The GDP data and their components are presented in national currencies, both at current and constant prices. The construction of the database was supported by grants from the Netherlands organization for scientific research (NWO).

It is our aim to expand on this selection of countries as well as supplement the currently available data with new or revised figures with the help of our users. This datahub would greatly benefit from any suggestions for revisions or additions that are contributed - based on either already published country studies or as yet unpublished research - and we will provide regular updates accordingly. Further information regarding the datahub can be found in the GGDC Research Memoranda No. 107 or on the Historical National Accounts Database page of the GGDC website. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the new datahub please feel free to contact us at ggdc@rug.nl.

Database Update

The Total Economy Database has been updated to include the data for 2008. The Total Economy database is renewed every year and the main results are published in the Productivity Brief and (with a more detailed discussion) in the annual Performance reports in March. More details concerning the Total Economy Database can be found on the GGDC website.

Research Memoranda

Since the last GGDC newsletter several new Research Memoranda have been published. A full list including the latest Research Memoranda is available on the website under the Publications header. We would like to draw your attention to Research Memorandum 106 by Rainer Fremdling and Reiner Stäglin, which features a new Input-Output Table for Germany for the year 1936. This new benchmark for gross national product (GNP) with its components for the production and expenditure side deviates significantly from Hoffmann's et al. well-known figures.

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