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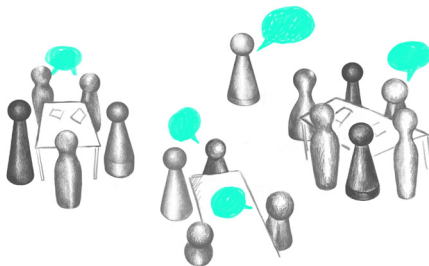
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Science for Policy: Demography in 1662 and 2024

Demography stands as one of the oldest empirical social sciences. The seminal work, „Natural and Political Observations Made upon the Bills of Mortality,“ published in 1662 by John Graunt, a London haberdasher and early Fellow of the Royal Society, marks the inception of demographic and epidemiological studies. Graunt’s aim was to contribute to evidence-based policy-making, particularly addressing mortality during the plague pandemic and other demographic phenomena such as fertility and regional disparities. Today, demographic research remains integral to policy-making at regional, national, and European levels, underscored by the recent appointment of the first Vice-President for Democracy and Demography by the European Commission. This lecture will delve into the historical and contemporary dimensions of the discipline, while also examining the interface between science and policy. It will explore how ‚impact‘ increasingly shapes funding proposals, while simultaneously presenting challenges for researchers operating at the science-policy nexus.



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