

## #36 – Clio-infra

### Short description

**Type of object:** It is a portal allowing the access to 85 datasets containing worldwide data on social, economic, and institutional indicators for the past five centuries, with special attention to the past 200 years. These indicators allow research into long-term development of worldwide economic growth and inequality.

**Source (organisation):** Clio Infra is a project funded in 2010 by Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO).

**Issues:** The datasets cover the following issues: agriculture, gender equality, labour relations, demography, human capital, national accounts, prices and wages, institutions, production, environment, finance.

**Time span:** 2012; the link provides also historical datasets. For some dataset the time span is from 1500-2010.

**Geographical coverage:** 224 countries.

**Link:** <https://clio-infra.eu/>

### Note/Interpretations

Global inequality is one of the key problems of the contemporary world. Some countries have (recently) become wealthy, other countries have remained poor. New theoretical developments in economics – such as new institutional economics, new economic geography, and new growth theory – and the rise of global economic and social history require such processes to be studied on a worldwide scale. Clio Infra provides datasets for the most important indicators. Economic and social historians from around the world have been working together in thematic collaborations, in order to collect and share their knowledge concerning the relevant indicators of economic performance and its causes. The collected data have been standardized, harmonized, and stored for future use. New indicators to study inequality have been developed. The datasets are accessible through the Clio Infra portal which also offers possibilities for visualization of the data. Clio Infra offers the opportunity to greatly enhance our understanding of the origins, causes and character of the process of global inequality.

On the 2014, it was published the Report How was Life? Global Well-Being Since 1820, collect data on the different facets of the evolution of the world economy from 1500 to 2010 (<https://www.oecd.org/sdd/how-was-life-9789264214262-en.htm>)

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