

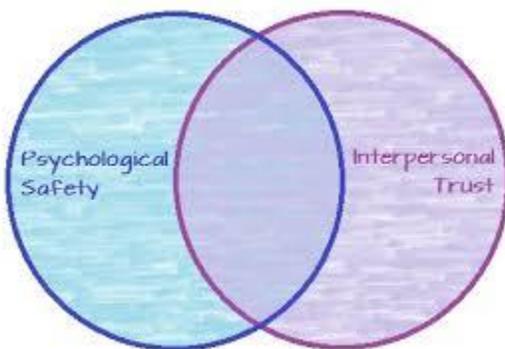
Annual Report Indices of Social Development 2015

The Indices of Social Development (ISD) database is hosted by the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) and brings together 200 indicators, synthesizing them into a usable set of six measures to track how different societies perform along six dimensions of social development:

- *Civic Activism*, measuring use of media and protest behaviour
- *Clubs and Associations*, defined as membership in local voluntary associations
- *Intergroup Cohesion*, which measures ethnic and sectarian tensions, and discrimination
- *Interpersonal Safety and Trust*, focusing on perceptions and incidences of crime and personal transgressions
- *Gender Equality*, reflecting gender discrimination in home, work and public life.
- *Inclusion of Minorities*, measures levels of discrimination against vulnerable groups such as indigenous peoples, migrants, refugees, or lower caste groups.

The database is freely available online and can be accessed through the following link:

www.IndSocDev.org



The ISD database is led by Irene van Staveren and has been managed in 2015 by Ekaterina Evdokimova and Maria Dafnomili, PhD researchers at ISS. Furthermore, ISS has provided ICT support and project support. We have obtained a license from the national science archive DANS for archiving of the full database, which makes the database accessible according to the

standard CC0 Waiver for Creative Commons.

Prize for work with the database

In December, the ISS MA thesis '*Revisiting the Role of Social Capital in Development*' by Md. Shahnewaz Khan, was awarded the Prize for the Best Master Thesis 2015 Using ISS ISD Database. The prize included a certificate and 250 euro, as well as publication of the MA thesis in the ISD Working Paper Series.

ISD Publications

Two ISD Working Papers have been published in 2015:

- The Impact of Democracy on Equality and Poverty in Development, by Paolo Roberto Gitirana de Araujo Guerra (WP 2015-01)
- Civic Agency: An Invisible Health Determinant, by Jane Kabubo-Mariara and Irene van Staveren (WP 2015-02)



In addition, an advisory report was produced for the Task Team Civil Society: 'Analysis of the Civil Society Context of Four Selected Countries', by Irene van Staveren.

Promotion activities

- Presentations by Irene van Staveren of work done with the ISD to the Task Team Civil Society Organizations at ISS and presentation of a conference paper at the annual ECINEQ conference on economic inequality, in Luxembourg.

- The database has an entry on Wikiprogress:
http://www.wikiprogress.org/index.php/Indices_of_Social_Development
- News through the website, newsletter and Twitter.
- Answering emails that come in through the ISD email box (approx. 20 information requests per year).
- The MA thesis prize for the best thesis using ISD indices.
- Providing links to our database on websites of partners.

External use of the ISD

The database is registered with Google Analytics in order to track the number of website visits per year, month and week, and per country. The visits to the ISD website have again increased dramatically. In 2015, the ISD website had 39,764 visitors. The previous year, the website had 22,009 visitors. This is an increase in website visits of 81%. The majority of these visits were not by the same persons: 87% of the visits were by new visitors.

Figure 1 shows the distribution of the website visits over continents for 2015. The map shows that most visits are from Asia (32%). When breaking down to countries, the highest number of website visits came from the US (6,341 visits, which is 16% of the total), followed by India (4501 visits, which is 11%). There are three developing countries in the top-ten of most website visits: Philippines (number 4), Kenya (number 5) and South Africa (number 6).

A regional break-down of the website visits in numbers and percentages is shown in table 1. About 50% of website visits is from the developing world.

Figure 1. Website visits in 2015 on a world map

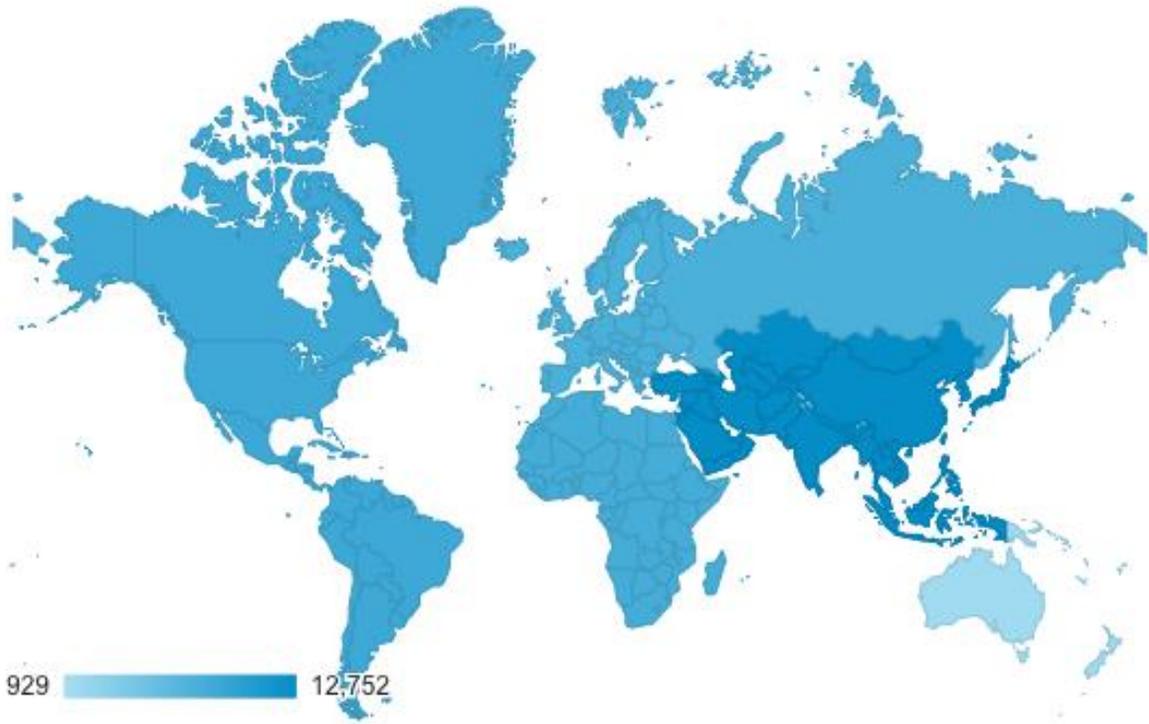


Table 1. Website visits in 2015: regional distribution (%)

Continent	% of visits
Asia	32
Americas	22
Africa	20
Europe	20
Oceanea	4
unknown	2
TOTAL	100

When we compare the website visits over time, we see a dramatic increase in website visits since the database was launched in 2011. Figure 2 shows the annual number of visits to the ISD website. The numbers indicate that an increasing number of researchers and policy makers

worldwide have become familiar with the database. In fact, in the year 2015, website visits came from 190 countries.

Figure 2. ISD website visits per year and total

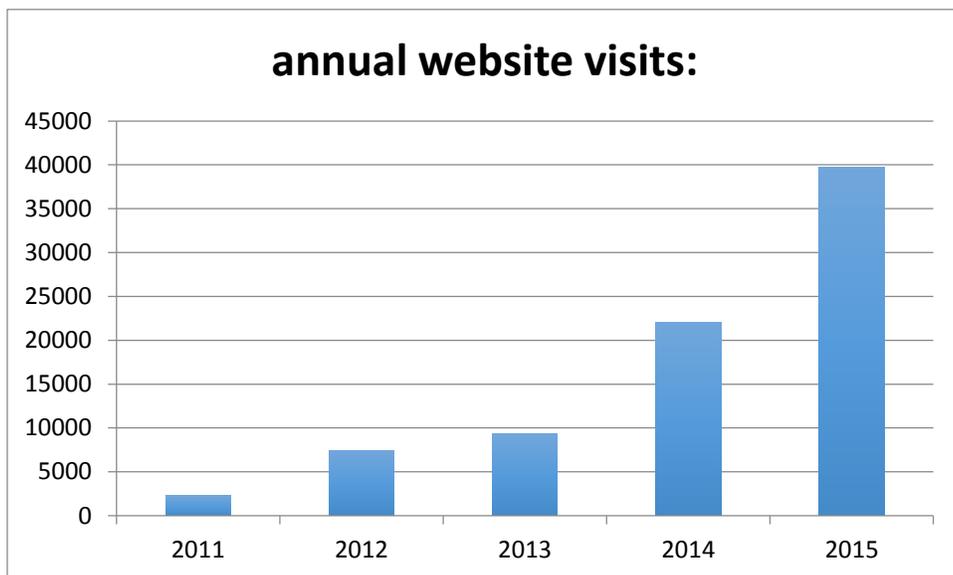


Table 2. Data downloads per month in 2015

January	153
February	170
March	210
April	189
May	149
June	161
July	106
August	107
September	112
October	140
November	147
December	430
TOTAL	2,047

Finally, we show the statistics for the actual data downloads of the indices of social development. Table 2 shows that data have been downloaded more than two thousand times in 2015. This varies from 106 in July to 430 in December.

Financial report

The database is financially supported by the Institute of Social Studies. Earnings are from teaching and advisory work directly or indirectly related to the database. Expenditures are for the coordination and maintenance of the database as well as marketing of the database.

Table 3. Financial report ISD 2014

Income	euro	Expenditures	euro
Study for Task Team Civil Society	4,200	Time Director	12,901
Lectures 2 x	2,000	Conference visit	904
Teaching ESAA 2 x	1,500	Time website management	720
Teaching UvA	2,750	MA RP prize 2 years	500
		Hosting website	68
Contribution by ISS	4,643		
Total	15,093	Total	15,093

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