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Professor LIEVESLEY is Principal of Green Templeton College of the University of Oxford. She is one of the country's leading social statisticians, who has campaigned for evidence to be used as the basis for the development of sound public policies within the UK and more widely.

Before joining Oxford, Professor LIEVESLEY was Professor of Social Statistics and Executive Dean of the Faculty of Social Science and Public Policy at King's College London. She was the founding Chief Executive of NHS Health and Social Care Information Centre; and served as Director of Statistics at UNESCO where she established its new Institute for Statistics, Director of the UK Data Archive (and simultaneously Professor of Social Research Methods at the University of Essex), and a special advisor at the African Centre for Statistics of the UN Economic Commission for Africa, Ethiopia.

Professor LIEVESLEY is very active in various professional associations in relation to statistics. She was President of the Royal Statistical Society during 1999-2001, and President of the International Statistical Institute during 2007-2009, the first ever woman to hold this office. She was also President of the International Association for Official Statistics during 1995-1997.

A Celebration of Statistics: An International Perspective

Professor LIEVESLEY will talk about the role and importance of official statistics in public policy with illustrations using examples from the UK and other economies. She will talk about the importance of having access to data which are both trusted and trustworthy.

The ubiquity of data is changing the type of data which might be available to users. Increasingly data which have been collected for very different purposes are being used to address policy issues. The sharing of data from a range of different sources also offers exciting opportunities to merge different types of information. The combination of data can allow new questions to be answered.

