**Working Paper CLIO-INFRA: Homicide Rates**

1. Title

 Homicide Rates, 1800-2010.

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3. Production date

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4. Version

 - 1st version

5. Variable group(s)

 - Personal Security

6. Variable(s)

 - homicide rates per country - Unlawful death deliberately inflicted on one person by another person – measured in amount of deaths per 100.000 inhabitants.

7. Unit of analysis

 - Number of deaths per 100.000 inhabitants.

8. Keywords (5)

 - personal security, crime, world.

9. Abstract (200 words)

In this dataset, the number of homicides per 100.000 inhabitants of a country is calculated. To determine the number of homicides, the official definition of intentional homicide, “unlawful death deliberately inflicted on one person by another person” (OECD, 2011), was used. The dataset excludes civilian and military deaths inflicted during inter-state wars and deaths caused by civil wars (OECD, 2014).

10. Time period

 - 1850-2000.

11. Geographical coverage

 - Entire World.

12. Methodologies used for data collection and processing

- Bibliographical research and research of published and Online Databases.

13. Data quality

1. High quality; 2. Moderate quality; 3. Low quality and 4. Estimates.

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|   | Western Europe (WE) | Eastern Europe (EE) | Western Offshoots (WO) | Latin America and Caribbean (LA) | Sub-Sahara Africa (SSA) | Middle East and North Africa (MENA) | East Asia (EA)  | South and South-East Asia (SSEA) |
| 1820 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1870 | 3 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1913 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 1950 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| 1973 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2008 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

See the section on "Data Quality" in Chapter 1 of the OECD How Was Life report (2014) for a description of the quality criteria.

14. Period of collection

 - December 2013 – April 2014.

15. Data collectors

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17. Text

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