

Editorial

Welcome to Issue 87 the critical essays special edition of RadStats. **Russell Ecob** provides an introduction to the critical essay competition and biographies of the entrants.

There is a large news section, including an appeal from **Ludi Simpson** from his trip to Cuba earlier this year, and description of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics by **Roy Carr-Hill** along with a letter he sent to the Lancet. Plus full details including the speakers for next year's conference on '**Global Poverty and Inequality**' that will be held in Manchester on **Saturday 26th February 2005**. The booking form can be found in the end pages of this issue, or alternatively from the RadStats website.

The next scheduled issue of RadStats is a special issue on labour market statistics, with Mike Quiggen as guest editor. This will now be issue 88.

Finally there is a call from your current editors to contribute to RadStats, as without your input there would be no publication.

Thanks

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Editors call for articles and input:

We would first of all like to open up a call for articles from our RadStats readers. Secondly we like to include new "How to do" articles, with any one topic running over three or more issues. For example: "How to carry out a survey". The articles could be: Designing a questionnaire, sampling, analysis of results. Of course any of these could form a topic running over several issues. This example may seem old hat to practitioners but some of our readers may not be versed in the art. It might also be said that there are many books on the subject, well these can be listed in a bibliography. You may well have other ideas; do please let us know. All you teachers and lecturers: here is an opportunity to write some clear and concise articles that will be of use to other readers.