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Numbers and human geography

Since the first prominent critiques of the so-called "quantitative revolution" in the 1970s, many branches of human geography have had a fraught relationship with numbers and quantitative methods. As a result, the teaching of statistical methods has lost prominence at many institutes of geography. This talk places human geographic imaginations of number within the context of changing public and academic perspectives on statistics and mathematical methods over the past 40 years. Against this background I argue that recent shifts in the cultural, political and economic role of numbers make it important to rebuild – though in an enriched form – the statistical and mathematical literacy of human geographers.