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# Foreword

In October 1998, the first international conference on *Empirical Investigation of Social Space*, held in Cologne, Germany, brought together social scientists, statisticians, and other researchers interested in the principles and methodology behind Bourdieu's empirical work. This conference was organized by Jörg Blasius (working at the time in Cologne), Brigitte Le Roux (Paris), and Henry Rouanet (Paris, † 2008), in cooperation with Pierre Bourdieu (Paris, † 2002). A particular focus was put on methodological and statistical research using correspondence analysis and its application within the social sciences. At this conference, Bourdieu presented a paper entitled "Construction of social space and correspondence analysis," where he discussed his use of simple and multiple correspondence analyses.

Seventeen years later, a subsequent conference was organized by Jörg Blasius (Bonn), Frédéric Lebaron (Versailles), Brigitte Le Roux (Paris), and Andreas Schmitz (Bonn), in cooperation with Loïc Wacquant (Berkeley), held in Bonn in 2015 (see Blasius and Schmitz 2017 for a conference report), in order to continue the earlier discussions. Both conferences attracted a large number of international researchers, especially those involved in the empirical work of Bourdieu. For this edited volume, we gathered participants of both conferences as well as further experts who were not able to participate at the conference.

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