SPRU Wednesday Seminar

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Speaker Hetan Shah (Executive Director, Royal statistical society)
Title What does a new era of ubiquitous data mean for policy and society?

Abstract
Big data’ and ‘open data’ are current buzz words in policy. What does a period of increasingly ubiquitous data mean for how we conduct policy processes, and the opportunities for evidence based policymaking? Hetan will explore open up some of the debates in this area.

Bio:
Hetan is Executive Director of the Royal Statistical Society, a body that promotes use of statistics in the public interest. He was formerly Chief Executive of the education charity Think Global which promotes understanding amongst the UK public about development and sustainability issues. Hetan has written on a wide range of topics including behavioural economics; the politics of well-being; democracy and the public realm. He is a non-executive director of the Equality Trust, a research body promoting a more equal society, and a trustee of the Higher Education Statistics Agency.