6,000 2,400 5,000 2,000 Total wealth of billionaires (billion of \$) (left hand scale) 4,000 1,600 Number of \$ billionaires in the world (right hand scale) 3,000 1,200 2,000 800 1,000 400 0 1987 1990 1993 1996 1999 2002 2005 2008 2011

Figure 12.1. The world billionaires according to Forbes, 1987-2013

Between 1987 and 2013, the number of \$ billionaires rose according to Forbes from 140 to 1400, and their total wealth rose from 300 to 5 400 billion dollars. Sources and series: see piketty.pse.ens.fr/capital21c.