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Dear colleagues:

The SOEP joins the new DIW Berlin research cluster “Public Finances and Living Conditions.” The concept of *Lebenslagen* (living conditions) was chosen as an overarching principle covering much of the SOEP group’s economic research work. See the comment on [page 2](#) for background information.

The SOEP data are used by numerous organizations to develop social indicators for Germany. One such organization is the OECD, whose recently published poverty indicators caused a stir in the German media. The discussion arose over differences in the statistics before and after the 2009 revision of the SOEP income data. In response to this discussion, we will be providing more comprehensive information on any future revisions and their potential impacts, both to our users and to the public at large. See [page 8](#) for further details.

Good news: We plan to send out the new SOEP 1984–2010 release (version 27) in late summer! Orders can be placed now. See [page 5](#) for details.

In this SOEPnewsletter, you’ll find information on how to become a SOEP Beta User. As a Beta User, you’ll receive the SOEP data before the other SOEP users and have the chance to work with us to improve the final release version of the data (see [page 8](#)).

The SOEP/CNEF Data Users Workshop at Cornell University will take place from September 8–10, 2011, at Cornell University. The workshop will be limited to 20 people. Please apply now (see [page 10](#)).

Once again this year, we are launching a SOEP user survey to improve our services, and we would like to invite you to participate. The online survey starts in July 2011 (see [page 8](#)). And please don’t forget to keep us updated on all your publications using SOEP data.

Please make a note in your calendar: the 10th International SOEP Conference 2012 will be held on July 12–14, 2012, at a very special location: the new headquarters of the Leibniz Association in Berlin.

With best regards,

Elke Holst | Editor

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SOEP joins the new DIW Berlin research cluster “Public Finances and Living Conditions”

The centrality of the concept of *Lebenslagen* (living conditions), introduced by German social scientist Gerhard **Weisser**, is reflected in the title of DIW Berlin’s newly constituted research cluster “Public Finances and Living Conditions,” in which the SOEP group’s applied and policy-relevant research at DIW Berlin will now be based. DIW Berlin is in an ongoing process of re-organizing and focusing its research through the creation of “research clusters.” The other research clusters are “Economic Growth and the World Economy,” “Sustainability,” and “Industrial Economics.” The SOEP’s methodological and non-economic research are not affected by the creation of research clusters.

The cluster “Public Finances and Living Conditions” encompasses the Department of Public Economics, the new Department of Educational Policy, and the SOEP Research Infrastructure. The cluster is founded on the longstanding cooperation between the researchers in these departments. The new, thematically focused Department of Educational Policy will be directed by C. Katharina **Spieß**, a member of the SOEP group. All three units share a strong commitment to both methodological and empirical research, including the analysis of population microdata and, in particular, studies on income distribution, education, and the family. Methodological discussions and results are presented regularly in the SOEP’s Brown Bag seminar series, which offers a framework for common discussion.

The concept of “living conditions” was chosen as an overarching principle covering much of the SOEP group’s economic and sociological research work at DIW Berlin because it touches on the multidimensionality of social inequality in modern societies. And this multidimensionality is the basis of the SOEP questionnaire. It deals with people’s individual potential in specific situations and under external constraints—especially in economic conditions that affect personal autonomy of action.

The *Lebenslagen* approach traditionally entails the development of indicators to evaluate social and economic developments, and can be applied in con-

nection with the capability approach (developed by Amartya **Sen** and Martha **Nussbaum**), which is being used widely throughout the social sciences. The concept of living conditions is also linked closely with that of “life chances,” introduced by Ralf **Dahrendorf**, and to the options available to citizens in a society—especially from a longitudinal, biographical perspective. In this respect, we are re-connecting with the SOEP’s origins: in the 1980s, the results of studies based on the SOEP data were published mainly in a series entitled “*Lebenslagen im Wandel*” (Living conditions in transition); seven volumes were published before the publication of findings in academic journals took precedence in the 1990s.

DIW Berlin’s “living conditions” research cluster concept goes back to the SOEP’s origins in another respect as well. The *Lebenslagen* concept was one of the defining principles underlying the German “social indicator movement” of the 1970s. And in the 1980s, the “long-term observation of social developments” was expanded substantially through the work of the German Research Foundation’s Collaborative Research Center (Sfb 3) “Microanalytical Foundations for Social Policy” at the Universities of Frankfurt am Main and Mannheim. The SOEP, which played a central role in the Collaborative Research Center in the development of microsimulation models, emerged from this center as a long-running longitudinal study. And the DIW Department of Public Economics is now working intensively to develop and improve these kinds of models, and is applying them in its empirical research. The DIW research cluster “Public Finances and Living Conditions” underscores this tradition.

With this research cluster, the DIW Berlin has gained a unique, methodologically and thematically integrated research cluster with the potential to set DIW Berlin apart from other economic research institutes within Germany and worldwide. As such, the DIW Berlin is well equipped for its upcoming evaluation by the Leibniz Association in spring 2012.

Jürgen Schupp

Head of the Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)
Research Infrastructure



German Section

SOEP wieder bei einem Sonderforschungsbereich dabei

Im Jahr 1984 startete das SOEP als Teilprojekt B5 „Das Sozio-ökonomische Panel“ des damaligen Sonderforschungsbereichs 3 „Mikroanalytische Grundlagen der Gesellschaftspolitik“ an den Universitäten Frankfurt am Main und Mannheim. Dies geschah unter dem Gründer des Sfb3 und damaligen wissenschaftlichen Leiter und Präsidenten des DIW Berlin Hans-Jürgen **Krupp**. Diese Einbindung in einen Sonderforschungsbereich war für das SOEP extrem wichtig und Basis seines bisherigen Erfolgs.

Jetzt wurde von der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) der sozialwissenschaftliche Sonderforschungsbereich (Sfb) 882 „Von Heterogenitäten zu Ungleichheiten“ der Universität Bielefeld eingerichtet, an dem das SOEP beteiligt ist. Die zunächst vierjährige Förderung beginnt bereits am 1. Juli 2011. (Siehe hierzu auch die [Pressemitteilung der Universität Bielefeld](#)).

Das SOEP wird in einem halben Dutzend Teilprojekten eine zentrale empirische Datenbasis für die wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten darstellen und ein Teilprojekt A1 „Soziale Schließung und Hierarchisierung – Kontextuelle Bedingungen ungleicher Entwicklungschancen in frühen Lebensphasen“ wird gemeinsam vom Leiter des SOEP, Jürgen **Schupp**, und dem Sprecher des Sonderforschungsbereichs, Martin **Diewald**, in direkter Kooperation am DIW Berlin und an der Universität Bielefeld bearbeitet werden.

DIW-Forschungsprofessor Stefan **Liebig** leitet zum einen das Teilprojekt „Die Legitimation von Ungleichheiten – Strukturelle Bedingungen von Gerechtigkeitseinstellungen“ und weiterhin das Teilprojekt B3 „Betriebe und Ungleichheit: Synchrone und diachrone Ungleichheitseffekte zeitweiser Entlassungen (Recalls)“. In beiden Teilprojekten spielen die Sekundäranalysen der SOEP-Daten sowie vorgesehene konzeptionelle Weiterentwicklungen des SOEP eine große Rolle.

Ein ursprünglich am SOEP in Berlin angesiedeltes Teilprojekt „Wohlfahrtsstaat und Bildung: Bildungsarmut im internationalen Vergleich“ wurde nach Bielefeld verlegt. Der frühere SOEP-Mitarbeiter und jetzige Juniorprofessor in Bielefeld, Henning **Lohmann**, leitet das Teilprojekt und wird als neu berufener DIW-Forschungsprofessor auch

künftig eng mit dem SOEP und dem DIW Berlin zusammenarbeiten. Damit ist das SOEP – und insbesondere die Weiterentwicklung des Innovationspanels – unter das Dach eines Sonderforschungsbereichs zurückgekehrt. Die Zusammenarbeit mit der Universität Bielefeld wird damit in Zukunft verstetigt. Dies wurde für die Laufzeit des Sfb 882 auch durch einen Kooperationsvertrag zwischen dem DIW Berlin und der Universität Bielefeld institutionell abgesichert.

SOEPcampus@ ...



Jetzt anmelden: SOEP@campus im Rahmen von datalab@uni-bielefeld

Im vergangenen SOEPnewsletter hatten wir Sie bereits auf den Workshop [datalab@uni-bielefeld](#) aufmerksam gemacht. Vom 15. Juli 2011 an können Sie sich anmelden!

Die im Rahmen von [datalab@uni-bielefeld](#) abgehaltene Veranstaltung findet vom 26. bis 30. September 2011 an der Universität Bielefeld statt. Sie richtet sich insbesondere an DoktorandInnen und NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen, aber auch an Studierende aus den Fächern Soziologie, Ökonomie, Politikwissenschaft und Psychologie. Der Workshop wird in diesem Jahr aus zwei Modulen bestehen, die einzeln oder zusammen besucht werden können:

Modul 1: Einführung in die Benutzung sozialwissenschaftlicher Paneldatensätze.

Modul 2: Grundlegende und fortgeschrittene Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse und ihre Anwendung.

In den computerbezogenen Lehreinheiten wird ausschließlich die Statistik-Software STATA verwendet. TeilnehmerInnen ohne STATA-Kenntnisse wird deshalb eine Einführungsveranstaltung am 26. September 2011 angeboten. Zudem setzt der Workshop Kenntnisse in multivariaten Analyseverfahren voraus.

DoktorandInnen und NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen, die in Modul 1 eine Forschungsarbeit unter Verwendung von SOEP-, PAIRFAM- oder PASS-Daten vorstellen möchten, können noch bis zum 15. Juli 2011 ein maximal zweiseitiges



ges Abstract einreichen, in dem Fragestellung, Theoriebezug, verwendete Daten und Analyseverfahren sowie zentrale Ergebnisse dargestellt sind. Die Auswahl und Benachrichtigung erfolgt bis 1. August 2011. Angenommene Beiträge müssen bis 1. September 2011 in Form eines maximal 75.000 Zeichen umfassenden Artikels vorgelegt werden. Einsendungen bitte an Kristina Brosda (datalab@uni-bielefeld.de).

Ausführliche Informationen zum Workshop sowie die Online-Anmeldung finden Sie unter: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/soz/datalab/>

studie „Sozio-oekonomisches Panel“ am DIW Berlin (Marco Giesselmann). Das Ziel der



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Marco Giesselmann gibt Ratschläge für spezifische Anwendungen.

SOEPCampus@ ...



Bericht: SOEPCampus@ Universität Mannheim

Vom 20.–22. Juni 2011 fand zum dritten Mal an der Universität Mannheim der Workshop „Längsschnittdatenanalyse mit dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel (SOEP)“ statt. Die Veranstaltung gehört zur Ausbildungsreihe SOEPCampus, die zur Verbesserung der Forschungsfähigkeiten und –möglichkeiten von sozial- und verhaltenswissenschaftlichen Studierenden, DiplomandInnen und DoktorandInnen beitragen möchte.



Photo: Marco Giesselmann

Weitere Arbeitsschritte werden diskutiert

Insgesamt nahmen knapp 40 Studierende und NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen vor allem aus den Fachrichtungen Soziologie und Wirtschaftswissenschaften teil. Organisiert wurde der Workshop von der Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS, Marita Jacob, Felix Weiss) an der Universität Mannheim in Zusammenarbeit mit der Längsschnitt-

SOEPCampus-Veranstaltungen ist einerseits, grundsätzlich in die Arbeit mit komplexen Längsschnittdaten einzuführen, andererseits Verfahren zur Analyse von Längsschnittdaten zu vermitteln. Zentraler Bestandteil sind jeweils praktische Übungen am PC, im Fall des Workshops in Mannheim unter Verwendung des Statistikprogrammpakets Stata.



Photo: Marco Giesselmann

Henning Lohmann gibt einen Überblick über neuere Entwicklungen im Erhebungsprogramm

Am ersten Tag des Workshops gaben Henning Lohmann (Universität Bielefeld) und Mathis Schröder (SOEP) eine allgemeine Einführung in das Arbeiten mit dem SOEP und einen Überblick über neuere Entwicklungen im Erhebungsprogramm. Die beiden anderen Tage waren der Anwendung von längsschnittlichen Datenanalyseverfahren gewidmet. Am zweiten Tag gab Henning Lohmann eine Einführung in die Panelregression. Der dritte Tag bestand aus einer Einführung in die Sequenzdatenanalyse durch Ulrich Kohler (WZB Berlin). Am Rande der Veranstaltung gab es Zeit, weitere Fragen der TeilnehmerInnen zum Arbeiten mit den SOEP-Daten sowie zu Analyseproblemen zu klären. Wie bereits im letzten Jahr übertraf die Nachfrage die Anzahl der verfügbaren Teilnahmeplätze bei weitem.

Data & Service

Order now: New SOEP 1984–2010 data (v27)



**Available to all users
in the EEA countries**

We are working on the new SOEP 1984–2010 data and plan to send them out in late summer. They will include the most recent wave 27 from the 2010 survey year (release v27) and a few improved (revised) variables (see below).

Please note: the SOEP data are currently being provided only the users in the **EEA countries**. Other international users will receive the data later from Cornell.

Again, in addition to the usual data format, the data are also being provided as a beta version in “long format.” SOEPlong refers to a compressed form of the SOEP data: rather than being provided as wave-specific individual files, all available years and cohorts are pooled (in long format). For details, see **SOEPnewsletter no. 90/2010**.

The data DVD will be sent to you by post. The SOEPHotline staff will be happy to take your order now, either by e-mail at soepmail@diw.de or by telephone at +49–30–89789–292. You can also complete and return the order form attached to this SOEPnewsletter or order online:

<http://www.diw.de/SOEPorder>

<http://www.diw.de/SOEPbestellung>

We continue to offer the SOEP data on DVD—together with the “SOEPlong” beta version—for the price of €30 (plus shipping). This price includes all of the SOEP data (100% version) with German and English labels in STATA, SAS, SPSS, and ASCII, the comprehensive documentation materials, as well as with pooled labels for the “SOEPlong” beta version. Research groups may order an additional SOEP DVD for the price of €10.

What's new in SOEP 1984–2010 data release (v 27)

The release of the 1984–2010 SOEP data (waves A–BA) will contain the usual year-specific data files (BAP, BAH, BAPGEN, BAHGEN,

BAPKAL, BAPBRUTTO, BAHBRUTTO, BAKIND, and ZPLUECKE) and the updated files with a longitudinal component (PFAD files, biography files, spell data, and weighting factors).

What's new is the two-letter wave prefix BA. The SOEP data set will now include, for the first time in the survey's 27 years, a two-letter rather than a single-letter wave prefix. Since we came to the end of the Latin alphabet with our last data release (Z), we decided to use the wave prefix BA for the cross-sectional data format.

In addition to the usual updates as noted above, there will also be the following changes or additions:

Elimination of fakes

In checking the data for the second wave of our newest sample I, 36 households were identified as fakes and will therefore not be included in the next data release (neither in the first wave of sample I nor in wave two).

New datasets

BIOAGE08

The BIOAGE08 dataset contains data from the new “parent questionnaire,” which is given to the mothers and fathers of 7–8 year old children. Thus, data are now available on the 2002/2003 birth cohorts that were first observed with the “newborn questionnaire.” The new “parent questionnaire” is given to both mothers and fathers and thus provides two sets of responses on many of the children in the sample.

LIFESPELL

The LIFESPELL dataset contains the data from the follow-up studies of SOEP dropouts (1992, 2001, 2006, and 2008), which were not previously included in the regular data release. The follow-up studies, which are based on information from public registers, serve to identify the current residence of former SOEP respondents, and thus provide the basis for analyses of life expectancy and decisions to emigrate in a large percentage of SOEP respondents, even long after they have dropped out of the study.

BIOEDU (beta version)

The BIOEDU dataset, which is being released this year in provisional form (beta release), contains details on educational transitions beginning with entrance into childcare up to tertiary education, in consistently structured form. Users who work with

these data are requested to report on their experiences (especially any problems they might have), so that a final version can be released next year.

New or revised variables:

Name changes to the variables in the different classifications for occupation and sector in \$P: the variables contained in the \$P datasets are collected in alternating years from all respondents and from those individuals who changed jobs. Simultaneously, we also generate and distribute all the information on all years and all individuals in the \$PGEN datasets. To more clearly distinguish the generated variables from the originally surveyed variables, and to establish a clear connection to the question number in the respective questionnaire, we have renamed the variables according to the following schema:

Old variable name	New variable name
\$is88	\$pXX_is88
\$is88n	\$pXX_is88n
\$klas	\$pXX_klas
\$klasn	\$pXX_klasn
\$nace	\$pXX_nace

Thus, `zis88`, for example, is now `zp29_is88`. The corresponding variables of all datasets from the individual questionnaire (\$P) have been renamed, but not the variables recommended for use from the generated datasets (\$PGEN, e.g., `is8809` from ZP).

We will provide detailed data on educational degrees and training qualifications prior to joining the panel: life course questionnaires have been distributed since 2001 to collect data on apprenticeship occupation, type of qualification (e.g., diploma), and the field of study for those who have obtained a degree. Up to now, data from these open-answer questions were not included in the data release. From now on, however, these data will be released in coded form. The classifications used for the data from the individual questionnaire have been slightly modified in the process of these revisions.

In the \$PEQUIV files, there will be an additional variable on support payments. With the 2010 questionnaire, the SOEP has split the item “support payments” into two separate items. The first one now collects information on “legal spousal support, child support, and child care support” while the second item asks for “support payment paid through a limited-term program for support payments.”

Detailed description on DVD

The detailed description of the changes is both distributed on DVD with the data release and provided on our website with the publication of the data. See http://www.diw.de/en/diw_02.c.238122.en/changes_in_the_dataset.html.

CNEF—revised variables on household income

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) recently published two new reports (“Doing Better for Families” and “Society at a Glance 2011: OECD Social Indicators,” both 2011) which deal, among other things, with income inequality and poverty. The German figures in these publications are based on revised SOEP data, and the poverty figures are revised as well. In the German media the new figures caused a stir due to the substantial change in child poverty. We would like to explain to our international data users that large institutions like the OECD tend to have a rather long time lag in considering any data revisions. Thus we remind all SOEP users—and in particular users of the CNEF files—that our data revision already occurred two years ago (SOEP 1984–2008 data release v25); these data were also included in the April 2010 release of the CNEF.

Since the SOEP v25 data release, any missing income information due to partial unit non-response (PUNR, non-responding individuals in households with at least one successful interview) has been imputed according to the longitudinal and cross-sectional imputation procedures described in “Dealing with Incomplete Household Panel Data in Inequality Research” (Frick, Joachim R., Markus M. Grabka, and Olaf Groh-Samberg, 2010) published in the series *SOEPpapers on Multidisciplinary Panel Data Research No. 290* (a slightly revised version of this paper will be published in *Sociological Methods and Research*). The revision was announced in *SOEPnewsletter 86/2009*. In case of partial non-response, six income components are imputed: individual labor income (I1110\$\$\$), social security pensions (I11108\$\$\$), unemployment benefits (IUNBY\$\$\$), maternity benefits (IMATY\$\$\$), student loans (ISTUY\$\$\$), and private transfers (IELSE\$\$\$). This information is also used to generate a more comprehensive measure of taxes and social contributions paid by private households. Thus, any analysis based on market income (I11101\$\$\$) and post-government income (I11102\$\$\$) is affected by this revision. The data still support the previous-

ly identified long-term trends in income inequality and poverty, although on a somewhat lower level.

To give an impression of the impact of the PUNR revision, we present information on median equivalized post-government income (equivalence scale is the modified OECD equivalence scale), poverty threshold (60% of median post-government income), and poverty risk rates for the total population and by age groups; all figures refer to the survey year 2005 (see table below). Obviously, due to the PUNR revision, median post-government income increased slightly, by less than 500 euros, while the overall poverty risk rate decreased by about 2.7 percentage points. The strongest decrease in relative income poverty took place among children below the age of 18 years. This can be ex-

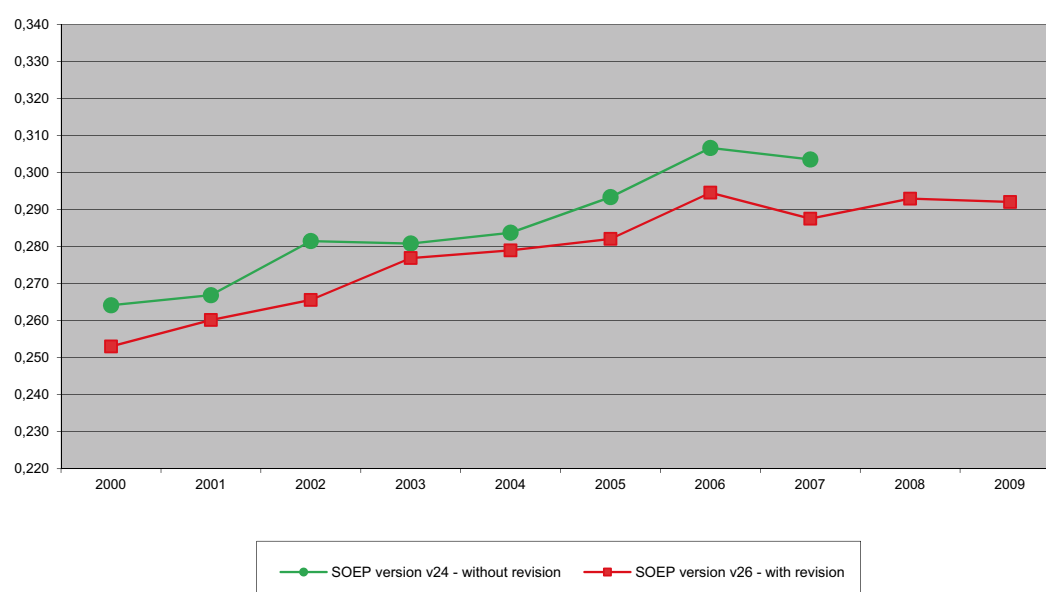
plained by the fact that PUNR, by definition, only occurs within multi-person households, and these are typically households with children. On the other hand, the poverty risk rate among the elderly increased by roughly two percentage points. These households are less frequently affected by PUNR and the risk of falling behind the raised poverty threshold is increased among the elderly.

An additional example is provided by the development of the Gini coefficient (see figure below). Income inequality without the PUNR revision is always somewhat higher than with the PUNR revision. The overall trend is very similar, however: the revised values are about one Gini point lower in the depicted years.

Table: The effect of PUNR revision on income levels and relative poverty; SOEP survey year 2005

	SOEP version v24 without PUNR revision	SOEP version v26 with PUNR revision
Post government income Median in Euro	17111	17581
Poverty threshold in Euro per month	856	879
Poverty risk rate (in %)	16.8	14.1
Poverty risk rate by age groups (in %)		
- below 18 years	25.6	18.3
- 18 to 26 years	28.9	24.8
- 26 to 41 years	16.9	13.0
- 41 to 51 years	13.5	11.3
- 51 to 66 years	11.6	11.3
- 66 years and older	9.8	11.7

Figure: The effect of PUNR revision on income inequality – Gini Coefficient



We would like to make it clear to all our users that the only variables affected by this revision were the generated variables for annual household income in the file \$PEQUIV. All other income data remained unaffected; e.g., the variables for monthly net household income (the “Income Screener” in the \$HGEN files). Furthermore, analyses of individual income components (e.g., of gross and net wages in the \$P files) were not affected.

We would also like to point out that the population census currently being carried out in Germany will result in a fundamental revision of the SOEP weighting factors. This will probably affect the data release in two or three years.

More detailed information on the data revision, our future information policy, and recent media reports can be found on our homepage at: http://www.diw.de/documents/dokumentenarchiv/17/diw_01.c.375534.de/soep_listserver_05-11_en.pdf

Providing the public with more comprehensive information on revisions of the data

In the future, when the imputation procedures or the weighting and estimation factors used in the SOEP study are revised substantially, we plan to provide fuller and more detailed information on the effects of these revisions, based on socio-economic key indicators, to SOEP data users and to the public at large. To illustrate the changes resulting from the revision, we will refer to differences between the respective versions of the SOEPmonitor.

How to become a SOEP Beta User

Prior to every SOEP data release, extensive work is done to process and prepare the data for publication. SOEP Beta Users receive a beta version of the new SOEP data in advance of the normal data release. Beta Users check the data and provide important feedback that we use in the final update of the dataset. By becoming a Beta User, you can help us to improve the SOEP data. The precondition is that you will use the Beta Version extensively and report back to us on your results—

and that you’re located within the EEA countries. If you’re interested in becoming a SOEP Beta User, please contact Jan Goebel (jgoebel@diw.de).

The 2011 SOEP User Survey

To continuously improve SOEP services, we will be carrying out an online survey this year. During the month of July, we will be sending out invitations by email to all the addresses we have in our database. Of course, your responses will only be stored in an anonymized form and will only be analyzed by us. This gives you as a user the opportunity to let us know how satisfied you are with our support and—even more importantly—where you see room for improvement. We hope you’ll take the time to participate! We will report the survey results in one of the upcoming SOEPnewsletters. To those SOEP users who are not registered with us personally but through the contract holder (e.g., professor; academic supervisor) and will therefore not be receiving an invitation by email: We invite you to participate as well! You can register for the survey as of mid-July at: <http://www.diw.de/SOEPusersurvey>.

Protect the SOEP data Attention DropBox users!

Synchronization services like “DropBox,” “MegaUpload,” and “RapidShare” are frequently used for exchanging data. But by using these services, you give up control over your data and also over the data that you exchange through them, since you don’t know who last saved the data, or where they were saved, or what right the data provider has to these data.

SOEP users should be aware that by using these services, they are providing their consent for services like DropBox to access their computers. This applies to all files in the folder “My DropBox” and all other files that are linked (even inadvertently) with DropBox. This clearly violates the data protection regulations on the use of the SOEP data that you have agreed to by signing your user agreement.

We would therefore like to remind you that the SOEP data may only be stored on protected computers. Please carry out all necessary measures to prevent any access to the SOEP data on your computer.

If you have questions please contact your IT department to ensure that the SOEP data on your computer are safe.

New: DOIs for the SOEP data

The Research Data Center of the SOEP (SOEP RDC) has signed a “service level agreement” with the GESIS registration agency for social science data (see the [Geslis Report](#) [in German]). This agreement defines the requirements and procedures for future registration of data from the SOEP RDC.



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York Sure, president of GESIS, and Jürgen Schupp, Head of SOEP, signed the service level agreement on June 8, 2011.

The data covered by the agreement include those regularly provided on the DVD, but also data from our pretests, which up to now have been difficult to cite. In the future, the data will be registered via da|ra, as a member of the non-profit organization DataCite, and will be assigned DOIs (Digital Object Identifiers) for persistent identification.

Digital identifiers provide a form of permanent identification for digital objects and thus guarantee that they can be found again on the Internet. They are a basic requirement for citing and being able to find research data on the Internet, even when the location (the URL) has changed. A series of meta-data are linked with each DOI (defined in the “[metadata schema](#)”) in order to guarantee improved description and recognition of the data.

The SOEP RDC, as a publication agent, will be assigned the prefix 5684 in each registered DOI. So the DOI for the current wave of the SOEP data will be: *doi:10.5684/soep.v26*. The idea here was to have a connection to SOEP contained in the DOI number: the 84 in the DOI refers to the year 1984, when the first wave of SOEP was conducted. It is important for SOEP users to know that this does

not change anything about our proposed mode of citation for the SOEP data (see [SOEPnewsletter 90](#) “What’s new in ‘v26’”, or: How to cite the SOEP data”). Rather, this provides you with the additional possibility to add a unique DOI to your citations after registration of our data, which will take place soon. We ask you to make regular use of this new possibility.

Because precise references to data sources are becoming increasingly important in the scientific research community, the SOEP group therefore recommends citing the SOEP data as follows:

English:

- Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), data for years 1984–2009, version 26, SOEP, 2010, doi:10.5684/soep.v26.

German:

- Sozio-oekonomisches Panel (SOEP), Daten für die Jahre 1984–2009, Version 26, SOEP, 2010, doi:10.5684/soep.v26.

Short Version:

- SOEP v26.

Please send us copies of your publications using SOEP data!

We would like to remind you to keep us updated on all your publications using SOEP data. To make it easier for you to keep us informed, please mark the appropriate box on the order form. If the paper is published on the Internet (downloadable at no cost), you can simply send us a hyperlink. We ask those whose papers are not available on the Internet to send us a hard copy or pdf document.

Your published research is a key component in all our efforts to secure the funding we need to continue this very important study. You also have another advantage to gain by reporting your publications to us: we list your papers in our SOEPlit database and in the SOEPnewsletter, thereby allowing you to reach a wider circle of colleagues worldwide. By publishing this information, we hope to contribute to scholarly exchange.

For further information, please contact Uta **Rahmann** (urahmann@diw.de).



News from Cornell

New SOEP and CNEF Data

In the next four weeks we will ship the 1984–2009 SOEP Public Use File and the 1970–2009 Cross-National Equivalent File disks. The new release adds data for all panels and it adds a brand new CNEF-panel study from Russia.

CNEF represented in National Science Foundation Infrastructure Report

In June 2010 Dean Lillard participated in a NSF initiated meeting to provide feedback on major NSF funded data collection projects. He was there to represent users of the PSID. As part of his feedback, he presented an overview of CNEF. His presentation is included in the final report. That report is available at http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/Infrastructure_Meeting_Report_04_21_2011_FINAL.pdf

SOEP/CNEF Data Users Workshop at Cornell University, September 8–10, 2011

This year the Data Users Workshop German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) will take place on September 8–10, 2011 at Cornell University. This workshop will introduce and familiarize researchers with the file structure and potential of the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF).

The SOEP includes longitudinal data from 1984–2009.

The CNEF includes data from:

Australia—Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey (HILDA-CNEF): 2001–2009

Canada—Survey of Labour Income Dynamics (SLID-CNEF): 1992–2008

Germany—Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP-CNEF): 1984–2009

Korea—Korea Labor Income Panel Study (KLIPS-CNEF): 1998–2008

Russia—Russia Longitudinal Monitoring Study-Higher School of Economics (RLMS-HSE-CNEF): 1995–2007

Switzerland—Swiss Household Panel (SHP-CNEF): 1999–2009

United Kingdom—British Household Panel Study (BHPS-CNEF): 1991–2008

USA—Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID-CNEF): 1970–2007

New and current users of SOEP will also benefit from sessions with highly trained researchers who will explain more subtle issues involved in analyses that use the SOEP sample of residents of the former East Germany.

Instructional Facilities

The Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell University will host the workshop. The workshop will be run by Gert G. **Wagner**, Markus M. **Grabka**, Jan **Goebel**, and Martin **Kroh** of the DIW Berlin (SOEP and SOEP-CNEF), Dean **Lillard** of Cornell University (PSID-CNEF), Ursina **Kuhn** of the Swiss Household Panel (SHP-CNEF), Roger **Wilkins** from the Household, Labour and Income Dynamics in Australia (HILDA-CNEF), Alex **Skew** from the University of Essex (BHPS-CNEF), and Andrew **Heisz** from Statistics Canada (SLID-CNEF). Dean Lillard will also present brief overviews of the RLMS-HSE-CNEF and KLIPS-CNEF data.

Curriculum

The workshop will consist of nine sessions covering the following topics:

- (1) Introduction to the SOEP file structure
- (2) Merging household- and person-specific files
- (3) Sample issues: clustered sampling, sample attrition, sample weights, and issues when comparing residents of east and west German states
- (4) Cross-sectional versus longitudinal research
- (5) Constructing calendar data from spell files
- (6) Web-based user support
- (7) Introduction to the CNEF file structure

- (8) Linking CNEF files to their parent survey data: PSID, BHPS, SOEP, HILDA, KLIPS, RLMS-HSE, and SHP
- (9) Procedures for accessing the SLID equivalent file

The workshop starts with a dinner reception on September 8. Workshop sessions will meet all day September 9 and until the early afternoon of September 10.

Costs

The workshop fee of \$200 covers the cost of all instructional materials, the reception dinner, continental breakfast and lunches on September 9 and 10. The fee also includes the cost of a copy of the Public Use Version of the SOEP and the CNEF data, subject to the approval of a written contract with the relevant country's data provider.

Hotel accommodations

Rooms are available at a reduced rate of \$99.95 per night (plus tax) at the Ramada Inn, Ithaca, and include shuttle service to and from campus. Address: 2310 N. Triphammer Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850, Phone: +1-607-257-3100.

Our reserved block of rooms is under the name "SOEP Workshop." **Reservations must be made prior to August 19, 2011.** You must make your own reservations directly with the Ramada Inn!

Application Dates

Applications for the workshop should be sent no later than August 1, 2011. Applications for scholarships should be sent no later than July 15, 2011. Applications will be considered in the order in which they arrive. The workshop will be limited to 20 people. The application is available at the website below.

Scholarships

Funds provided by Cornell University and the DIW allow us to offer partial scholarships on a competitive basis to offset transportation, hotels, and registration fees.

Scholarship Application

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must submit:

- (1) A letter stating why they are interested in coming to the workshop.
- (2) A brief description of the research they will

pursue with the SOEP and/or CNEF data.

- (3) A statement attesting that funds to cover the workshop costs are not available from their university or research institute.
- (4) Graduate students or research associates should include a supporting letter from their senior advisor with their application.

Contact

For an application or more information, visit: http://www.human.cornell.edu/pam/research/centers-programs/german-panel/soep_workshop_2011.cfm

Or contact:

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Email: GSOEP@cornell.edu or

CNEF@cornell.edu

Cornell Conference on Cross-National Research, September 8, 2011

A one-day Cornell Conference on Cross-National Research, sponsored by the Cornell Population Program, will take place September 8, 2011. This conference will showcase published and ongoing cross-national comparative research from a variety of social science disciplines. All of the studies use comparisons as part of their research design. Speakers will include:

Kenneth Couch (University of Connecticut): "Different Directions: Economic Mobility in the Western States of Germany and the U.S. from 1984-2006." Coauthored with Gulgun **Bayaz-Ozturk** (Hunter College) and Richard **Burkhauser** (Cornell).

Alexandra Skew (Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex): "Household Composition Across the New Europe: Where Do the New Member States Fit In?" Coauthored with Maria **Iacovou** (ISER and University of Essex).

Jennifer Fitzgerald (University of Colorado at Boulder): "Partisan Discord in the Family and

Political Engagement: A Comparative Behavioral Analysis.” Coauthored with Amber **Curtis** (University of Colorado at Boulder)

Richard **Lucas** (Michigan State University): “Who Adapts Most? Investigating the Factors that Predict Adaptation to Major Life Events.”

Amelie **Quesnel-Vallee** (McGill University): “Assessing the Impact of Social Policies on Social Inequalities in Health Using the Cross-National Equivalent File: A Longitudinal, Cross-National Analysis.” Coauthored with Emilie **Renahy** (McGill University).

Dean **Lillard** (Cornell University): “Is Emigration for the Bold or the Vigorous? New Evidence of Healthy Migration Using Smoking Outcomes in Origin Countries.” Coauthored with Rebekka **Christopoulou** (Cornell).

RSVP

While there is no charge to attend the conference, you must register because we will provide lunch (and therefore need an accurate attendance count).

To RSVP (by September 1, 2011 please) send an e-mail to CNEF@cornell.edu

Further information

For further information please contact

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or CNEF@cornell.edu

Conference information is also available on the Department of Policy Analysis and Management web site: http://www.human.cornell.edu/pam/research/centers-programs/german-panel/cnef_conf_2011.cfm

SOEP/CNEF ACCESS PROCEDURES

For all those who are interested in SOEP and CNEF data Cornell provides information you need about the current procedures to get access.

<http://www.human.cornell.edu/pam/research/centers-programs/german-panel/upload/SOEP-CNEF-access-procedures-2010.pdf>

We report the information here.



Receiving SOEP data from DIW Berlin

Researchers in European Union member countries can get the 100% Scientific Use Files of the SOEP directly from the DIW Berlin. Each researcher is required to sign a contract. In case of Ph. D., graduate, or other students the supervisor should be the contractor.

► STEP 1: Apply for a contract

At http://www.diw.de/en/diw_02.c.222843.en/forms.html you will find the application form. Please send it to: soepmail@diw.de. Your contract will be prepared and sent to you.

► STEP 2: Sign the contract and send it to SOEPHotline together with your order

First you will receive your contract in duplicate. Please sign and return one original together with the order form for the data. A few days later, you will receive a letter with the password and an invoice; the DVD will follow.

Correspondence may be mailed directly to: soepmail@diw.de



Receiving SOEP data from Cornell

Researchers can also obtain SOEP data from Cornell but the files sent from Cornell cover only 95% of the full sample. By German law, 5% of the sample must be randomly dropped for users outside of the EU. Every researcher must submit the name of a project for which he or she intends to use the SOEP data. Each researcher is approved to use the data and must sign a contract with the DIW. When the member receives the approved contract, the contract is then forwarded to Cornell to: CNEF@cornell.edu. In addition, every individual researcher who gets data through Cornell is required to pay a fee of \$125 the first time he or she re-

ceives (any) data from Cornell. The fee helps fund operations through periods where there is no federal funding for the project. This project operates on a shoestring budget and so even in situations where there are multiple researchers working in the same university or institution, each researcher is required to establish and account and pay the fee. Until now, only a "one-time" fee has been charged—the first time a researcher initially receives data from Cornell. So far, that arrangement has generated enough revenue to keep the operation running. The situation may change, but hopefully this procedure can continue.



CNEF data files (from Cornell)

The Cross-National Equivalent File is a project that is related to but also separate from the SOEP. The Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) consist of a subset of variables from the British Household Panel Study (BHPS), the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP),

the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia survey (HILDA), the Korea Labor and Income Panel Study (KLIPS), the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), the Russia Longitudinal Monitoring Study-HSE (RLMS-HSE), the Canadian Survey of Labour and In-

come Dynamics (SLID), and the Swiss Household Panel (SHP). The variable subset includes variables that various researchers have developed and recalibrated to be comparable.

To access the SOEP-CNEF, BHPS-CNEF, HILDA-CNEF, KLIPS-CNEF, RLMS-HSE-CNEF, or SHP-CNEF files you must apply for and be approved to use those data by the respective country's data manager. The PSID-CNEF file is public use. The SLID-CNEF file is not actually on the CD—only instructions for how to run programs using the SLID-CNEF file at Statistics Canada (we have a special arrangement). Researchers may get the original data from the data providers in each of these countries. For all data except SLID-CNEF, a researcher who requests the equivalized CNEF versions of the data gets them from Cornell.

To access CNEF versions of the data researchers must:

1. Apply to the data provider in each country for permission to access the data

2. In some cases such as Australia, the country requires the user to pay a separate fee.

3. Pay the \$125 USD fee to Cornell the first-time a researcher uses (any one) of the CNEF data sets.

There are two exceptions to the above:

- (1) PSID-CNEF data files are posted on the Cornell website and can be downloaded free of charge by anyone: <http://www.human.cornell.edu/pam/research/centers-programs/german-panel/cnef-data-files.cfm>
- (2) SLID data are only available by remote access—researchers submit a program to Statistics Canada—all they must do is register with the CNEF staff (CNEF@cornell.edu). To submit a program, send an e-mail to the SLID Client Services Unit at Statistics Canada (dynamics@statcan.ca).



SOEP-CNEF access procedures

To access the SOEP-CNEF files you need to apply to the DIW Berlin to use the data and sign a contract with them.

» STEP 1: Apply for a contract

Send an email to soepmail@diw.de to request a contract. In your application you will need to describe your project. If you are a graduate student, you must have a faculty member sign the contract. In signing the contract you (he/she) agree(s) to protect the confidentiality of the data.

» STEP 2: Send your contract and payment to Cornell

Email our project assistant at GSOEP@cornell.edu. We will email you an invoice for \$125 (USD). Once the contract is signed with the DIW, you should email a copy of it to GSOEP@cornell.edu, or fax a copy to +1-607-255-4071. Once we receive your contract and your payment, we will mail you the discs.

The whole process takes about a week to ten days. This application process, by the way, also gives you access to the full SOEP data which are currently included on the CD.

If your question is about	contact
Completing the DIW contract	soepmail@diw.de
The German SOEP data	soepmail@diw.de
Receiving a copy of the dataset	gsoep@cornell.edu



BHPS-CNEF access procedures

To get access to the BHPS-CNEF files, one needs to register with the UK Data Archive (UKDA). The Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex produces the data, but they are distributed by the UKDA.

To register, follow these steps:

» STEP 1: Apply for an Athens ID

Search for your institution at <http://auth.athensams.net/orglist.php>. If your institution is listed there, apply for an Athens ID from the Athens administrator at your institution.

If your institution is not listed there, complete and submit the UKDA Athens registration form at http://www.data-archive.ac.uk/aandp/access/online_form.asp. Print out and sign the summary page and fax or post it to the UKDA (contact details are provided on the page) or scan and email a copy to help@esds.ac.uk. UKDA will process form and an email will be sent to you with your Athens username and password and a link to registration.

» STEP 2: Register with UKDA

- (1) Click on the 'Login' link at the top of <http://www.esds.ac.uk> or <http://www.data-archive.ac.uk> and enter your Athens username and password.
- (2) Submit the registration form and agree to the End User License.
- (3) Once registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation email.

Once you have received the confirmation email, forward it to: cnef@cornell.edu. When we get your registration and your payment, we can send you the data.

If your question is about	contact
Obtaining your Athens ID	help@esds.ac.uk
The BHPS data	longitudinal@esds.ac.uk
Receiving a copy of the dataset	cnef@cornell.edu



HILDA-CNEF access procedures

To obtain the HILDA-CNEF dataset, you need to apply for permission from the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA). To initiate this process you need to complete a Deed of License and send it to FaCSIA. Please note that the HILDA requires the user to annually re-register for the data.

» STEP 1: Download a copy of the Deed of License

You need to complete a paper copy of the Deed of License HILDA-CNEF Dataset appropriate to the release for which you are applying. The Deed can be downloaded from the HILDA website at <http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda/>

» STEP 2: Complete the Deed

You must read the Deed. By signing it you are signing that you understand all provisions set out in the Deed and are willing to abide by them. Ensure that all parts highlighted in grey

are completed with the requested information. Note that completing the Deed will not automatically give you permission for access to the dataset. The Deed is not enforceable until signed by both parties, the first being you and the second being the HILDA authorizing officer from FaCSIA.

» STEP 3: Lodge the Deed

Send the completed Deed to:

HILDA Application
Research and Analysis Branch
Department of Families, Community
Services and Indigenous Affairs
Box 7788
Canberra Mail Centre, ACT 2610 AUSTRALIA

The HILDA Team at FaCSIA will then process your application. We will contact you if we have any questions or if your Deed is not completed properly.

» STEP 4: Notification about your application

The HILDA Team will email you to let you know whether or not permission has been granted. The HILDA Team will also inform the CNEF team at Cornell University. This will indicate to them that FaCSIA has granted you permission to have access to the dataset.

» STEP 5: Obtain the HILDA-CNEF Dataset

Once you have received confirmation from FaCSIA, you need to contact the CNEF team at Cornell University (cnef@cornell.edu) and provide a copy of your contract and your payment. The

password to access the dataset will be forwarded to you separately from the dataset itself.

The CNEF team will notify FaCSIA once a copy of the HILDA-CNEF dataset has been provided to you.

If your question is about	contact
Completing the Deed or the progress of your application	hilda@facsia.gov.au
The HILDA data	hilda-inquiries@unimelb.edu.au
Receiving a copy of the dataset	cnef@cornell.edu



SHP-CNEF access procedures

» STEP 1: Apply for a Contract.

Go to www.swisspanel.ch and download the contract. In the contract you will need to describe your project. If you are a graduate student, you must have a faculty member sign the contract. In signing the contract you (he/she) agree to protect the confidentiality of the data.

» STEP 2:

Mail or fax your signed contract to the SHP.
Fax number: +41 21 692 37 35.

Mail address:
Swiss Household Panel
FORS c/o University of Lausanne
Vidy
1015 Lausanne, Switzerland.

» STEP 3:

Register for the SHP-CNEF data at Cornell. Once you receive back the contract signed by the SHP, fax or email a copy to CNEF at Cornell University (+1-607-255-4071) or CNEF@cornell.edu. Cornell will email you an invoice for \$125 (US). Once payment is received, the disk set will be mailed to you.

If your question is about	Contact
The SHP data	swisspanel@fors.unil.ch
Completing the contract	swisspanel@fors.unil.ch
Receiving a copy of the dataset	cnef@cornell.edu



PSID-CNEF access procedures

If you only want to use the PSID-CNEF files you can download them for free from the Cornell web-site: <http://www.human.cornell.edu/pam/research/centers-programs/German-Panel/cnef-data-files.cfm>.

If you want the CD with the PSID-CNEF and all other CNEF files on them, send an e-mail message and check for \$125 (made payable to Cornell University) to cnef@cornell.edu. When we get the check, we will send the data.



SLID-CNEF access procedures

To get access to the SLID-CNEF files send e-mail to: CNEF@cornell.edu.

The SLID data are not available outside Statistics Canada. To analyze the data, one needs to submit a program which will be executed against the database. Results will be returned. Although SAS programs are preferred, SPSS and Stata programs will also be accepted. The file pathname is T\CNEF\SAS_FILES. To submit a program, send an e-mail to the SLID Client Services Unit at Statistics Canada (<slidremote@statcan.gc.ca> or <dynamics@statcan.ca>). This option is only available to researchers who have registered and are approved to use the CNEF files.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In the output, users may not include information which could be used to identify individual respondents. A SLID survey officer will scan all output before any output is returned to users. Researchers will be advised if their output is unacceptable for release. They will be required to change their program to comply with Statistics Canada policies.

If your question is about	contact
Submitting a program	slidremote@statcan.gc.ca dynamics@statcan.ca income@statcan.ca
Getting access to the dataset	cnef@cornell.edu



KLIPS-CNEF access procedures

» STEP 1:

Send an e-mail for a User Agreement to: klips@kli.re.kr

» STEP 2:

Mail the complete and signed User Agreement to:

KLIPS Team (Room 1017)
Korea Labor Institute, 35
Eunhaenggil
Yeongdeungpo-gu
Seoul, 150-740, Republic of Korea
Or fax to: +82 02 3775 0041

» STEP 3:

Once the User Agreement is verified and accepted by the KLIPS team, the Korea Labor

Institute will notify both the applicant and the CNEF Team at Cornell that permission has been granted. Once the applicant pays the US-\$125 one-time fee, Cornell will send the data.

The contact point for data-related questions and the User Agreement is: _

If your question is about	Contact
User agreement	klips@kli.re.kr
The KLIPS data:	klips@kli.re.kr
Receiving a copy of the dataset	cnef@cornell.edu



RLMS-HSE-CNEF access procedures

To access the RLMS-HSE-CNEF files you must:

» STEP 1:

Register your project with CNEF (Name, institution, work address, e-mail, FAX, and phone number)

» STEP 2:

Describe your project and how you will use the RLMS-HSE data

CNEF staff will review your project. If approved, we will add your name to the list of registered users and send data. If necessary we will ask for more information.

If you have other questions, please e-mail Tom Rushmer (cnef@cornell.edu).

Events & Activities

SOEP at ASA 2011 in Las Vegas, August 2011

The SOEP is part of the presentation “**Research in Germany—Challenges and Innovations of Longitudinal Data Resources for the Social Sciences**” at the Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Las Vegas in August 2011. SOEP, SHARE, PAIRFAM, and NEPS are the four major large-scale longitudinal studies in the German social sciences that provide a unique data infrastructure on important topics in modern societies, such as inequality, aging, living arrangements, and education.

These ambitious projects are forming a new basis for innovative, cross-national, and interdisciplinary research as they all make their comprehensive data available to the scientific community. At the ASA Congress 2011, they will jointly present their designs and data to the American professional audience and demonstrate their potential for further analyses and new cooperation opportunities with researchers in the United States (see the invitation to a reception on August 21, 2011, at: <http://www.research-in-germany.de/70092/2011-08-21-research-in-germany-reception-at-the-american-sociological-association-annual-meeting-2011,sourcePageId=34214.html>). Jürgen **Schupp** will give an overview of the potentials for research using the SOEP in comparative longitudinal analysis in Sociology.

Further SOEP staff members who be presenting in other sessions are Anne **Busch** and Elke **Holst** (for details, see page 22).

SOEP at ESRA 2011 in Lausanne

A SOEP exhibition stand at the Fourth Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) will inform visitors about the wide range of analyses that can be carried out with the SOEP. At this event, which will take place in Lausanne/Switzerland from July 18–22, 2011, a variety of papers based on SOEP data will be presented by SOEP staff members Anne **Busch**, Jan **Goebel**, Marco **Giesselmann**, Elke **Holst**, Martin **Kroh**, Elisabeth **Liebau**, Anika **Rasner**, Jürgen **Schupp**, and Gert **Wagner**. For detailed information see page 22.

SOEP presentations at the “Long Night of the Sciences” in Berlin

The SOEP group is not only active at scientific conferences; we also work hard to bring our work to the broader public. We had an opportunity to do so on the evening of May 28, 2011, at the twelfth annual “Long Night of the Sciences” in Berlin. It was the second time that the SOEP and DIW Berlin participated in this event, in which the capital city’s scientific institutions open their doors to the public for workshops, lectures, and activities. Once again, the “Long Night” proved to be a very successful one for the SOEP!

With the support of the SOEP team from TNS Infratest Sozialforschung in Munich, which carries out the SOEP fieldwork, we invited visitors to take part in a truly “hands-on” experience with the SOEP. More than 300 visitors visited the DIW and the SOEP. They filled out various questionnaires, either on paper or on the PC. They took the Implicit Association Test (IAT) and the grip strength test, and listened to lectures by members of the SOEP staff.

Visitors also found general information on the SOEP, including flyers, brochures, and posters, and had the opportunity to discuss their questions directly with members of the SOEP staff. Elisabeth **Liebau**, SOEP survey manager, and other members of the SOEP team answered questions on the survey, the production of scientific results, and issues ranging from data protection to the anonymization of survey responses. Jürgen **Schupp**, Head of SOEP, described the event as an outstanding success, since once again this year, a large number of visitors attended and gathered information on the SOEP study.

Two members of the SOEP staff gave lectures: Markus M. **Grabka** spoke about wealth inequality and the finding that civil servants are the wealthiest group of retired workers (“Vermögensungleichheit: Im Alter sind Beamte am reichsten”). Elke **Holst** talked about the issue of gender inequalities in the boardroom (“Frauen und Männer in Führungspositionen” **Wann kommt Frau Ackermann?**). Ingrid **Tucci** presented a poster to the visitors comparing the life courses of second-generation immigrants in Germany and France (“Erfolgreiche Verläufe von Migrantennachkommen – ein deutsch-französischer Vergleich”). Gert G. **Wagner**, now Chairman of the Executive Board of DIW Berlin, gave the final presentation of the evening on the use of indicators of happiness and life satisfaction in policy-making (“Die Glücksformel in der Politik—wie ein Indikator die Zufriedenheit der Bürger messen soll”).



Photos: Holger Piper, Michaela Engelmann, Christine Kurka, DIW Berlin

Pictures of the 'Long Night of the Sciences' in Berlin



Photo: Alfred Gutzler, DIW Berlin

Jan Marcus the Organizer of SOEP Brown Bag Seminars

SOEP "Brown Bag" seminar

The SOEP Brown Bag Seminar Series offers SOEP researchers an opportunity to present their ongoing research using SOEP data. The seminars take place approximately every two weeks at DIW Berlin. Proposals for special Brown Bag Seminars are welcome.

If you would like to participate, please contact Jan **Marcus** (jmarcus@diw.de). If you are interested in finding out more about past presentations, please contact the presenters directly.

Presentations in the last three months have included:

Solange **Koch** (Nationales Bildungspanel, Universität Bamberg): Zweistufige indirekte Stichprobenziehung von Kindergartenkindern im Nationalen Bildungspanel. April 6, 2011.

Bella **Struminskaya** (GESIS): Internet users and non-users: comparing SOEP-data and a probability-based online panel. April 20, 2011.

Laura **Fumagalli** (ISER Essex): All in the Family British Style: Does Family Smoking Cause British Youth to Smoke? April 27, 2011.

Martin **Schlotter** (ifo München): The effect of preschool attendance on secondary school track choice: Evidence from siblings. May 11, 2011.

Leen **Vandecasteele** (Manchester): The in-work poverty risk and its entry transitions: differences in risk patterns between Germany and Great Britain. May 18, 2011.

Annika **Nilsen** (Uni Basel): Innovative Work Practices, Working Conditions and Their Impact on Employee Well-being: Evidence from the German Socio-Economic Panel. May 26, 2011.

Alexander **Plum** (DIWecon): Low-paid Jobs—Stepping Stone or Dead End? June 15, 2011.

Elisabeth **Bügelmeyer** (DIW Berlin/SOEP): Spite and Cognitive Skills in Preschoolers. June 29, 2011.

People & Papers

Personnel news from the SOEP



Sandra **Gerstorf** will join the SOEP team in mid-July to work in scientific management and the coordination and oversight of committee activities, e.g. the scientific advisory board. She studied at the Universities of Rostock and Oldenburg and completed her doctoral degree in Psychology at the University of Rostock. She is experienced in scientific management from her work at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, where she coordinated the MaxnetAging and LIFE projects under Prof. Paul Baltes, and from her work as Project Director at the Child Study Center at Pennsylvania State University in the USA.



Marco **Giesselmann** joined the SOEP team in late May. He is involved in managing the SOEP biography and life history data. He is also our new contact person for the user-training program SOEP@campus. Marco has a degree in Sociology (University of Bielefeld) and has worked at the University of Cologne as a research assistant at the Chair for Empirical Social and Economic Research. His recent work focuses on labor market sociology; at the SOEP he will also do research on intergenerational mobility.



Birgit **Pollin** joined the SOEP team in April as a team assistant doing secretarial and administrative work.



David **Richter** will begin working in the SOEP team in July. He studied Psychology at the Free University Berlin and completed his doctoral degree at Jacobs University Bremen on the development of empathy in adulthood. During the last few years, he successfully coordinated the BiKS (Bildungsprozesse, Kompetenzentwicklung und Selektionsentscheidungen im Vor- und Grundschulalter) longitudinal study at the University of Bamberg. David will be in charge of creating a standardized SOEP documentation of

SOEP survey questions and scales including the SOEP pretests. He will also take over coordination of the SOEP Innovation Panel.



In August, Daniel **Schnitzlein** will begin a post-doc position at the SOEP, after completing his doctoral degree in Economics at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg at the Chair of Regina Riphahn. At SOEP, he will work on generating user-friendly variables and analyzing dimensions of intergenerational mobility and inequality.

Beginning in June, Bettina **Sonnenberg**, Ph. D. fellow at the SOEP, will spend six months at the Institute for Social Research (ISR), University of Michigan/USA. Working jointly with Professor Jacqui Smith, Bettina will investigate the relationship between labor market integration and social participation of older people in the United States using the Health and Retirement Study (HRS). Her stay is funded by the International Max Planck Research School "The Life Course: Evolutionary and Ontogenetic Dynamics (LIFE)" and the University of Michigan.

C. Katharina **Spieß** was appointed by the Executive Board of DIW Berlin as provisional head of the Focus Department of Educational Policy. The department will officially begin work on January 1, 2012.

Gert G. **Wagner** was re-elected Chairman of the German Data Forum on April 28, 2011, for a period of three years. Notburga Ott, Ruhr University Bochum, was appointed Deputy Chairperson.

On March 22, 2011, the German Association of Health Economics (dggö e.v.) awarded Nicolas R.



Ziebarth the Health Economics Research Prize for the best publication in the field of health economics in 2010.

SOEP staff activities

To give you an impression of our ongoing work, we list selected presentations by SOEP staff members at conferences.

Paper presentations in the next three months

American Sociological Association Annual Meetings—ASA 2011, August 20–23, 2011, Las Vegas, NV/USA:

Anne Busch: Occupational gender composition and workplace integration: What role do gendered work contents play? Organizations, Occupations, and Work roundtables.

Anne Busch and Elke Holst: Gender-Specific Occupational Segregation, Glass-Ceiling Effects, and Earnings in Managerial Positions: Results of a Fixed-Effects Model.

Boris Heizmann, Anne Busch, and Elke Holst: Migrant-specific Labour Market Segregation and the Earnings of Migrants and Natives in Germany. Organizations, Occupations, and Work roundtables.

Jürgen Schupp will give an overview of the potentials for comparative longitudinal analysis in Sociology.

Jens Ambrasat, Jürgen Schupp, and Gert G. Wagner: Change in Handgrip Strength and Overall Satisfaction with Life as Predictors of Mortality. *4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)*, July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Silke Anger and Michael Kvasnicka: Stop Smoking, Your Paycheck Will Thank You! Wage Effects from Smoking Cessation. 26th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, 65th Meeting of the Econometric Society 2011 (EEA-ESEM 2011), August 25–29, 2011, Oslo/Norway.

Anja Bruhn, Denis Huschka, and Gert G. Wagner: An 'Ossi' by Name? Given Names in Divided Germany and 20 Years After Reunification. *10th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA)*. September 7–10, 2011, Geneva/Switzerland.

Anne Busch: Preferences, Socialization, and Partnership; Determinants of the Occupational Gender Segregation in Germany. *10th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA)*. September 7–10, 2011, Geneva/Switzerland.

Anne Busch, Boris Heizmann, and Elke Holst: Migrant-specific labour market segregation and the earnings of immigrants and natives in Germany. *4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)*, Session "Analysis of Immigration in Europe II," July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Anne Busch and Elke Holst: Gender-Specific Occupational Segregation, Glass-Ceiling Effects, and Earnings in Managerial Positions: Results of a Fixed-Effects Model. *10th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA)*. September 7–10, 2011, Geneva/Switzerland.

Joachim R. Frick, Markus M. Grabka, and Jan Marcus: Editing und multiple Imputation der Vermögensinformation 2002 und 2007 im SOEP. *Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik*, September 7–10, 2011, Frankfurt/Main/Germany.

Marco Giesselmann: Labour market reform in Germany and the low-wage issue: who is affected by an increasing risk? *10th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA 2011)*, September 7–10, 2011, Geneva/Switzerland.

Marco Giesselmann: Differences in the pattern of in-work poverty between Germany and Great Britain. What role does union power play? (1) *10th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA 2011)*, September 7–10, 2011, Geneva/Switzerland. (2) *Understanding Society/BHPS Conference*, June 30–July 1, 2011, Colchester/UK.

Marco Giesselmann: The impact of unions on the patterns of in-work poverty. Evidences from a comparative hierarchical analysis of European countries. *A European workshop to introduce the EU Survey of Income and Living Conditions and the EU Labour Force Survey data*, August 4–5, 2011, Manchester/UK

Marco Giesselmann, Hans Jürgen Andress, and Henning Lohmann: Estimating Effects of Macro- and Micro Variables on Individual Characteristics in a Cross-Country Framework: RE- and FE- Techniques under Review. *4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA 2011)*, July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Jan Goebel: Imputation of missing disposable household income in the SOEP dataset. *4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA 2011)*, July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Markus M. Grabka, Joachim R. Frick, and Anika Rasner: Extending the Empirical Basis for Wealth

Inequality Research Using Statistical Matching of Administrative and Survey Data. **26th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, 65th Meeting of the Econometric Society 2011** (EEA-ESEM 2011), August 25–29, 2011, Oslo/Norway.

Elke **Holst**: Frauen in den Chefetagen – in „homöopathischen Dosen“. 6. HBS-Gleichstellungstagung: Frauen in die Chefsessel – Männer in die Familie? Geschlechterrollen im Wandel, September 29–30, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**, Andrea **Schäfer**, and Mechthild **Schrooten**: Remittances and Gender: Theoretical Considerations and Empirical Evidence. **26th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, 65th Meeting of the Econometric Society 2011** (EEA-ESEM 2011), August 25–29, 2011, Oslo/Norway.

Denis **Huschka** and Gert G. **Wagner**: Naming Behaviour and Social Change. **XXIV. International Congress of Onomastic Sciences** (ICOS-24), September 5–9, 2011, Barcelona/Spain.

Oliver **John**, Frieder R. **Lang**, Oliver **Lüdke**, Jürgen **Schupp**, and Gert G. **Wagner**: Short Assessment of the Big Five: Robust Across Survey Methods Except Telephone Interviewing. **4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association** (ESRA), July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Peter **Krause**: Impacts of opportunities, constraints, empowerment, and expectations on quality of life measures. HDCA conference 2011 "Innovation, Development & Human Capabilities", September 5–8, 2011, The Hague/ Netherlands.

Martin **Kroh** and Jürgen **Schupp**: Incentives and response rates: Experience from the SOEP-Innovation-Sample 2009. **4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association** (ESRA), July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Martin **Kroh**: Personality Traits and Interviewer Effects in Face-To-Face Surveys. **4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association** (ESRA), July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Martin **Kroh** and Harald **Schoen**: Mobilization by Opportunity? Direct Democracy and Political Engagement. 6th General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, August 25–27, 2011, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Martin **Kroh**. Personality, Politics, and Partnership. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 1–4, 2011, Seattle/USA.

Elisabeth **Liebau**: Onomastic Methods: an approach to avoid under-representation of immigrants in surveys. **4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association** (ESRA), July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Elisabeth **Liebau**: Sampling of ethnic Germans (Spät-Aussiedler): The quality of data drawn using onomastic methods based on telephone registry information. **4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association** (ESRA), July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Jan **Marcus**: The effect of job loss on health-related behaviour. Warsaw International Economic Meeting, July 1–3, 2011, Warsaw/Poland.

Jan **Marcus** and Daniel **Kemptner**: Spillover Effects of Maternal Education on Child's Health and Schooling Outcomes. (1) Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, 65th Meeting of the Econometric Society 2011 (EEA-ESEM 2011), August 25–29, 2011, Oslo/Norway. (2) **Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik**, September 7–10, 2011, Frankfurt/Germany.

Anika **Rasner** and Joachim R. **Frick**: Extending the Empirical Basis for Wealth Inequality Research Using Statistical Matching of Administrative and Survey Data. **4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association** (ESRA), July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Matthias **Schonlau** and Martin **Kroh**: Cross Sectional Weights in Household Panel Surveys: Approaches and Conditions for their Equivalence. **4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association** (ESRA), July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Arno **Simons**, Katja **Möhring**, and Peter **Krause**: SOEPlong – How to restructure complex longitudinal survey data. An Application for the German Socio-Economic Panel Study. 9. German Stata Users Group Meeting, July 1, 2011 in Bamberg/Germany.

Ingrid **Tucci**: La religiosité des immigrants et de leurs descendants en Allemagne: acteurs explicatifs et effets sur le processus d'intégration, IV. Congress of the Association Française de Sociologie (AFS), July 5–8, 2011, Grenoble/France.

Ingrid **Tucci**, Ariane **Jossin**, Carsten **Keller**, and Olaf **Groh-Samberg**: Processus de relégation ethno-culturelle en Allemagne et en France. IV. Congress of the Association Française de Sociologie (AFS), July 5–8, 2011, Grenoble/ France.

Michael **Weinhardt** and Frauke **Kreuter**: Survey Error and the Theory of Liking: Evidence based on a Household Panel's Interviewer Survey. [4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association \(ESRA\)](#), July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Paper presentations in the last three months

Silke **Anger**: The Intergenerational Transmission of Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills During Adolescence and Young Adulthood, 16th Annual Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), April 29–30, 2011, Vancouver/Canada.

Silke **Anger** and Anita **Kottwitz**: Is Doing the Chores Bad for Your Earnings? The Housework Wage Penalty for Full-Time Workers. Annual Meeting of the Scottish Economic Society (SES), April 4–6, 2011, Perth/UK.

Katrin **Arnold**, Isabella **Herzberg**, and Peter **Krause**: Beitrag zum SOEP-Pretest 2012 – Fragebogenentwicklung: Aufbau und Konzepte. GeNECA-Workshop/Workshop on "Intergenerational Justice and the Capability Approach". May 11–13, 2011, Munich/Germany.

Martin **Diewald** and Jürgen **Schupp**: Social background, relationship with parents, and the cultural and social capital of adolescents: Longitudinal evidence from Germany. [The 2011 Spring Meeting of the ISA RC28](#), April 13–16, 2011, Colchester/UK.

Simon **Fietze**, Elke **Holst**, and Verena **Tobsch**: Managers and their type of personality. (23rd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics ([SASE 2011](#)), Network G: Labor Markets, Education and Human Resources, June 23–25, 2011, Madrid/Spain.

Elke **Holst**: Diskontinuitäten im Lebensverlauf am Beispiel des Erwerbslebens – Co-Presentation to Gerhard Bosch. Workshop "Neue Wege – neue Chancen: Gleichstellung von Frauen und Männern im Lebensverlauf". Der Erste Gleichstellungsbericht der Bundesregierung in der Diskussion, May 19, 2011, Bonn/Germany.

Marco **Giesselmann**: The Impact of unions on the patterns of in-work poverty. Evidences from a comparative hierarchical analysis of European countries. The 2nd European User Conference for EU-LFS and EU-SILC, March 31–April 1, 2011, Mannheim/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka** and Ursina **Kuhn**: Income inequality in Switzerland and Germany in the 21st century. 6th International Conference of Panel Data Users in Switzerland, June 8–9, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Elke **Holst**: Frauen und Männer in Führungspositionen. Österreichisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung WiFo. June 29, 2011, Vienna/Austria.

Henning **Lohmann**: Private school attendance in a differentiated education system. The 2011 Spring Meeting of the ISA RC28, April 13–16, 2011, Colchester/UK.

Yvonne **Lott**: Division of labor and power—Does the division of housework and child care affect couples' power allocation? [The 2011 Spring Meeting of the ISA RC28](#), April 13–16, 2011, Colchester/UK.

Jan **Marcus** and Daniel **Kemptoner**: Intergenerational Spillover Effects of Maternal Education on Child's Health and Schooling Outcomes. (1) 16th Spring Meeting of Young Economists, April 14–16, 2011, Groningen/NL.(2) [Second International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education](#), June 20–21, 2011, Catanzaro/IT.

Bettina **Sonnenberg**: Trivial pursuit or checkmate? How changes in labor market integration affect peoples' social and cultural participation in Germany. [The 2011 Spring Meeting of the ISA RC28](#), April 13–16, 2011, Colchester/UK.

C. Katharina **Spieß**: The impact of family policies on fertility. Workshop on Policy Impact Evaluation: Methods and Results, April 29–30, 2011, Florence/Italy.

C. Katharina **Spieß** and Frauke **Peter**: The bigger the children, the bigger the worries? Are preschoolers and young adolescents affected differently by changes in family structure with regard to non-cognitive skills? Annual Congress of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE 2011), June 16–18, 2011, Hangzhou/China.

Leen **Vandecasteele** and Marco **Giesselmann**: The in-work poverty risk and its entry transitions: differences in risk patterns between Germany and Great Britain. [The 2011 Spring Meeting of the ISA RC28](#), April 13–16, 2011, Colchester/UK.

Michael **Weinhardt**: Social Status and Occupational Values of Teenagers: Evidence from Germany. [The 2011 Spring Meeting of the ISA RC28](#), April 13–16, 2011, Colchester/UK.

Nicolas R. **Ziebarth** and Martin **Karlsson**: The Effects of Expanding the Generosity of the Statutory Sickness Insurance System. 16th Annual Meetings of the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), April 29–30, 2011, Vancouver/Canada.

Nicolas R. **Ziebarth**: Assessing the Effectiveness of Health Care Cost Containment Measures. Conference on "Insurance. Inequality. Health: Economic modeling of how health insurance systems shape inequalities," June 3–5, 2011, University Darmstadt, Darmstadt/Germany.

Presentations at policy forums (April – September 2011)

Markus M. **Grabka**: Vermögensgerecht. Armut in unserer reichen Gesellschaft – Einkommen, Vermögen und Armut in Deutschland. Vortragsreihe "Gerecht. Gerechtigkeit als Gegenstand und Prinzip in Forschung und Politik," Heinrich Böll Stiftung Sachsen, April 27, 2011, Dresden/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**: Die aktuelle Einkommensverteilung in Deutschland. Veranstaltung "Armutsrisiko und Einkommensentwicklung," Landtagsfraktion der Bündnis90/Die Grünen in Bayern, May 2, 2011, Augsburg/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**: Aktuelle Entwicklung der Einkommens- und Vermögensverteilung in Deutschland. DIW Politik Lounge, June 7, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**: Die „grüne Vermögensabgabe“ vor dem Hintergrund der Vermögensungleichheit in Deutschland. Fachgespräch „Grüne Vermögensabgabe“, Bundestagsfraktion Bündnis90/Die Grünen, June 6, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**: Vermögensungleichheit: Im Alter sind Beamte am reichsten. Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften, May 28, 2011, DIW Berlin, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Wann kommt Frau Ackermann? Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften, May 28, 2011, DIW Berlin, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Weit(er) gekommen!? Frauen, Technik und Karrieren. Kommentatorin aus der Wissenschaft, Auftaktveranstaltung 10 Jahre Femtec. Hochschulkarrierezentrum für Frauen Berlin, TU Berlin, May 26, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Frauen und Männer in Aufsichtsräten großer Unternehmen. Anhörung des Rechtsausschusses des Deutschen Bundestages gemeinsam mit dem Ausschuss für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend zu den Gesetzentwürfen zur Frauenquote in Aufsichtsräten und Vorständen, May 11, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Mit Recht für Frauen – Neue Wege in Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft ohne Rücksicht auf Herkunft und Geschlecht. Podiumsveranstaltung "NRW Forum Recht," Justizministerium des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen, Deutscher Juristinnenbund Podium, May 9, 2011, Düsseldorf/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Frauen und Männer in Spitzengremien große Unternehmen in Deutschland. Parlamentarierinnen SPD Bundestagsfraktion, April 14, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Henning **Lohmann**: Assessing family policies in a comparative perspective. Expert Group Meeting "Assessing family policies: Confronting family poverty and social exclusion & Ensuring work family balance", United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), June 1–3, 2011, New York/USA.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Umfrageforschung. Entwicklungsgrundlage für Politik und Wirtschaft. 9. Wissenschaftliche Tagung vom Statistischen Bundesamt, ADM und ASI e.V., June 30–July 1, 2011, Wiesbaden/Germany.

C. Katharina **Spieß**: Wie viel Familie verträgt die moderne Gesellschaft? 5. Salonstreitgespräch des Roman Herzog Instituts, April 13, 2011, Munich/Germany.

C. Katharina **Spieß**: Die Bedeutung der Frühen Kindheit. Veranstaltung "PiK – Profis in Kitas", Podium, Robert Bosch Stiftung, June 11, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

C. Katharina **Spieß**: Wie viel Bildung passt in die Kita – Anforderungen an pädagogische Fachkräfte in der Frühbildung. Veranstaltung "Wie viel Bildung passt in die Kita", Stiftung "Haus der kleinen Forscher", Podium, June 20, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

C. Katharina **Spieß**: Wirkungsmessung als Garant für nachhaltige Familienpolitik. Fachgespräch, Symposium der Humboldt Universität zu Berlin und der Robert-Bosch-Stiftung "Dynamik des familialen Wandels und politischer Gestaltung in Deutschland", July 7, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Gert G. **Wagner**: Anti-Laudatio, 11. Verleihung der BigBrotherAwards, April 1, 2011, Bielefeld/Germany.

Gert G. **Wagner**: Podiumsdiskussion "Visionen" [für die statistische Infrastruktur], 150 Jahre Hessisches Statistisches Landesamt, April 5, 2011, Wiesbaden/Germany.

Gert G. **Wagner**: Podiumsdiskussion beim Symposium "Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Information? Möglichkeiten und Grenzen des Zensus 2011" der Deutschen Arbeitsgemeinschaft Statistik (DAGStat), April 8, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Gert G. **Wagner**: Welche Information kann ein Zensus liefern? Ein nüchterner Blick auf seine Möglichkeiten, Symposium "Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Information? Möglichkeiten und Grenzen des Zensus 2011" der Deutschen Arbeitsgemeinschaft Statistik (DAGStat), April 8, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Gert G. **Wagner**: Wie entscheiden Politiker: Erfahrungen aus der ökonomischen Beratung, 15. Berliner Kolloquium der Daimler und Benz Stiftung: Kopf oder Bauch: Wie der Mensch entscheidet, May 18, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Gert G. **Wagner**: Das Verhältnis von Theorie und Praxis in der umfragebasierten Politikberatung. 9. Wissenschaftliche Tagung vom Statistischen Bundesamt, ADM und ASI e.V., June 30 – July 1, 2011, Wiesbaden/Germany.

University teaching and short-term special courses

University teaching (SS 2011)

Jan **Goebel**, Markus M. **Grabka**, and Nicolas **Ziebarth**: Einführung in die VWL für NichtökonomInnen. Vorlesung. TU Berlin.

Martin **Kroh**: Kausalität und Regression. Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Martin **Kroh**: Concept-Building in Inequality Research. Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences organized by the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) and Social Science Center Berlin (WZB).

Christian **Schmitt**: Fertility Dynamics in Cross-National Comparison (undergraduate course, University of Rostock), Institute of Sociology and Demography.

Christian **Schmitt**: Changes in Living Arrangements and Demographic Analysis (graduate course), together with Heike Trappe, University of Rostock, Institute for Sociology and Demography.

Thomas **Siedler**: Statistik und Methoden der empirischen Wirtschaftsforschung (lecture), Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences at the University of Potsdam.

Thomas **Siedler**: Statistics and Econometrics (seminar), Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences at the University of Potsdam.

Thomas **Siedler**: Survival Analysis (seminar), Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences at the University of Potsdam.

Thomas **Siedler**: Intergenerational Mobility: Empirical Methods and Applications (seminar), Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences at the University of Potsdam.

C. Katharina **Spieß**: Feldspezifische Methoden und Anwendungsformen der Evaluation (seminar), Freie Universität Berlin.

Nicolas R. **Ziebarth**: Conducting research with the SOEP (Seminar), TU Darmstadt.

Short-term special courses

Silke **Anger** and Michael **Weinhardt**: Introduction to the SOEP—An Application to Psychology. Workshop at the University of Basel, June 27–28, Basel/Switzerland.

Marco **Giesselmann**: Verfahren zur Längsschnittdatenanalyse: ein Überblick. SOEPcampus@Universität Bielefeld, September 26–30, 2011, Bielefeld/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**: Einführung in das SOEP und Anwendung des SOEP. Universität Hamburg. Fakultät Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften, May 31, 2011, Hamburg/Germany.

Markus **Grabka**: Die Messung von "Armut" – definitorische und methodische Probleme. Seminar "Datengrundlagen der Wirtschaftspolitik". Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, June 10, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Martin **Kroh**: The Origins of Political Inequality: Economic and Political Life-Courses of Siblings. Forschungskolloquium Institut für Sozialwissenschaften an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, May 11, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Elisabeth **Liebau**: RDS: Potentiale und Grenzen eines netzwerkbasierten Stichprobenziehungsverfahrens. Forschungskolloquium Institut für Sozialwissenschaften an der Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, May 25, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

SOEP visitors

Past, current and upcoming guests (more than one month)

Jens Ambrasat	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany
Anna Fraesdorf	University of Bamberg/Germany
Philipp Lersch	University of Bremen/Germany
Wenzel Matiaske	Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg/Germany
Julia Schimeta	Hertie School of Governance/Germany
Pia Schober	University of Cambridge/UK
Dominique A. Shure	Oxford University/UK
Eileen Trzcinski	Wayne State University, Detroit/USA
Hannah Zigel	University of Edinburgh/UK

Short visits (in the past three months and near future)

Sascha O. Becker	University of Warwick/UK
Verena Bohn	University of Bielefeld/Germany
Lex Borghans	Maastricht University/Netherlands
Lynn Prince Cooke	University of Surrey/UK
Emilia de Bono	ISER, University of Essex/UK
John Ermisch	ISER, University of Essex/UK
Armin Falk	University of Bonn/Germany
Simon Fietze	Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg/Germany
Laura Fumagalli	University of Essex /ISER/UK
Man Yee Kan	University of Oxford/UK
Katja Möhring	University of Cologne/Germany
Annika Nilsen	University of Basel/ CH
Verena Tobsch	Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg/Germany
Regina Riphahn	University of Erlangen-Nuremberg/Germany
Michael Wurm	German Aerospace Center (DLR), Oberpfaffenhofen/Germany

Interns (in the past three months and near future)

Liv Bjerre	University of Copenhagen/Denmark
Michel Herzig	University of Konstanz/Germany
Benjamin Streim	Humboldt University Berlin/Germany

SOEP publications

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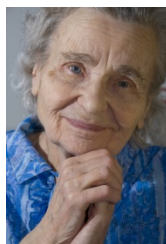
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Project Coordinators: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp,
PD Dr. Joachim R. Frick

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Project Coordinator: Prof. Axel Börsch-Supan, Ph.D.

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Project Coordinators: Prof. Dr. Bernhard Nauck,
Prof. Dr. Josef Brüderl, Prof. Dr. Johannes Huinink,
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Project Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Hans-Peter Blossfeld

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Sunday 25 th September, 6 pm SLLS EXEC					
Monday 26 th September					
		A	B	C	D
8:00	Registration				
9.30	Conference welcome				
9.40	Keynote	Hans-Peter Blossfeld (National Education Panel Study, University of Bamberg, Germany). <i>The National Educational Panel Study for Germany - Idea, Theoretical Frame, Design and Research Potential</i>			
10:40	Tea/Coffee				
11:10	Parallel session 1*	A1 Longitudinal patterns in health outcomes	Risk and Resilience among children growing up in adversity MCS Symposium Schoon	Youth Wellbeing: Early findings from Understanding Society	Ageing
12:40	Lunch				
14:00	Parallel session 2	A2 Childhood overweight	Employment and unemployment	C2 Transitions in Youth	Retirement
15.30	Tea/Coffee				
16:00	Parallel session 3	A3 Gene- ‘environment’ interactions – at the interface between biomedical and social science	Comparison of child cohort studies:EUCONNET	C3 Methods of longitudinal Research	Fertility
17:30	Poster session & drinks reception approx 20 posters				
19:30	Conference dinner				

Tuesday 27th September

		A	B	C	D
8:00	Registration				
9.00	Parallel session* 4	A4 Health Cohorts in Netherlands and Germany	B4 Child development and child cohorts	Changing youth transitions in times of economic transformation and uncertainty Panel	D4 Life course and contemporary influences on health and well-being at older ages
11:00	Tea/coffee				
11:30	Keynote	Marjo-Riitta Jarvelin (Imperial College, London) <i>Health from early life perspective – the roles of genes and environment</i>			
12:30	Lunch				
14:00	Parallel session*5	A5 Mental health in the lifecourse	Calibri	C5 Symposium :Expression of career goals and subsequent career transitions: The role of context and significant others	Divorce
15:30	Tea/coffee				
16:00	Parallel session*6	A6 Symposium - Netherlands study of depression and anxiety	Symposium on Household Composition and Child Wellbeing NORC	C6 Careers	Work-~family interface 1
17:30	Parallel session 7	Round Table Use Drugs and Alcohol	Round T able on child outcomes	C7 Round table on methods of collecting and storing data	Round tables WFI
19:00	[Drinks reception and] buffet dinner				
20.30	SLLS AGM				

Wednesday 28th September

		A	B	C	D
8:00	Registration				
9.00	Parallel session 8	A8 Mixed and interdisciplinary methods	Intergenerational transfers	Education	Neighbourhoods and Minorities
11:00	Tea/coffee				
11:30	Keynote	Jutta Heckhausen (Irvine, University of California, USA) <i>A Motivational Theory of Life-Span Development</i>			
12:30	Lunch				
14:00	Parallel session 9	A9 Mental health in Mid-life	Wellbeing	Policy, agency and learning	Work-family interface 2
15:30	Tea/coffee				
16:00	Plenary session: Important data sets in life course research* a) Gundi Knies (Essex): Understanding Society as a multidisciplinary tool to study life courses b) tbc (London): The British Cohort Studies: From the post-war 1946 cohort to the Millennium Cohort c) Kathleen Mullan Harris (Chapel Hill): Biomarkers and twin samples in the Add Health Study d) Jürgen Schupp (Berlin) Challenges and Innovations of Long-Running Household Panel Surveys - The German Socio Economic Panel Study				
18:00	Conference end				

* see also parallel workshop “datalab2011@uni-bielefeld” with introductions into the data sets of SOEP, pairfam, and PASS.

Tagungsprogramm

(Stand: Mai 2011)

Nutzerkonferenz zu den amtlichen Haushaltsstatistiken: Forschen mit dem Mikrozensus und der Einkommens- und Verbrauchsstichprobe

29. - 30. September 2011

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Programm

Donnerstag, 29. September 2011

10:00 – 10:50 Begrüßung und Einführung

Begrüßung

Christof Wolf (GESIS, Mannheim)

Die Einkommens- und Verbrauchsstichprobe im europäischen Kontext

Anette Stuckemeier (Destatis, Bonn)

Der Mikrozensus im nationalen und europäischen Kontext

Hermann Seewald (Destatis, Bonn)

10:50 – 12:50 Soziale Ungleichheit I

Ungleichheit und Armut im Alter. Vergleichende Analysen auf der Basis von Einkommen und Konsumausgaben

Heinz-Herbert Noll und Stefan Weick (GESIS, Mannheim)

Ein alternativer Vorschlag zur Messung von Armut: Der Zerlegungsansatz – Empirische Illustration auf Basis der Einkommens- und Verbrauchsstichprobe 2003

Jürgen Faik (Neue Frankfurter Sozialforschung, Frankfurt, und Universität Lüneburg)

Wechselwirkungen zwischen den Leistungen zur Grundsicherung für Arbeitssuchende (ALG II) und Wohngeld – Eine Bilanzierung auf Haushaltsebene

Tim Clamor und Nicole Horschel (Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft, Köln)

12:50 – 13:50 Mittagspause

13:50 – 15:50 Soziale Ungleichheit II

Do Time Poor Individuals Pay More?

Tim Rathjen (Universität Lüneburg)

Armuts- und Familiendynamik mit dem Mikrozensus-Panel 2006–2009

Torsten Lietzmann und Helmut Rudolph (Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung, Nürnberg)

Auswirkungen sozialer Ungleichheit auf das Gesundheitsverhalten. Auswertungen auf Basis des Mikrozensus 2005

Sophie Meyer (Universität Wuppertal)

15:50 – 16:20 Kaffeepause

16:20 – 18:20 Migration und Integration, Soziale Lage

Fortschreitende Integration oder dauerhafter Ausschluss? Eine Mikrozensusanalyse des Wandels der Arbeitsmarktchancen von Migranten zwischen 1976 und 2005

Andreas Herwig und Dirk Konietzka (Universität Braunschweig)

Aufstieg aus dem Migrationsmilieu in hochqualifizierte Berufe

August Gächter und Stefanie Smoliner (Zentrum für Soziale Innovation, Wien)

Wie leben und arbeiten Hamburgs Eltern? Auftrag und Chance für Hamburger Unternehmen

Christina Boll und Nora Reich (Hamburgisches WeltWirtschaftsInstitut)

19:00 Gemeinsames Abendessen

Freitag, 30. September 2011

09:00 – 11:00 **Arbeitsmarkt**

Identifizierung von Existenzgründungen und deren Erfolg auf Basis des Mikrozensus-Panel

Marc Langhauser und René Leicht (Universität Mannheim)

Verbleibsanalysen mit Querschnittsdaten? Die Veränderung der Alterserwerbsbeteiligung in Deutschland im Spiegel des Mikrozensus 1991 bis 2007

Martin Brüssig (Universität Duisburg-Essen)

Maternal employment transitions across Bundesländer: a latent curve model approach

Pierre Walthery (University of Manchester)

11:00 – 11:20 **Kaffeepause**

11:20 – 12:40 **Datenqualität und Methoden**

Rekonstruktion bildungsspezifischer Fertilitätsraten mit Daten des Mikrozensus 1991 – 2003: Ein Schätzkonzept

Marc Hannappel und Damian Macura (Universität Koblenz)

Zur Datenqualität der Angaben zum Schulbesuch im Mikrozensus 2008

Bernhard Schimpl-Neimanns (GESIS, Mannheim)

12:40 – 13:40 **Mittagspause**

13:40 – 15:00 **Bildung und Arbeitsmarkt**

Relative Humankapitalausstattung und Erwerbsbeteiligung. Ergebnisse auf Basis der Mikrozensus 1976 bis 2005

Peter Kriwy (Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg)

Systematisierung der Lehrerforschung und Verbesserung ihrer Datenbasis.

Möglichkeiten des Mikrozensus zur Analyse der sozialen Situation der pädagogischen Berufe unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Lehrerschaft

Radoslaw Huth (Deutsches Institut für Internationale Pädagogische Forschung, Frankfurt)

15:00 – 15:30 **Abschlussdiskussion**