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Dear colleagues:

Next year's International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2012) will mark the tenth anniversary of this event. It will be held in Berlin on June 28–30, 2012. Please note that we had to change the date to avoid it coinciding with the RC33 and ISSMR conferences in Sidney. We welcome your applications to our [Call for Papers](#). For detailed information, see page 9.

The new SOEP 1984–2010 data (release v27) will be delivered during October to all those who have placed their order and live in an EEA country. If you have not ordered yet, please do so now. More information about “What’s New” is provided on pages 4 and 5.

All other international users will get the data later via Cornell. Please note that our partners at Cornell changed their e-mail address, which is now: soep@cornell.edu. Cornell updated the SOEP and CNEF files in July 2011 (with SOEP data up until 2009). If interested in receiving these, please send an e-mail to CNEF@cornell.edu.

All interested parties can order a free a beta version of our new public use file, designed for teaching how to analyze SOEP (and other panel) data. See page 6.

More good news for all SOEP users: from 2012 onwards, it will be possible to include proposals and specific questions about current discussions in the scientific community, thanks to the new SOEP Innovation Sample (IS). This will also allow the entire international research community to apply innovative survey instruments. The SOEP Survey Committee will meet on October 15, 2011, to finalize details of regulations for accepting questions for the IS. We will report on this in the next SOEPnewsletter (see also page 5).

Good data documentation and a systematic metadata information system are essential prerequisites for making the most of the SOEP's potential. Jan Goebel comments on the current status and important further developments that you will be able to profit from in the future. See his comment on page 2.

Job advertisement: We are looking to recruit another qualified staff member for our data processing team from November 1, 2011, to work on the data infrastructure in the fields of economics and social sciences. See the [job advertisement](#) for more details.

Finally, we invite you to participate in our annual introductory course on analyzing the SOEP data (in German). It will take place on February 27 and 28, 2012. Registration starts on January 9, 2012. For detailed information, see page 3.

With best regards,

Elke Holst | Editor

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Metadata and the SOEP

Right from the start of the SOEP in the year 1984, within the Special Research Area 3 (*Sonderforschungsbereich 3*), particular emphasis has been placed on documenting the data collected and promptly relaying this to the scientific community. Comprehensive data documentation has always been at the heart of the research-based infrastructure SOEP. We are currently getting up a new paper series (SOEP Survey Papers) to publish questionnaires and fieldwork reports in a way that allows them to be properly cited by our users. After 27 years of the survey and with initial plans underway for the new focal point of the 30th wave of the SOEP, the ever more complex structure of the survey is apparent—as is its dramatically increased analysis potential. This can only be developed successfully for users if accompanied by thorough documentation and a comprehensive metadata information system.

SOEPinfo

If a classic codebook must still be used for a cross-sectional survey (or the first waves of the SOEP) to provide an overview to users, this would probably overwhelm every SOEP data user, given the complexity of the SOEP. Consequently, other tools have been developed, such as the Item Correspondence List, a table introduced at the end of the 80s. Information about the name of variables, that change over time, is displayed in the relevant line of this list. This table, initially only available as an Excel file, was the foundation for the development of the program SOEPinfo which—starting as a simple, so called “DOS” program—functioned on many generations of computers. A web-based version followed in the 90s, and SOEPinfo currently provides SOEP users with frequency distributions on all variables (in German or English) and allows them to search variables using labels and topic lists. The provision of a syntax generator for the standard statistics programs and the direct link to the question text in the questionnaire, has also proven, to be particularly useful. These features have been especially helpful to new user generations when they started working with the data. In addition—but separate from SOEPinfo—there is an introductory overview in the so called Desktop Companion and detailed documentation on generated variables, special survey instruments, as well as methodological issues. We are, of course, very pleased that so many academics make use of our offer.

Further developments in SOEP data documentation

In addition to continuously updating existing documentation systems, we have recently launched two projects. The first is an online documentation of our new data format SOEPlong, which enjoys growing popularity among users. This new tool will become available during this year. The second tool is an update of the already classic SOEPinfo in the form of a fundamentally new structure. In recent years, there are new DDI-based open source solutions for documenting data which we plan to build upon at least to some extent—such as the National Data Archive of the [International Household Survey Network](#) or [CentERdata's Questasy](#).

Further developments in the [Data Documentation Initiative](#) (DDI) are very promising, since they finally made a breakthrough in developing standards to meet the needs of longitudinal studies. Parallel to the development of SOEP documentation, the data documentation standard DDI* also changed from being a standardized description of a code book to a metadata specification which can not only describe the entire lifecycle of a survey but also seems flexible enough to increasingly describe even a complex dataset such as the SOEP. In particular, the opportunities here to better link the previously separate areas of the documentation (SOEPinfo and more detailed descriptions in classic text documents) will contribute to considerably improving the user-friendliness of the SOEP.

In the cooperation between SOEP and the survey institute TNS Infratest, too, recent technological innovations in the development and archiving of survey instruments have led to opportunities to better document the “production cycle” of the SOEP. The aim is to fully document the development of the survey instruments, by integrating these processes even more at the fieldwork institute TNS Infratest.

The entire SOEP group is working intensively on further developing our documentation system SOEPinfo. We will keep you posted through the SOEPnewsletter,

Jan Goebel

Acting Head of the Division Data Operation and Research Data Center at the Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)

* There are currently two branches of the XML-based standard: the simplified branch DDI Codebook and the more complex and more flexible branch DDI Lifecycle.



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German Section

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SOEPCampus@DIW Berlin 27. – 28. Februar 2012

Vorankündigung für den Einführungs-Workshop zur Nutzung von SOEP-Daten am DIW Berlin

Am 27. und 28. Februar 2012 veranstalten wir in Zusammenarbeit mit der TU Berlin wieder einen deutschsprachigen Einführungskurs zur Analyse der SOEP-Daten. Neben einleitenden Plenarveranstaltungen mit Vorträgen zu „Inhalt, Struktur und Nutzungsmöglichkeiten der SOEP-Daten“ und „Hochrechnung und Gewichtung“ sowie einer Online-Demonstration der vielfältigen Möglichkeiten von www-SOEPinfo liegt der Schwerpunkt des Workshops in Hands-on-Sessions. In deren Verlauf wird der Umgang mit den SOEP-Daten auf Basis verschiedener Softwarepakete am PC in kleinen Arbeitsgruppen geübt. Zudem wird auch das umfangreiche Dokumentationsmaterial und die SOEP-Support-Software (SOEPLIT, SOEPINFO, Desktop Companion, BIOSCOPE, NEWSPELL) vorgestellt.

Anmeldung

Die Anmeldung für den Workshop ist ab dem 9. Januar 2012 auf der Website des SOEP möglich. Die Erfahrung der letzten Jahre zeigt, dass die maximale Zahl der TeilnehmerInnen von rund 30 Personen schnell erreicht ist. Wir empfehlen daher eine rasche Anmeldung. Die Teilnahme am Workshop ist kostenfrei; allerdings wird eine geringe Verpflegungspauschale (ca. 20 Euro) erhoben und die Reisekosten müssen selbst übernommen werden.

Vorausgesetzte Kenntnisse

Eine absolute Voraussetzung sind Kenntnisse einer Analyse-Software: Der Workshop gibt eine Einführung in die Analyse der SOEP-Daten, aber nicht in Software-Pakete wie Stata, SPSS oder SAS. Teilen Sie uns mit der Anmeldung bitte mit, welches Software-Paket Sie vorrangig nutzen. Weiterhin bitten wir um stichwortartige Angaben zur inhaltlichen Fragestellung, die Sie



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Bild vom Workshop zur Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten am DIW Berlin, 2011

mit den SOEP-Daten bearbeiten wollen sowie zum geplanten Untersuchungsdesign.

Eine weitere unverzichtbare Voraussetzung für eine erfolgreiche Teilnahme am Workshop ist das intensive Durcharbeiten des „Desktop Companion“ von John P. **Haiken-DeNew** und Joachim R. **Frick**, das Sie auf unserer Homepage unter der folgenden URL finden können.

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

Sollten Sie weitere Fragen zum Workshop haben, wenden Sie sich bitte an das SOEP Office (SOEPCampus@diw.de).

Ausbildung im DIW Berlin/ SOEP

Das DIW Berlin weitet künftig seine Ausbildungstätigkeit in den Servicebereichen mit der Schaffung von **zwei neuen Ausbildungsplätzen** für die Berufsrichtung „Fachangestellte/r für Markt- und Sozialforschung“ (FAMS) aus.

Die Ausbildung findet in der Infrastruktureinrichtung SOEP statt. Mehr Informationen über diesen vergleichsweise neuen Berufszweig können Sie unter folgendem Link finden:

<http://berufenet.arbeitsagentur.de/berufe/start?dest=profession&prof-id=35268>

Für inhaltliche und organisatorische Fragen zum Ausbildungsgang am DIW Berlin wenden Sie sich bitte an:

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Data & Service

Order Now: New SOEP 1984–2010 Data (v27)



Available to all users
in the EEA countries

You can now order the new SOEP 1984–2010 data. They will include the most recent wave 27 from the survey year 2010 (release v27) and a few improved (revised) variables as well as an updated beta version of SOEPlong, the compressed form of SOEP data.

Please note: The SOEP data are currently only available to users in the [EEA countries](#). Other international users will receive the data later from Cornell.

The data DVD will be sent to you by post. The SOEP hotline 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 still offer the SOEP data on DVD—together with the “SOEPlong” beta version—for only €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 €10.

What's New in SOEP 1984– 2010 Data Release (v27)

New two-letter prefix (BA)

This SOEP data release (v27) will 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 the letter Z in our last data release, we decided to use the wave prefix BA for the cross-sectional data format.

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). The respondents of Sample I (Incentives Sample) answered the biographical background questionnaire for the very first time in 2010. Since minor changes have been made to many of the older datasets as well, we strongly recommend reinstalling all of the datasets from the new DVD.

Updated beta version in “long format”

The SOEP data are now also available in “long format” as a beta version in addition to the usual data 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 (long format). The data are available on the second DVD. For details, see [SOEPnewsletter No. 90/2010](#).

Elimination of fakes

When the data for the second wave of our newest sample I were checked, 36 households were identified as faked interviews and will therefore no longer be included in this data release.

The following additions and modifications have also been made:

New and renamed datasets

BIOAGE08[A|B]

The BIOAGE08 dataset contains data from the new “parent questionnaire” which is given to the mothers and fathers of seven- to eight-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. Therefore, the file was split into two on the basis of the parent's gender and the household type the respondent is living in. BIOAGE08A includes only mothers and some fathers, where there was no information from the mothers available. BIOAGE08B includes fathers only.

LIFESPELL

The LIFESPELL dataset contains 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, based on information from public registers, serve to identify the current residence of former SOEP respondents, and thus allow studies of life expectancy and decisions to emigrate for 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. Detailed documentation is available on the DVD. **Because of its provisional form, this dataset is not part of the normal distribution and you will find the data on the DVD in an extra archive (link available in the NEWS file on the DVD).**

New or revised variables

3.1 \$P dataset

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 alternate years from all respondents and from those individuals who changed occupations. 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 system:

Old variable name in \$P	New variable name \$P
\$IS88	\$pXX_IS88
\$IS88N	\$pXX_IS88N
\$KLAS	\$pXX_KLAS
\$KLASN	\$pXX_KLASN
\$BACE	\$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).

3.2 \$PEQUIV dataset

In the \$PEQUIV-files, there will be a new additional variable on support payments. With the 2010 questionnaire, the SOEP has split the item “sup-

port payments” into two separate items. The first one now collects information on “alimony from legal spousal support, child support, and child care support” (ALIM\$\$), while the second item asks about “advance child maintenance payments” (IACHM\$\$).

3.3 PFLEGE dataset

The PFLEGE file now includes two new additional variables. “FURTHER” gives the number of further persons requiring help in the household. This question has been asked since 2009. “CARE-COST” represents the regular monthly costs for care that a household normally spends. This question has been asked since 2010.

3.4 \$HBRUTTO dataset

The coding of the variables identifying the federal state (*\$BULA*, *Bundesland*) in which a household was included, is now consistent with the coding of the official statistics.

3.5 Dataset \$PGEN

We are now providing 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. A more detailed description is available within the PGEN documentation on the DVD and on our website, the new variables are:

FIELD\$\$	Field of tertiary education
DEGREE\$\$	Type of tertiary degree
TRAINA\$\$	Apprenticeship—two-digit occupation KldB92
TRAINB\$\$	Vocational school—two-digit occupation KldB92
TRAINC\$\$	Higher vocational school—two-digit occupation KldB92
TRAIND\$\$	Civil servant training—two-digit occupation KldB92
FDT_F\$\$	Data source FIELD, DEGREE, TRAIN

Minor bug fixes

In the BIOAGE17 file from data release v26, variables classifying the preferred job reported in the youth questionnaire (`byklas`, `bymps`, `byis88`,

byegp, byisei, bysiops) are deficiently coded and contain too many missing values. With the new data release v27, this bug has been fixed.

Some households in Berlin (only in 2006) were wrongly classified according to the variable of settlement pattern (\$GTYP) in the dataset GGKBOU. This bug has also been fixed.

SOEP Innovation Sample

Your participation in SOEP IS will soon be possible

Participation of the scientific community in the Innovation Sample (SOEP IS) is planned to start in 2012 (see also [SOEPnewsletter 89/2010](#)). In the fall of 2011, the SOEP IS will be launched as a pilot study with a clearly reduced survey program—compared to the main SOEP—with around 1,000 households. As of next year, we will be able to include your proposals for specific questions about the new topics. Furthermore, the new sample will also allow testing of innovative survey instruments. Since key indicators are also surveyed in the SOEP IS, it will also be possible to make extrapolations or comparisons and create statistical links with the main SOEP study. The SOEP Survey Committee will meet on October 15, 2011 to finalize details of the regulations for accepting questions for the IS. We will keep you posted about this via the SOEP listserver and on our website. Also, the next SOEPnewsletter will include more details about the regulations for participating in the SOEP IS.

SOEP Tutorial Dataset for Use in Teaching

The SOEP is now making a simple tutorial dataset available for public use in panel format, tailored to analytical/didactic applications in university teaching. This dataset is based on original SOEP data but presents these in a completely randomized and anonymized form—which allows the tutorial dataset to be used independently of data distribution contracts and user agreements. The tutorial dataset is derived from a total of 26 original variables and 12,922 measurements, covering five dates, and is in long format.

An algorithm was used for the randomization of the variables, retaining the longitudinal information from the original data as far as possible. The tutorial dataset is, therefore, suitable for compiling panel-specific univariate statistics (intraindividual and interindividual correlation patterns, transition rates)

to be used in educational activities relating to descriptive methods. The relevant software commands in modern statistics programs, such as STATA's xt family, produce realistic results here. In the context of multivariate analyses, the dataset is designed for training in (panel) regression techniques. Here, too, the properties of panel data and the effect of various methods of analysis (e.g., fixed effects, random effects) can be realistically reproduced using relevant software commands. Despite the limitations of the tutorial data, they can also be used to illustrate interaction and mediation techniques. More detailed sample analyses using the dataset are included in the textbook *Regressionsmodelle für Paneldaten* (Regression Models for Panel Data) by Marco Giesselmann and Michael Windzio, to be published next year by VS-Verlag.

Under no circumstances should the dataset be used for real analyses, however, since it only shows the actual correlations in the SOEP approximately due to the randomization procedure. Also techniques for data processing can only be illustrated to a limited extent because of the very restricted extract from the original data. In these cases, it is still essential to use the SOEP teaching sample. The tutorial dataset will be sent to you upon request. If you would like to receive it, please contact Marco [Giesselmann \(mgieselmann@diw.de\)](mailto:mgieselmann@diw.de).



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Participants of the SOEP/CNEF Data User Workshop 2011



News from Cornell

Update of SOEP and CNEF files

Cornell updated the SOEP and CNEF files in July 2011. These data are now available. If interested in receiving them, please send an e-mail to CNEF@cornell.edu.

New E-Mail Address

Please note that our partners at Cornell changed their e-mail address, which is now: soep@cornell.edu.

September 8-10th, 2011 8th Biennial SOEP/CNEF Data Users Workshop

The Department of Policy Analysis and Management and the DIW Berlin sponsored the 8th Biennial SOEP/CNEF Data Users Workshop at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. More than 31 scholars from around the world, as far as Egypt and Russia, participated to learn about the structure and content of the SOEP and CNEF files. Martin **Kroh**, Jan **Goebel**, Markus M. **Grabka**, and Gert G. **Wagner** of the DIW Berlin led SOEP sessions. To introduce participants to the CNEF files, representatives from several CNEF partners presented overviews of their surveys' data. Dean **Lillard** (Cornell Universi-

ty and DIW Berlin) gave an overview of CNEF; Alexandra **Skew** (ISER/University of Essex) described the BHPS and Understanding Society; Roger **Wilkins** (Melbourne Institute/Melbourne University) presented the HILDA data; Andrew **Heisz** (Statistics Canada) described the SLID data, Zlata **Dorofeeva** (Demoscope) presented an overview of the newest addition to CNEF data from the Russia Longitudinal Monitoring Study; and Ursina **Kuhn** (FORS/University of Lausanne) presented an overview of the SHP. The session ended with a spontaneous and very lively panel discussion during which audience members asked questions about what data are available in each survey.

September 8, 2011 1st Conference on Compara- tive Cross-National Research

In conjunction with the SOEP/CNEF Data Users Workshop, the new Cornell Population Center sponsored the first "Conference on Comparative Cross-National Research." More than 30 researchers attended. Most were from Cornell but many of the workshop participants also came early to attend. The conference featured six presentations of published and ongoing research that uses a cross-national design to describe patterns of behavior or compare outcomes in different countries. Papers treated

topics from political science to public health. Titles and authors included:

“Different Directions: Economic Mobility in the Western States of Germany and the U.S. from 1984–2006,” by Gulgun **Bayaz-Ozturk** (Hunter College), Kenneth **Couch** (University of Connecticut) and Richard **Burkhauser** (Cornell University). Dean **Lillard** (Cornell University and DIW Berlin) discussed the paper.

“Household Composition Across the New Europe: Where Do the New Member States Fit In?” by Maria **Iacovou** and Alexandra **Skew** (both of the Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex). Gert G. **Wagner** (DIW Berlin) discussed the paper.

“Partisan Discord in the Family and Political Engagement: A Comparative Behavioral Analysis,” by Amber **Curtis** and Jennifer **Fitzgerald** (both University of Colorado at Boulder). Ursina **Kuhn** (Lausanne University) discussed the paper.

“Does Social Support Buffer the Effects of Widowhood? A Prospective Study of Adaptation to the Loss of a Spouse,” by Ivana **Anusic** and Richard **Lucas** (Michigan State University). Elaine **Wethington** (Cornell University) discussed the paper.

“The Role of Defamilialization in the Relationship between Partnership and Self-rated Health: A Cross-national Comparison of Canada and the United States,” by Sean **Clouston** and Amélie **Quesnel-Vallée** (McGill University). Elizabeth **Peters** (Urban Institute) discussed the paper.

“Is Emigration for the Bold or the Vigorous? New Evidence of Healthy Migration Using Smoking Outcomes in Origin Countries,” by Dean **Lillard** (Cornell University and DIW Berlin) and Rebekka Christopoulou (Cornell University). There was no discussant.

Cornell Personnel



Photo: Cornell University

On September 13th DIW research associate Dr. Dean **Lillard** took part in a symposium sponsored by the Swiss Foundation for Research in Social Sciences (FORS). FORS sponsored the symposium, titled “Social Science Research Infrastructures: Why-how-for whom?” to honor Prof. Dr. Peter Farago on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Dean Lillard talked on the topic “Panel Data and Cross-National Comparative Research Designs: Inputs for a Richer Understanding of the Evolution of Social and Economic Well-being.” This presentation was part of several panel discussions that brought together a large number of leading social scientists. Other presenters included Prof. Dr. Dominique Arletta, Chair of the FORS Foundation Board and Rector of the University of Lausanne; Prof. Dr. Max Kaase, Chair of the FORS Scientific Board; Prof. Dr. Christof Wolf, Scientific Director and Vice-President of the GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences; Prof. Dr. Sylvia Kritzinger, Head of the Department of Methods in the Social Sciences at the University of Vienna; and Bjørn Henrichsen, Director of the Norwegian Social Science Data Services. Following the presentations there was round table discussion of the future of social science data infrastructure investment in Switzerland.

Events & Activities



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**10th International
German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference**

Berlin, June 28 to 30, 2012

SOEP2012 – Call for Papers

10th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference 2012 to be held in Berlin on June 28–30, 2012

The 10th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2012) will be held in Berlin on June 28–30, 2012 (please be aware of the changed date compared to the earlier announcements). Please note that we had to change the date to avoid it coinciding with the RC33 and ISSMR conferences in Sidney.

Richard V. **Burkhauser** and Gert G. **Wagner** began running a series of bi-annual international SOEP conferences in 1993. They started on a very small scale and have expanded over the last 20 years, becoming a huge success in terms of the quality of the papers, the number of submissions, and the number of participants. Today the SOEP User Conferences are internationally renowned. SOEP currently has over 2,000 users in more than 44 countries worldwide and the user community is still growing. The 2012 conference will mark the 10th anniversary of the International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference.

The conference provides researchers who use the SOEP with the opportunity to present and discuss their work with other researchers familiar with SOEP data. Researchers across all disciplines (e.g., economics, demography, geography, political sciences, public health, psychology, and sociology) who use the SOEP or the SOEP part of the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) are invited to

submit an abstract. We encourage in particular submission of papers using the longitudinal features of SOEP, as well as papers on survey methodology and cross-national comparative analysis.

Keynote speakers

We are happy to announce as keynote speakers:

- Shelly **Lundberg**, Professor of Economics at the University of Washington and Adjunct Professor at the University of Bergen, Norway.
- Janet **Gornick**, Director of the Luxembourg Income Study (LIS), and Professor of Political Science and Sociology at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY).

Scientific committee

Joachim R. **Frick**, C. Katharina **Spieß**, and Jürgen **Schupp** form the core scientific committee of the conference. Former SOEP Research Associate Nicolas **Ziebarth**, who has just taken up a post at Cornell University as Assistant Professor in the Department for Policy Analysis and Management, will join the Scientific Committee as of 2012 as a representative of SOEP-Cornell links for young researchers. And we are pleased that Janet **Gornick** has also agreed to join the scientific committee.

Deadline for submission of abstracts:

February 15, 2012

Please submit electronic versions of abstracts (up to 300 words) to soep2012@diw.de no later than February 15, 2012.

Submitters will be notified about acceptance of their paper by April 6, 2012.

Proceedings

Shorter versions of selected conference papers will be published in a volume of conference proceedings (Journal of Applied Social Science Studies 2013 [Schmollers Jahrbuch]) with the understanding that a full version of the paper may be submitted to another professional journal.

Prize for best presentations

The Society of Friends of DIW Berlin will honor the best three papers and the best poster presented at the conference. The SOEP2012 scientific committee will act as a jury and will present the award at the end of the conference.

Financial support

We ask scholars to pay their own travel expenses. If this is not possible, partial reimbursement may be provided to presenters (one grant per paper) at the following rates, depending on which country presenters are traveling from: up to €125 (Germany), up to €500 (other countries in Europe), up to €750 (overseas).

Local organizers

Joachim R. **Frick**, C. Katharina **Spieß**, and Jürgen **Schupp**.

Christine **Kurka** (conference management)

If you have any further questions concerning the submissions of abstracts, please contact the local organizers at: soep2012@diw.de.

Winners of the SOEP Prize 2011

The SOEP best publication prize is awarded bi-annually in the year between the international SOEP user conferences. The prize honors the best scientific publication, the best scientific publication by a junior researcher (aged 35 or under), and the best paper or essay in popular media written by journalists. The SOEPprize is funded by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF) and selected by

the Executive Board of DIW Berlin and the Heads of SOEP.

We are proud to present the 2011 prize winners, selected from the 750 eligible scientific and 70 media contributions registered in our SOEPlit database in 2009 and 2010 (excluding publication by staff of SOEP, who are not eligible!) They are impressive evidence of the high level of scholarly research that can be achieved using SOEP data.

The prize will be awarded at DIW Berlin on October 13, 2011.

Best Scientific Publication

First place (two prizes, €1,000 each)

Luhmann, Maike, and Michael Eid. 2009. Does it Really Feel the Same? Changes in Life Satisfaction Following Repeated Life Events. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 97(2), 363–381.

How does it feel to be standing at the altar for the second time? Many people have experienced unemployment, marriage, and divorce. But what is the effect on a person's life satisfaction if these life events are repeated? Some of the results of Maike Luhmann's and Michael Eid's study are surprising: satisfaction decreases if someone is frequently unemployed. A second marriage makes people just as happy as the first. And after the second divorce, both parties are happier than after the first. The study published in the renowned *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* underlines the increasing importance of the SOEP for psychology.

Gerhards, Jürgen, and Silke Hans. 2009. From Hasan to Herbert: Name-Giving Patterns of Immigrant Parents between Acculturation and Ethnic Maintenance. *American Journal of Sociology* 114(4), 1102–1128.

Should our son be called Herbert, or is it better to call him Hasan? In their study, Jürgen Gerhards and Silke Hans investigated the naming behavior of immigrants. The result: children with non-German citizenship tend to have names which are only used in the country of origin. The higher the parents' income and the more educated they are, the more likely they are to choose a common German name for their sons or daughters. From a striking perspective, the authors paint a varied picture of assimilation of immigrants in Germany. The naming behavior emerges as an unexpectedly sensitive and efficient indicator. The extraordinary research work was quite rightly published in the renowned *AJS*.

Second place (two prizes, €500 each)

Gutiérrez-i-Puigarnau, Eva, and Jos van Ommeren. 2010. Labour Supply and Commuting. *Journal of Urban Economics* 68(1), 82–89.

The further commuters live away from their place of work, the more time they spend at work. This is the result of the study by Eva Gutiérrez-i-Puigarnau and Jos van Ommeren. Using the SOEP data, the economists have for the first time investigated what impact the distance between home and work has on working hours. The publication proves that commuters tend to work longer hours, not only on a daily basis but also calculated as a total for the working week. We can assume that this finding will lead to further studies. This is how research should work: new answers lead to new questions.

Grund, Christian, and Dirk Sliwka. 2010. Evidence on performance pay and risk aversion. *Economics Letters* 106(1), 8–11.

A willingness to take risks pays off—at least in professional life. This is what Christian Grund and Dirk Sliwka discovered from a longitudinal perspective. On the basis of the SOEP data, they were able to show that the work of employees who take risks is valued more highly by their superiors. And that leads to performance-contingent wages. This study thus points the way towards further, more in-depth analyses.

Best Junior Papers (two prizes, €500 each)

Traumüller, Richard. 2009. Religion und Sozialintegration. Eine empirische Analyse der religiösen Grundlagen sozialen Kapitals. *Berliner Journal für Soziologie* 19(3), 435–468.

People who regularly go to church have a wider circle of friends and more contact with their neighbors than those who are not religious. Protestants are more likely to do work on a voluntary basis and in associations than Catholics and Muslims. These are the key results of the publication by Richard Traumüller. Researching at the University of Konstanz using SOEP data, the young social scientist carried out the first empirical investigation on the significance of religion for social cohesion in Germany.

Pfeifer, Christian, and Thomas Cornelißen. 2010. The Impact of Participation in Sports on Educational Attainment—New Evidence from Germany. *Economics of Education Review* 29(1), 94–103.

People who take part in sporting activities when they are young, particularly competitive sports, are also successful at school and in their careers. These are the findings of the recent study by Christian Pfeifer and Thomas Cornelißen. Sports bring advantages for girls in particular, the authors discovered. Apparently, behavior learned through sports promotes competitive thinking, for instance.

Best Journalistic Publication (€500)

Bernau, Patrick. 2010. Unserer Mittelschicht geht es prächtig. *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, July 18, 2010.

“The middle class feel they have been squeezed by the state like a lemon. Without justification,” writes Patrick Bernau in an extensive contribution in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*. In his article, which is carefully researched down to the last detail as well as being entertaining and readable, the economic editor dispels the widespread myth of the disadvantaged middle class.

Report: SOEP at ASA 2011 in Las Vegas

From August 20 to 23, 2011 in Las Vegas, all attention was focused on the topic of “Social Conflict: Multiple Dimensions and Arenas.” At this year’s



Photo: Jutta von Maurice

Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), the SOEP was part of the presentation “Research in Germany—Longitudinal Data Resources for the Social Sciences.” Together with the three German major large-scale longitudinal studies in the social sciences (SHARE, PAIRFAM, and NEPS), the German Science Foundation (DFG) organized a reception at the ASA Congress 2011 where all studies by Hannah Brückner (Yale University) were presented and discussed in the wider context of a life course approach.

The organizers of the Research in Germany reception at the ASA (from left: Bernhard Nauck (PAIRFAM), Martina Brandt (SHARE), Hannah Brückner (Yale), Manfred Nießen (DFG), Daniel Fuß (PAIRFAM), Thorsten Schneider (NEPS), Jutta von Maurice (NEPS), Jürgen Schupp (SOEP), Sigrid C. Claßen (DFG), Anne Busch (SOEP), and Sybilla Tinapp (DFG)

For the first time, the DFG also organized a booth at the exhibition as part of an event under the umbrella of Research in Germany (RiG) in order to introduce four German sociological longitudinal studies to a specialist American audience: http://www.dfg.de/dfg_profil/geschaeftsstelle/dfg_praesenz_ausland/nordamerika/berichte/110820_asa_las_vegas/index.html

In addition, throughout the conference, the German Science Foundation presented the various sources of funding for foreign researchers at German universities and non-university research institutions at a booth run by Research in Germany. Representatives of the four studies also promoted the use of the longitudinal data infrastructure in Germany at the DFG booth under the slogan “Meet the Scientist.” As representatives of the German Socio-Economic

Panel, the Head of SOEP Jürgen Schupp and doctoral candidate Anne Busch, had traveled to Las Vegas to maintain existing contacts, answer questions about the SOEP, and establish new partnerships. Anne Busch also presented a paper written together with Elke Holst.

An evening event at which Professor Hannah Brückner from Yale University briefly introduced the various studies was very popular. Representatives of the three longitudinal studies had also prepared one or two posters which they used to explain the development, implementation, and data structure of their surveys. Around 80 participants did not allow themselves to be distracted from stimulating discussions by the various competing events of other organizations and took the opportunity to speak to colleagues and make new contacts.

The Head of the Humanities and Social Sciences Division at the DFG, Dr. Manfred Nießen, was very pleasantly surprised by the response and high level of interest. The Research in Germany format makes an active contribution to a German international research policy, as it were.

Report: SOEP at ESRA 2011 in Lausanne

The SOEP team had a strong presence at the 4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), which took place in Lausanne/Switzerland this year from July 18 to 22. In addition to organizing an information booth, run by Christine Kurka, SOEP staff were able to demon-



Photo: Martin Spieß

Impressive turnout: SOEP staff at ESRA 2011. From left: Christine Kurka, Martin Kroh, Jan Goebel, Jürgen Schupp, Mathis Schröder, Elisabeth Liebau, Marco Giesselmann, Matthias Schonlau (RAND), Michael Weinhardt, and Anika Rasner

strate the strengths of the SOEP in the field of survey method research in numerous papers presented to an interested specialist audience.

They gave papers on the following subjects:

- Migrant-specific labor market segregation and the earnings of immigrants and natives in Germany (Anne Busch, Boris Heizmann, Elke Holst)
- Incentives and response rates—experience from the SOEP innovation sample 2009 (Jürgen Schupp, Martin Kroh)
- Change in Hand Grip Strength and Overall Satisfaction with Life as Predictors of Mortality (Jürgen Schupp, Jens Ambrasat, Gert G. Wagner)
- Short Assessment of the Big Five: Robust Across Survey Methods Except Telephone Interviewing (Dennis John, Frieder Lang, Oliver Lüdtke, Jürgen Schupp, Gert G. Wagner)
- Personality Traits and Interviewer Effects in Face-To-Face Surveys (Martin Kroh)
- Sampling on ethnic Germans (Spät-Aussiedler): The quality of data drawn using onomastic methods based on telephone registry information (Elisabeth Liebau)
- Onomastic Methods: an approach to avoid under-representation of immigrants in surveys (Elisabeth Liebau)
- Extending the Empirical Basis for Wealth Inequality Research Using Statistical Matching of Administrative and Survey Data (Joachim R. Frick, Markus M. Grabka, Anika Rasner)
- Survey Error and the Theory of Liking: Evidence based on a Household Panel's Interviewer Survey (Michael Weinhardt and Frauke Kreuter).
- Estimating Effects of Macro- and Micro Variables on Individual Characteristics in a Cross-Country Framework: RE- and FE-Techniques under Review (Marco



Photo: Jürgen Schupp

Anne Busch (right) speaking to participants interested in the SOEP database at Research in Germany's booth.

Photo: Christine Kurka



Martin Kroh (SOEP) speaking to the SOEP Research Professor Martin Spieß (University of Hamburg)

Giesselmann, Hans-Jürgen **Andress, Henning Lohmann).**

- Imputation of missing disposable household income in the SOEP dataset (Jan Goebel).

Francine Blau Presented Paper at the DIW Berlin

“The US Gender Pay Gap: Going, Going...But Not Gone”

During her stay at the SOEP, Francine D. **Blau** of Cornell University gave a very well-received presentation on September 12, 2011, on the “The US Gender Pay Gap: Going, Going...But Not Gone” in an international perspective.

Photo: DIW Berlin



A recently appointed DIW Research Director, Blau described trends in the US gender pay gap and discussed possible broader explanations for the gender pay gap, applying these explanations to explore US trends (see page 15). She also considered the US in an international context and gave policy options. She argued that policies which aim to reduce the gender pay gap should emphasize, e.g., child care, after-school programs, etc. rather than encouraging mothers to take long leaves or work part-time for extended periods in order to avoid creating a “mommy track.”

We were very honored to have Blau, the author of many influential publications on this issue, as a guest of the SOEP. Beside papers on the gender pay gap she wrote also, e.g., about Gender and Family

Issues in the Workplace (with Ronald Ehrenberg), and is co-author, with Marianne Ferber and Anne Winkler, of the outstanding textbook *The Economics of Women, Men, and Work*, currently in its 6th edition.

If you would like a copy of her talk, please send an email to soepmail@diw.de.

A summary of her talk is available in German at: <http://www.aviva-berlin.de/aviva/Found.php?id=14005>

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:

Frauke **Peter** (SOEP): Trick or treat?—Maternal job loss and children’s non-cognitive skills. July 6, 2011.

Anika **Rasner** and Markus M. **Grabka** (SOEP): Statistical Matching of Administrative and Survey Data—An Application to Wealth Inequality Analysis. July 13, 2011.

Hannah **Zagel** (University of Edinburgh): The dynamics of single motherhood and work-life histories of women in Britain and West Germany. July 27, 2011.

Jutta **Heckhausen** (University of California, Irvine) and Denis **Gerstorff** (HU Berlin): A Motivational Theory of Life-Span Development: Areas of Application in the Socio-Economic Panel. August 3, 2011 (special Brown Bag).



Photo: Alfred Gutzler, DIW Berlin

Jan Marcus, the Organizer of SOEP Brown Bag Seminars

People & Papers

Thomas Siedler Ranked among Top 100 German Economists under 40

SOEP staff member in the rankings of the Handelsblatt for the second successive year



Photo: Stephan Röhl

Thomas **Siedler** has just been listed by the German business newspaper Handelsblatt as one of the top 100 economists in Germany of 2011 aged under 40. He is in 76th place. He was also included in the rankings last year. The SOEP group congratulates him and is proud to have him as a staff member.

Since 2006, the Handelsblatt has been regularly investigating the research performance of economics faculties on the basis of international criteria. The list of rankings is compiled by the Swiss Institute for Business Cycle Research (KOF) of the [Swiss Federal Institute of Technology \(ETH\) Zurich](#). This is done on the basis of the academic publications of economists in specialist journals. They are part of a [database at Forschungsmonitoring](#) that includes the publications of a total of 2,412 economists at 81 universities.

See the ranking list at: <http://tool.handelsblatt.com/tabelle/index.php?id=78&pc=100>

Berlin State Election 2011

Former SOEP staff member **Franziska Becker** wins seat in the House of Representatives in Berlin

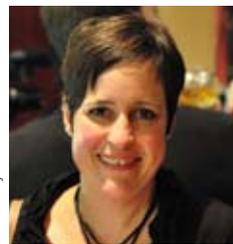


Photo: Anja Kehmeier

Our former staff member **Franziska Becker** won a seat in the House in the election of the House of Representatives in Berlin on September 18, 2011. Her party, the Social Democrats (SPD), will continue to be represented by Berlin's Governing Mayor. We congratulate Franziska Becker on her great success.

Nicolas Ziebarth Receives First Prize 2011 Upjohn Institute Dissertation Award



Photo: Stephan Röhl

We congratulate our former SOEP colleague **Nicolas Ziebarth**, DIW Research Affiliate and recently appointed Assistant Professor at Cornell University, for receiving the first prize of the 2011

Upjohn Institute Dissertation Award. The committee found his thesis to excel in all four areas: policy relevance, technical quality of the research, potential impact on real-world problems, and presentation. The committee was particularly impressed with the careful analysis of the interaction between insurance systems and moral hazard and the clear policy lessons provided on the design of sick pay insurance systems and implications for preventive care.

The receipt of this award will be announced in a full-page ad in the American Economic Review in December 2011 and in the program for the January 2012 ASSA meetings. The announcement will also appear in the notes section of the Journal of Economic Perspectives.

The **W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research** is a nonprofit, independent research organization devoted to research on the causes and effects of unemployment and to study and investigation of the feasibility and methods of insuring against unemployment and the development of ways and means of preventing and alleviating the distress and hardship caused by unemployment.

For more information about the prize see: http://www.upjohninst.org/sites/default/files/pdf/2011_dissertation_award.pdf

Next SOEP-ISER Exchange in October 2011

The next SOEP-ISER exchange will take place from October 10–15, 2011, when **Frauke Peter** from the SOEP will be a guest at ISER. Frauke will give a presentation in the Joint Empirical Social Science (JESS) Seminar on October 12 on “Trick or treat? Maternal job loss and children’s non-cognitive skills.”

More Personnel News from SOEP

Photo: DIW Berlin



In October, Alexandra **Avdeenko** will take up a doctoral position at SOEP, after successfully completing her first year at the Graduate Center of DIW Berlin. Alexandra will work on a project (funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation) on Economic and Social Determinants of Political Preferences in Germany and the United Kingdom, together with Thomas **Siedler**.

Photo: Cornell University



Francine D. **Blau** was appointed Research Professor at DIW/SOEP in July 2011. She is Frances Perkins Professor of Industrial and Labor Relations and Professor of Economics at Cornell University.

She has written widely on gender issues, wage inequality, immigration, and international comparisons of labor market outcomes. In 2010, she was awarded the IZA Prize for outstanding academic achievement in the field of labor economics, the first woman ever to receive this prestigious award. Professor Blau has served as President of the Society of Labor Economists and the Labor and Employment Relations Association (formerly the Industrial Relations Research Association), Vice President of the American Economic Association (AEA), President of the Midwest Economics Association, and Chair of the AEA Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession. She has published articles in the *American Economic Review*, the *Journal of Political Economy*, the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Economica*, the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, and other major journals. She is the author of *Equal Pay in the Office and, with Lawrence Kahn, At Home and Abroad: U.S. Labor Market Performance in International Perspective* (recipient of the Richard A. Lester Prize for the Outstanding Book in Labor Economics and Industrial Relations for 2002). From September 9–13, 2011, Francine Blau was a guest speaker at DIW Berlin and gave a talk on September 12, 2011, about “The Gender Pay Gap in the US: Going, Going, . . . , But Not Gone.”

Photo: die hofphotografen



Denis **Gerstorf** was appointed Research Director at DIW/SOEP in August 2011. The Professor of Developmental and Educational Psychology at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin specializes

in questions related to a better understanding of heterogeneity and differential development in old and advanced old age. In addition to his professorship at the Humboldt-Universität, Gerstorf is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Pennsylvania State University in the US. In 2010, he received the Springer Early Career Achievement Award in Research in Adult Development and Aging, American Psychological Association, Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging). And the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) has now granted Denis Gerstorf the Baltes Foundation Award in Behavioral and Social Gerontology. This was awarded for his research into the diversity of individual changes in old age and their correlations to life expectancy. The award will be presented at the 64th Annual Scientific Meeting of the GSA, which will take place in Boston (USA) from November 18 to 22, 2011. For further information, see: http://www.hu-berlin.de/pr/pressemitteilungen/pm1108/pm_110815_00

Photo: Freie Universität Berlin



Christian **von Scheve** (Freie Universität Berlin) was appointed DIW Research Professor in August 2011. He is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Cluster of Excellence “Languages of Emotion” and the Institute of Sociology at Freie Universität Berlin. Currently, he is also Head of the Institute’s Research Group “Sociology of Emotion” and co-coordinator of the Cluster’s Research Area “Cultural Codification of Emotion.” He was elected deputy member of the Cluster’s Executive Committee and member of the User Board of the “Dahlem Institute for the Neuroimaging of Emotion” (DINE). He also coordinates the “Cognitive and Affective Sociology Network” at Freie Universität Berlin. He was previously Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Vienna and a Fellow of the Research Group “Emotions as Bio-Cultural Processes” at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) at Bielefeld University. He studied Sociology, Psychology, Economics, and Political Science at the University of Hamburg, where he obtained his doctorate in Economics and Social Sciences.

Prof. von Scheve studies the ways in which structural (e.g., inequalities) and symbolic (e.g., norms) orders of societies impact on individuals' emotions, cognitions, and actions, and their physiological underpinnings. His research focuses on combining social science micro- and macro-perspectives through interdisciplinary cooperation with the behavioral sciences (e.g., psychology, neuroscience).



Photo: DIW Berlin

Julia Schimeta is working as a doctoral candidate at SOEP since the end of July 2011. She completed her M.A. in Gender Studies at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HUB) and was subsequently employed as a research associate at the Hertie School of Governance. Julia is writing her doctoral thesis on the subject of equality in public enterprises at the HUB with a grant from the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. At SOEP, her specialist subject is women on boards of large companies. Last year, she completed her Master's thesis at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, entitled "An International Comparison of Equal Opportunities Policies at Work. Concepts and Developments in Germany and the U.S." which won the **EFAS Junior Researcher Award**.



Photo: DIW Berlin

Doreen Triebe joined the SOEP team as a doctoral candidate in September 2011. She holds advanced degrees from the University of Potsdam (Diplom-Volkswirtin) and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Master of Arts in Economics). She has been a member of the DIW Berlin Graduate Center since September 2010. Following a one-year period of theoretical training, her move to SOEP marks the starting point of the practical part of her thesis, which will focus on gender differences in the labor market. Doreen's particular area of interest is the changing role of women in the labor force, and she will analyse the impact of labor market reserves in this context.

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

Eileen Trzinski and **Elke Holst**: A Critique and Reframing of Personality in Labour Market Theory. Locus of Control and Labour Market Outcomes. efas Jahrestagung "Wachstum – Fortschritt – Lebensqualität: (k)eine Geschlechterfrage?", November 24–25, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Jan Marcus: Difference-in-Difference Matching Estimators—An Application to the Analysis of the Causal Effect of Job Loss on Health Behaviour. Gemeinsame Herbsttagung der Sektion „Modellbildung und Simulation" und der Sektion „Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung" der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, October 6–7, 2011, Mannheim/Germany.

Frauke Peter: Trick or treat? Maternal job loss and children's non-cognitive skills. Joint Empirical Social Science (JESS) Seminar at the Institute for Social and Economic Research, October 12, 2011, Essex/UK.

Mathis Schröder and **Julie Korbmacher**: Non-response when linking survey data with administrative data. Conference on Utilizing Administrative Data: Technical, Statistical, and Research Issues. Sponsored by the U.S. Census Bureau, October 27th and 28th, 2011 in Washington D.C./USA.

Paper presentations in the last three months

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.

Elisabeth Bügelmayer and **C. Katharina Spieß**: Spite and Cognitive Skills in Preschoolers. 10th Tiber Symposium on Psychology and Economics (TIBER –Tilburg Institute for Behavioral Economics Research), August 19, 2011, Tilburg/Netherlands.

Anne **Busch**: Occupational gender composition and workplace integration: What role do gendered work contents play? Organizations, Occupations, and Work roundtables. American Sociological Association Annual Meetings—[ASA 2011](#), August 20–23, 2011, Las Vegas, NV/USA.

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** and Elke **Holst**: Gender-Specific Occupational Segregation, Glass-Ceiling Effects, and Earnings in Managerial Positions: Results of a Fixed-Effects Model. (1) American Sociological Association Annual Meetings—[ASA 2011](#), August 20–23, 2011, Las Vegas, NV/USA. (2) 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. (1) 4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association ([ESRA](#)), Session "Analysis of Immigration in Europe II," July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland. (2) American Sociological Association Annual Meetings—[ASA 2011](#), August 20–23, 2011, Las Vegas, NV/USA.

Sabine **Fiedler** and Gert G. **Wagner**: Wie kann man die Messung der Lebensqualität zu einem politisch relevanten Faktor machen? *Statistische Woche*, September 19–22, 2011, Leipzig/Germany.

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**: 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.

Roland **Habich** und Jürgen **Schupp**: Vom Social Indicators Movement zu GDP and Beyond. *Statistische Woche 2011*, September 19–22, 2011, Leipzig/Germany.

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.

Dennis **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.

Elisabeth **Liebau** and C. Katharina **Spieß**: Das SOEP und seine Möglichkeiten als Referenzdatensatz. IDEA Klausurtagung, September 6, 2011, Fulda/Germany.

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 **Kemptoner**: 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.

Frauke **Peter** and C. Katharina **Spieß**: Family instability and non-cognitive skills—how are they related? Evidence from preschoolers and adolescents. 23rd Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists (EALE 2011), September 22–25, 2011, Pafos/Cyprus.

Anika **Rasner**, Markus M. **Grabka**, and Joachim R. **Frick**: Extending the Empirical Basis for Wealth Inequality Research Using Statistical Matching of Administrative and Survey Data. (1) 4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 18–22, 2011 Lausanne/Switzerland. (2) Joint Statistical Meeting (JSM), July 30– August 4, 2011, in Miami Beach FL/USA.

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.

Mathis **Schröder** and Julie **Korbmacher**: Non-response when linking survey data with administrative data. 4th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 18–22, 2011, Lausanne/Switzerland.

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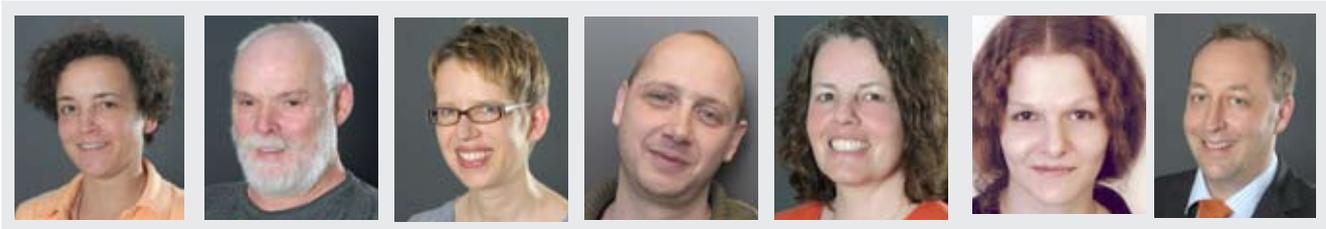
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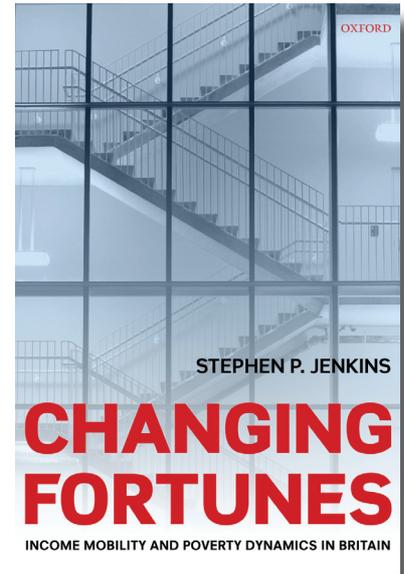
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