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Dear colleagues:

The SOEP group has suffered an immense loss: our colleague Joachim R. Frick passed away on December 16, 2011, in Berlin following a severe illness. We, the staff of the SOEP study, are all devastated by his death. Many of us have unforgettable memories of Joachim. As Co-Director of the SOEP, he was an exemplary role model at the forefront of the SOEP's research activities, particularly in the work of the SOEP Research Data Center. We mourn his loss and will carry his memory with us. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and wish them comfort during this very difficult time. On behalf of the SOEP team, Jürgen Schupp has written an obituary that can be found on page 2.

Joachim worked consistently to introduce new innovations into the SOEP study. These efforts continue to bear fruit: The SOEP Survey Committee has approved the new SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP IS). Researchers at universities and research institutes worldwide will now have the opportunity to use this sample as the starting point for groundbreaking research projects, to participate in the development of SOEP survey questions, and to obtain the data for analysis at a very early stage. For more information, see page 9. The SOEP Survey Committee has also approved the SOEP mission statement: "The research-driven infrastructure unit SOEP seeks to serve an international scientific community by providing nationally representative longitudinal data from a multi-disciplinary perspective covering the entire life span (from conception to memories) in the context of private households (household panel)."

The results of the SOEP User Survey 2011 are in. Among other things, they point to the resounding success of our project, "SOEPlong," which is already being used by one-fifth of user survey respondents. We thank all those who participated in the user survey and will do our best to increase the user-friendliness of our services based on your valuable input. Beginning in 2012 we will conduct user surveys on a regular basis. For details, see page 11.

We will be holding another introductory workshop to the SOEP data in German at DIW Berlin on February 27 and 28, 2012. From our experience in recent years, the workshop is likely to fill up quickly. If you would like to take part, we recommend that you register as soon as registration opens on January 9, 2012. More information can be found on page 4.

Please don't forget: The deadline for submitting your abstract to the 10th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference 2012 is February 15, 2012. Our conference will be held in Berlin on June 28-29, 2012 in Berlin. We invite you to participate and hope to see you there! Details are available on page 15.

The SOEP group wishes you a peaceful and happy new year!

With best regards,

Elke Holst | Editor

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In Memoriam Joachim R. Frick

Our friend and colleague Joachim R. Frick passed away in Berlin on December 16, 2011, after a valiant fight with cancer. He was only 49 years old. With his death, the Socio-Economic Panel at DIW Berlin has lost one of its most brilliant minds. It was in large part his hard work and tireless dedication that made the SOEP the internationally networked research infrastructure that it is today. His numerous publications made a major contribution to applied economic research, particularly in the field of distributional analysis. His decades of unflagging commitment to the training of new generations of SOEP users will leave behind a major void.

Joachim R. Frick
13.08.1962 – 16.12.2011

Joachim R. Frick was born in Trier on August 13, 1962. He studied economics, business, and sociology at the University of Trier and received an MA in Economics (Diplom-Volkswirt) in 1988. On a scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), he attended graduate studies at Clark University in Worcester, MA (USA), where he gathered international experience that would play an extraordinarily significant role in his subsequent work developing the SOEP study. In 1996, he received a PhD in Social Science (Dr. rer. soc.) from the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Ruhr University Bochum with a dissertation entitled "Determinants of Regional Mobility." In 2006, he was awarded his habilitation (venia legendi) qualification in empirical economic research at the Berlin University of Technology (TU Berlin), where he served as Acting Professor of Empirical Economics in the Faculty of Economics and Management (Faculty VII) from 2008 to 2009. Joachim R. Frick began his work at DIW Berlin in January 1989. In 2004, he became Deputy Director of the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and Head of the SOEP Research Data Center (SOEP-RDC), where his responsibilities included coordinating the integration of SOEP data into international comparative panel databases (CNEF, ECHP, and CHER).

Over the past ten years, Joachim R. Frick coordinated numerous externally funded projects, including many EU-financed research and infrastructural studies. He was Co-PI of a large-scale comparative analysis of social inequalities that was funded by the Russell Sage Foundation. His last major project, "Life Courses and Retirement Provisions in Transition," which was funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, again broke new methodological ground in the statistical matching of SOEP data and administrative data.

Joachim R. Frick's research interests centered on questions of social and welfare policy, and his work was consistently based on applied empirical analysis (focusing on issues of immigration, personal income distribution, housing costs, spatial mobility, and subjective well-being). Joachim R. Frick also earned international recognition for his outstanding methodological work on the measurement of income (item non-response, imputation, and non-monetary income components).

His research papers were published in renowned scientific journals such as Ageing & Society, International Migration Review, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Oxford Economic Papers, Population Research and Policy Review, Regional Studies, Review of Income and Wealth, Sociological Methods and Research, Allgemeines Statistisches Archiv, Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik, and Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie. He also published numerous policy-oriented articles in the DIW-Wochenbericht series.

In fall of 2010, Joachim R. Frick was offered a full professorship (W3-Professur) at his alma mater and hometown university in Trier. He came very close to accepting the appointment, but after wrestling with the decision at length, he declined the offer and chose instead to remain in Berlin. This decision was based on DIW Berlin's offer to create a joint professorship (S-Professur) for him that would allow him to continue in his position at the SOEP while holding a full professorship at the Berlin University of Technology (TU Berlin). The TU Berlin Faculty Council had already set the official appointment procedure in motion when Joachim's cancer was discovered and his treatment began. It is tragic that his illness prevented him from attaining this ultimate tribute to his outstanding achievements in research and teaching.

Joachim R. Frick and I shared responsibilities as Deputy Directors of the SOEP since 2004. Together with Gert G. Wagner, we formed a team that—despite our different temperaments and personalities—was united by our absolute commitment to the SOEP project. There is no denying that we were not above the pursuit of our own personal interests or that we each sought, to some extent, a higher formal position and more external recognition; but to my recollection, when it came to questions of loyalty to the department and to the study as a whole, we each set personal preferences aside, and it was only the best arguments that counted. After numerous, sometimes heated discussions behind closed doors, it was the greater good of the SOEP study that took precedence for all three of us.

Joachim and I were probably very similar in our almost fanatical commitment of both time and mental energy to this study. What he was able to do far better than I could was to foster a "corporate spirit" within the SOEP. Joachim had an extraordinary and to me almost mesmerizing ability to integrate talented young researchers into the SOEP community and to instill self-confidence in them—a "we are the champions" spirit that inspired belief in the importance of our work on the SOEP study.

It is for these reasons and many others that my colleagues and I feel so keenly the loss of a good friend in Joachim R. Frick. Since 1989, when Joachim moved from Trier to Berlin and we spent several months living in a shared apartment, our friendship and my appreciation for his character have grown. Even then, Joachim's affection and love for Kristine, who would later become his wife, impressed me as evidence that he is an absolutely reliable partner in both his personal and professional life, and someone who holds steadfastly to his commitments.

In February 2011, Joachim R. Frick and I took on joint responsibility as Interim Department Directors for SOEP through the end of 2012. His terrible illness prevented him from carrying out this commitment. The roller coaster ride of improvements and regressions in his treatment regimen, which at first appeared to offer cause for optimism, came to an abrupt halt in early November, when we were all forced to realize that, regardless of our hopes, we would have to say goodbye to Joachim. Even during this awful phase, we could only marvel at how much affection and concern were expressed for our friend and colleague both directly and indirectly by colleagues and friends from around the world. For weeks, they visited daily; everyone tried to give back some of the warmheartedness he had always conveyed to others.

Dear Joachim, you will be missed not only by your wife Kristine, by your two daughters Anna and Katharina, by your parents, brother, and sister, and by your many close friends, but also by all your friends and colleagues in the SOEP. The entire SOEP community will be poorer without you.

For the entire team of the SOEP Infrastructure at DIW Berlin, Jürgen Schupp

German Section

SOEPcampus@DIW Berlin

Workshop zur Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten am 27. und 28. Februar 2012

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 ab 9. Januar 2012

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 abgesehen von einer geringen Verpflegungspauschale kostenlos. Die Reisekosten müssen jedoch selbst übernommen werden.

http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.387476.de

Vorausgesetzte Kenntnisse

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

Sollten Sie weitere Fragen zum Workshop haben, wenden Sie sich bitte an soepcampus@diw.de.

Bericht: SOEPcampus@uni-bielefeld

Im Rahmen von datalab@uni-bielefeld

Seit einigen Jahren ist die Ausbildungsreihe SOEPcampus@Bielefeld eine zentrale Institution zur Schulung unserer Nutzerinnen und Nutzer und zur Netzwerkbildung der Anwendergemeinschaft. Vom 26. bis 30. September 2012 fand wieder ein Workshop zur Einführung in das SOEP statt. Erstmalig firmierte die Veranstaltung unter dem Namen „datalab“ – ein Verweis darauf, dass die wissenschaftliche Infrastruktur im Bereich der Paneldaten in den letzten Jahren gewachsen ist und daher nicht ausschließlich zum SOEP referiert wurde. In enger Verzahnung mit dem SOEP-Workshop wurden zusätzlich das IAB-Haushaltspanel (PASS) sowie die Pairfam-Studie vorgestellt. Veranstaltet wurde der Workshop durch den Arbeitsbereich 5 – Sozialstruktur, Wirtschaft und Arbeit – der Fakultät für Soziologie der Universität Bielefeld (Stefan **Liebig,** Henning **Lohmann,** Martin **Diewald**) in Kooperation Jürgen **Schupp** vom SOEP (DIW Berlin und FU Berlin) und Leitern des IAB Nürnberg und der TU Chemnitz. Vor Ort kümmerte sich Kristina **Brosda** von der Universität Bielefeld dankenswerterweise um alle administrativen und organisatorischen Angelegenheiten.

100 TeilnehmerInnen aus 29 Universitäten

Insgesamt nahmen über 100 WissenschaftlerInnen und Wissenschaftler aus 29 Universitäten und 16 nicht-universitären Einrichtungen teil. Über 60 der Anmeldungen bezogen sich dabei auf das SOEP-Modul. Die einzelnen Workshopeinheiten richteten sich insbesondere an DoktorandInnen und NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen, die für ihre theoretischen Fragestellungen geeignete Datensätze zur Sekundäranalyse suchen, Längsschnittanalysen mit dem SOEP planen oder bereits das SOEP nutzen, eine anwendungsbezogene Einführung in die entsprechenden Analyseverfahren wünschen und ihre Forschungsarbeiten intensiv mit Peers und Seniors diskutieren möchten.

Modul 1: Einführung in das SOEP

Nach der offiziellen Begrüßung durch Stefan **Liebig,** Martin **Diewald** und Henning **Lohmann** startete das erste Modul „Einführung in die Benutzung des SOEP“. Neben grundlegenden Informationen zum Datenangebot und dem Untersuchungsdesign des SOEP wurden beispielhaft die haushalts- wie längsschnittbezogene Struktur der Daten sowie Innovationen im SOEP vorgestellt

und die Vielfalt der Analysepotentiale diskutiert. Der Abendvortrag wurde von Marco **Giesselmann** zum Thema „Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse“ gestaltet. Präsentiert wurden überwiegend Inhalte aus dem in Kürze erscheinenden Buch „Regressionsmodelle für Paneldaten“ (Marco Giesselmann und Michael Windzio, VS Verlag), welches auf SOEP-Daten basiert.

Am nächsten Tag konnten die TeilnehmerInnen in speziellen Übungen die zuvor behandelten Inhalte an Beispielen aus dem SOEP unmittelbar am Computer nachvollziehen und vertiefen. Zudem hielt Henning Lohmann, mittlerweile an der Universität Osnabrück, einen Vortrag zu Stichproben und Gewichtung im SOEP.

Modul 2: SOEP Forschungsarbeiten und Netzwerkbildung

Wichtige Anliegen unserer Schulungen sind die Vernetzung von Nutzerinnen und Nutzern sowie die Förderung von SOEP-basierten Forschungsprojekten. Die Session zu Forschungsarbeiten der TeilnehmerInnen und individuelle Beratungen am dritten Tag sind deswegen zentrale Bausteine des Programms. Vorgestellt wurden dieses Mal drei Arbeiten, die durch detaillierte Kommentare von jeweils einem Korreferenten und eine intensive Diskussion im Plenum flankiert wurden. Zum Abschluss des dritten Tages stellte Denis **Huschka** (Rat SWD) Innovationen im Datenangebot der Sozial-, Verhaltens-, und Wirtschaftswissenschaften in Deutschland vor.

Modul 3: Längsschnittanalyse

Im dritten und letzten Modul standen ausgewählte Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse sowie praktische Übungen zu deren Anwendung auf SOEP-Daten im Mittelpunkt. Der diesjährige Workshop setzte in den Vortrags- und Übungseinheiten Schwerpunkte auf Panelregression (Henning Lohmann, Universität Osnabrück) und Strukturgleichungsmodelle (Andreas **Pöge,** Universität Bielefeld). John **Haisken-DeNew** (RWI Essen) stellte außerdem das Programm „Panel-Whiz“ vor, welches das Datenmanagement von Paneldaten wie dem SOEP erleichtert.

Bericht: SLLS-Konferenz in Bielefeld

Vom 26. bis 28. September 2011 fand die zweite internationale Konferenz der Society of Longitudinal and Life Course Studies (SLLS) unter dem Motto “Life Course and Social Change: Interdisciplinary and International Perspectives” in Bielefeld statt. Organisiert wurde die Veranstaltung von DIW-Forschungsprofessor Martin **Diewald** (Universität Bielefeld). Auf der Konferenz wurde sowohl der multidisziplinäre Ansatz des SOEP als auch die spezifische Datenstruktur im Programm aufgegriffen. So stammten die vorgestellten Forschungsarbeiten aus unterschiedlichen Disziplinen und stellten allesamt auf Längsschnitt- oder Lebensverlaufsdaten ab. Der Schwerpunkt der Sessions lag auf den Bereichen Gesundheit, Arbeitsmarkt, Bildung und Familie. Viele Präsentationen bezogen sich zudem explizit auf methodische Aspekte des Längsschnittformates. Hier war das SOEP mit einem Plenarvortrag von Jürgen **Schupp** zu den Herausforderungen und Innovationen lang laufender Panelstudien repräsentiert. Weiterhin präsentierten vom SOEP Frederike **Esche** (“Employment and its substitutes – Does social participation compensate the decrease in life satisfaction during unemployment”) und Michael **Weinhardt** (“Occupational value orientations and young persons’ job choice decisions”).

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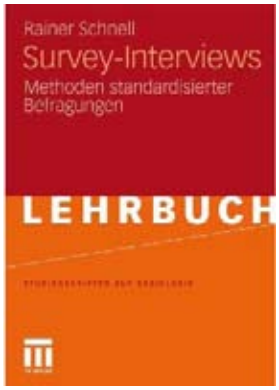
Foto:Workshop-TeilnehmerInnen während einer Online-Demonstration.

Photos: Marco Giesselmann, SOEP

Foto: Jan Marcus (links) vom SOEP erläutert den Umgang mit den SOEP-Daten.

Deutschsprachiger Abschnitt

Neues Standardwerk zur Survey-Forschung



Im Appendix dieser SOEPnewsletter-Ausgabe befindet sich ein Verlags-Flyer zum Lehrbuch von Rainer Schnell mit näheren Informationen.

Rainer **Schnell** hat im November 2011 ein fulminantes Lehrbuch zur Survey-Forschung vorgelegt mit dem Titel: Survey-Interviews. Methoden standardisierter Befragungen. Auf 480 Seiten schafft es Rainer Schnell nicht nur ein perfektes Skript für die quantitative Ausbildung in empirischer Sozialforschung zu präsentieren, sondern er liefert insbesondere „KennerInnen" der Szene eine wahre Fundgrube an survey-methodologischen Studien und Befunden sowie Details bei der Durchführung standardisierter Befragungen. Hier wird deutlich – und ein Blick in das Literaturverzeichnis belegt dies eindrucksvoll – dass es zum Thema Survey-Interviews derzeit zu "good practice" mehr empirische Expertise aus dem Ausland denn aus dem Inland gibt.

Panelstudien sowie die damit verbundenen besonderen Herausforderungen nehmen einen breiten Raum in dem Buch ein – auch wenn eine etwas ausführlichere spezifische Würdigung von Haushaltspanelstudien durchaus wünschenswert wäre. Gleichwohl schließt dieses Lehrbuch mit dem Hinweis: „Will man valide Daten über das Verhalten von Personen, muss man das Verhalten von Personen im Zeitablauf beobachten und nicht durch Befragungen erschließen". Dem Plädoyer des Autors für mehr Längsschnittstudien ist uneingeschränkt zuzustimmen; ob das noch anspruchsvollere Ziel der verstärkten Verknüpfung von Befragungsdaten mit prozessproduzierten und biometrischen Daten in naher Zukunft eingelöst werden kann, liegt in Deutschland primär an den Befragungssubjekten sowie deren Sensibilität und Verständnis im Umgang ihres grundgesetzlich verankerten Grundrechts der informationellen Selbstbestimmung.

Bedauerlicherweise ist der Preis von 49,95 Euro für ein Lehrbuch, das eigentlich auch für Studierende erschwinglich sein sollte, vergleichsweise hoch,

Es bleibt die Hoffnung, dass der Verlag rasch eine kostengünstigere Zweitauflage auf den Markt bringen wird. Bis dahin kann das Buch sowohl jedem interessierten Bachelor-Studierenden für empirische Sozialforschung als auch allen Survey-ForscherInnen uneingeschränkt zur Lektüre empfohlen werden.

Vorgestellt von Jürgen Schupp

Taschenbuch: 480 Seiten; Verlag: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften; Auflage: 2012 (21. Oktober 2011); Sprache: Deutsch; ISBN-10: 3531136143; ISBN-13: 978-3531136141; Größe und/oder Gewicht: 21 x 15 x 2,6 cm

Neuerscheinungen in der Tradition der Sozialindikatoren-Forschung

Im vergangenen Herbst wurden zwei Werke in der Tradition der Sozialindikatoren-Forschung veröffentlicht, die beide große öffentliche Aufmerksamkeit in den Medien erfuhren.

Datenreport 2011

Dabei handelt es sich zum einen um den im Oktober erschienenen zweibändigen Datenreport 2011, der in Kooperation des Statistischen Bundesamtes mit dem Wissenschaftszentrum für Sozialforschung, Berlin (WZB) und in diesem Jahr auch erstmals in Zusammenarbeit mit der SOEP-Gruppe am DIW Berlin erschienen ist. In zwei Bänden mit insgesamt 16 Kapiteln wird darin ein breiter Sozialatlas der sozio-demographischen Lage Deutschlands erstellt, der größtenteils auf Daten der amtlichen Statistik, aber eben auch auf vielfältigen repräsentativen Datensätzen der wissenschaftsgetragenen Dateninfrastruktur basiert. Darunter finden sich insbesondere Aufsätze zu den Themen Migration, Erwerbstätigkeit, Wohnen, Gesundheit sowie Einkommensmobilität auf Basis der SOEP-Daten.

Der Datenreport 2011 ist über die Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung zur Schutzgebühr von 7 Euro erhältlich. Im Internet kann er gebührenfrei heruntergeladen werden. In den Medien wurde der Datenreport 2011 breit wahrgenommen, zum Beispiel in der ARD Tagesschau (http://www.tagesschau.de/inland/sozialbericht106.html).

Glücksatlas 2011

Zum zweiten handelt es sich um den ebenfalls im Oktober erschienenen Glücksatlas 2011 für Deutschland. Datengrundlage dieser von Bernd **Raffelhüschen** sowie Renate **Köcher** im Auftrag der Deutschen Post verfassten Studie war in weiten Teilen das SOEP (1984–2009), das mit sehr aktuellen Querschnittdaten für das Jahr 2011 aus einer Befragung des Instituts für Demoskopie Allenbach ergänzt wurde. Das besondere Merkmal der Studie war die regionale Differenzierung der SOEP-Ergebnisse

nach Bundesländern. Auch wenn sicherlich über die zehn herausgearbeiteten Glücksbringer und Glückshemmnisse sowie deren Zusammenwirken kontrovers diskutiert werden kann, so dokumentiert der Glücksatlas gleichwohl, dass die Institutionalisierung der Langzeitstudie SOEP ein „Glücksfall" für die wissenschaftlichen Anstrengungen darstellt, das Thema „Lebensqualität und subjektives Wohlbefinden" in Wissenschaft wie Öffentlichkeit zu etablieren.

Das Buch ist im Buchhandel zum Preis von 14,99 Euro im Albrecht Knaus-Verlag, München erhältlich. Hinweise zur Publikationen finden Sie unter: http://www.randomhouse.de/Paperback/Gluecksatlas-Deutschland-2011-Erste-Gluecksstudie-von-Deutsche-Post/Renate-Koecher/e398019.rhd?edi=398019

Glücksatlas Deutschland 2011
Renate Köcher, Bernd Raffelhüschen (Hg.)
Paperback, Klappenbroschur, 176 Seiten, 16,0 x 23,0 cm
durchgehend vierfarbig
ISBN: 978-3-8135-0471-2
14,99 EUR

SOEP Auftrag

Der Auftrag für das SOEP wurde jetzt in Form eines „Mission Statements" vom „SOEP Survey Committee" zusammengefasst:

> Die forschungsbasierte Infrastruktureinrichtung SOEP verfolgt das Ziel, der internationalen Wissenschaftsgemeinschaft national repräsentative Längsschnittdaten zur Verfügung zu stellen, die in multidisziplinärer Perspektive die gesamte Lebensspanne (von der Zeugung bis zu den Erinnerungen nach dem Tod) im Kontext privater Haushalte abdeckt (Haushaltspanel).

Tagungsreader zur Rolle der Umfrageforschung

„Umfrageforschung: Entscheidungsgrundlage für Politik und Wirtschaft" – so lautete das Thema der 9. Wissenschaftlichen Tagung des Statistischen Bundesamtes in Zusammenarbeit mit dem ADM Arbeitskreis Deutscher Markt- und Sozialforschungsinstitute e.V. und der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Sozialwissenschaftlicher Institute e.V. (ASI), die am 30. Juni und 1. Juli 2011 in Wiesbaden stattfand.

Mittlerweile ist die Tagungsdokumentation hierzu erschienen mit Beiträgen von Jürgen **Schupp** sowie von Gert G. **Wagner** (zusammen mit Nico A. **Siegel**). Weiterhin gehen die Beiträge von Holger **Bonin,** Malte **Ristau** und Petra **Mackroth** auf die Rolle des SOEP im Kontext der Politikberatung ein.

Die Dokumentation ist erschienen als Band 8 der GESIS-Schriftenreihe und bei GESIS erhältlich (Bestellformular).

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Köln: GESIS 2011: ISBN 978-3-86819-016-8
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19,- EUR

Data & Service

SOEP 1984–2010 Data (v27)

Available to all users in the EEA countries

The new SOEP 1984–2010 data is now available. They 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 the SOEP data. For more information, see SOEPnewsletter 94/2011.

Please note: The new SOEP data release is 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 mail. 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 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 percent version) with German and English labels in STATA, SAS, SPSS, and ASCII, the comprehensive documentation materials, as well as pooled data for the "SOEPlong" beta version. Research groups may order an additional SOEP DVD for €10.

Bugfixes

The new SOEP data release has been sent out. All those who ordered the data should have received them by now. We thank all our users who reported the following bugs, which have already been fixed and are available from the SOEP hotline.

COGDJ: Data for 2010 now available as a bugfix

In the file COGDJ, the 2010 data had not yet been updated in the released version. The data are available now as a bugfix.

English labels redefined

In the data sets ZHBRUTTO and BAHBRUTTO, some of the English labels shifted position and had to be redefined. This applies to the following variables:

ZHBRUTTO	BAHBRUTTO
SAMPLE1	
ZBULA	
ZDATUMMO	
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In the $PGEN data sets, no English value labels were generated for the new variables on educational degrees and training qualifications prior to joining the panel. This applies to the English labels for the following variables:

FIELD$$, DEGREE$$, and
TRAINA$$–TRAIND$$.

PPFADL in SOEPlong: HID and the variable NETT1

In the SOEPlong data version distributed earlier this year, the following two variables in the file PPFADL had missing values in 2010:

HID	key indicator for households and
NETT1	the short version of the tracking variable NETTO.

The modified value labels are available on our website, and an update for COGDJ and PPFADL can be downloaded, but only by means of a personalized link. To obtain such a link, please contact the SOEPhotline.

SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS)

To begin in 2012—Users with ideas for innovative survey content are invited to apply now!

The "construction" of the new SOEP Innovation Sample will begin in January 2012. Researchers at universities and research institutes worldwide will now have the opportunity to use this sample for groundbreaking research projects, to participate in the development of SOEP survey questions, and to obtain the data for analysis at a very early stage. Applications are now being accepted for new research topics, modules, and individual questions.

The SOEP Survey Committee adopted guidelines for applications in fall of 2011. They can be found at:

http://www.diw.de/en/diw_01.c.388919.en/soep_is_regulatories.html

Opportunities to include innovative short-term experiments and long-term survey content

Based on its 2009 evaluation, the German Science Council recommended that the SOEP expand its core sample and create a new "innovation sample" (http://www.diw.de/en/diw_01.c.343215.en/evaluation_of_the_service_unit_soep.html). The SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS) will be useful for short-term experiments and special content innovations that are not appropriate for the core SOEP—for example, because the instruments are not yet established or the issues of interest are too specific.

The SOEP Innovation Sample is not designed for simply pretesting new survey questions.

SOEP-IS to survey almost 3,000 adults in 1,600 households in 2012

SOEP-IS fieldwork will normally take place between September and December of each year. In 2012, almost 3,000 adults in 1,600 households will take part in the new SOEP survey. Most of these men and women have been responding to core SOEP questions since 2009 as part of an extension of the SOEP sample, providing rich longitudinal data from the very beginning of the Innovation Sample. It is planned that the sample will be enlarged to approximately 5,000 households by 2017.

Submit your ideas now!

Users who would like to propose research questions for inclusion in the 2013 SOEP-IS are invited to submit a proposal to SOEP Survey Management. Suggestions must be received by December 31, 2012, for questions to be included in 2013.

Those interested should start by contacting SOEP Survey Management as soon as possible to present their ideas. If the project is judged to be feasible from a survey methodological viewpoint, applicants will be invited to take part in an official application procedure.

The SOEP Survey Committee will compare and evaluate the proposed questions in terms of their research relevance and potential impact. If the proposed project has already been approved by a well established research funding agency like the German Research Foundation (DFG) or the National Institute on Health (NIH), this step will be foregone.

Applications should be submitted in English to: SOEP-surveymanagement@diw.de. Information on the guidelines for applications can be found at: http://www.diw.de/en/diw_01.c.388919.en/soep_is_regulatories.html

Please contact David **Richter** (drichter@diw.de) for further information.

Recommendations of the SOEP Survey Committee

On October 14–15, 2011, the SOEP Survey Committee convened for their second annual meeting. The committee approved all further proposals of the SOEP and made numerous recommendations:

SOEP Innovation Sample: proposals for 2012 approved

The SOEP Survey Committee approved the general structure and specific features of the SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS) as well as regulations governing the submission of content to this new sample. The regulations for the SOEP-IS will be put into effect and made public in the near future.

The first two SOEP-IS studies were approved: (1) The Bonn Intervention Panel, represented by Armin **Falk** (University of Bonn), will be included in the SOEP-IS in 2013. (2) A study by Richard **Lucas** (Michigan State University) comparing measures of experimental and evaluative well-being (funded by the US National Institute of Aging) will be included in 2012–2015.

In 2012, SOEP will include an additional drop-off questionnaire for well-defined birth cohorts to investigate long-run effects of "Conditions Early in Life" on health, mortality, and economic outcomes. P.I. Gerard J. **van den Berg** will provide special financial incentives for participants with funds from his Alexander von Humboldt Professorship Award. See: http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/1070566.html.

The SOEP Survey Committee also approved the new supplementary questionnaire on gender as a focus of the 2013 core SOEP. The gender module that will be introduced in 2013 will be repeated at

regular intervals. As the first representative household panel to measure gender stereotypes, SOEP is again reinforcing its pioneering role in survey research and making the data more attractive to a wider group of users and a larger scientific community.

Further recommendations

The SOEP Survey Committee strongly recommended shifting the focus in the near term to web-based modalities of data collection and secure data downloads via Internet rather than the current mode of data distribution on DVDs.

SOEP Mission

The SOEP Survey Committee officially approved the SOEP mission statement.

The research-driven infrastructure unit SOEP seeks to serve an international scientific community by providing nationally representative longitudinal data from a multi-disciplinary perspective covering the entire life span (from conception to memories) in the context of private households (household panel).

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Survey Committee is scheduled to take place on June 26–27, 2012, the day before the start of the 10th SOEP User Conference in Berlin.

LEE-SOEP Project 2012

Linked Employer-Employee data for use with the SOEP data (LEE-SOEP)

A new project acquired through the competitive "SAW procedure" of the Leibniz Association's Pact for Research and Innovation is scheduled to begin in 2012. The project is based on a recommendation of the German Council for Science and Humanities (*Wissenschaftsrat*) to address the growing importance in the economic and social sciences of company and plant-level data for explaining changes in social and economic phenomena. To enable detailed analysis of the impacts of company-level factors on labor market processes, social inequalities, and individual and family life courses and attitudes, this project will conduct an additional firm-level survey following the 2012 SOEP survey and will thus lay the foundations for a linked individual-household-employer dataset. The resulting database will be unique at both the national and international levels in opening up new and innovative potentials for analysis. It will also constitute a substantial improvement in the SOEP infrastructure. The new project, which has been approved for an initial phase of two years, will be carried out in cooperation between SOEP Director Jürgen **Schupp** and DIW Research Professor Stefan **Liebig,** based at the University of Bielefeld.

2012 SOEP Survey Instruments

Finalized for field start

The 29th wave of the SOEP survey will go into the field in early 2012. This wave will again focus on the topic of private household assets, as was the focus in 2002 and 2007. Grip strength and short cognitive tests will also be implemented again. A further age-specific short questionnaire will be used for the first time to gather information on nine-to ten-year-old children.

The SOEP receives funding

Participation in the Berlin Aging Study II (BASE-II)

The German federal cabinet approved the federal government's research agenda for demographic change, "A Future in Old Age," on November 30, 2011. Federal Research Minister Annette **Schavan** commented: "We want to promote the development of solutions, products, and services through research that improves the life quality and social involvement of older people."

Minister Annette Schavan presented the new program at a press conference at the Evangelische Geriatriezentrum Berlin (EGZB). The Head of the Geriatric Center, Elisabeth **Steinhagen-Thiessen,** will be directing the Berlin Aging Study II (BASE-II), in which the SOEP will also be participating. BASE II is being funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), as Federal Minister Schavan announced at the press conference. The SOEP application for funding was submitted by Gert G. **Wagner** together with Martin **Kroh** and Thomas **Siedler.**

The Berlin Aging Study II (BASE II) uses the SOEP as a reference study. The participants in BASE II will be interviewed as if they belonged to the SOEP sample. This will make it possible to extrapolate the BASE II data and the Berlin population figures to the entire population of Germany.

Photo: Christine Kurka

Federal Research Minister Annette Schavan (left), the Head of the Geriatric Center, Elisabeth Steinhagen-Thiessen, and Chairman of DIW Berlin, Gert G. Wagner.

The Berlin Aging Study (BASE)

The Berlin Aging Study BASE is a longitudinal study of the Berlin population that has been running for around 20 years. At present, the second part of the aging study is underway, a study of around 2,200 Berlin residents. The aim of BASE II is to create a one-of-a-kind database in Germany that provides a foundation for research on fundamental processes of aging. The cooperation partners are Charité university hospital in Berlin, the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics, and the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP). The study is being funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

Results of the 2011 SOEP User Survey

To get a better picture of how SOEP users feel about the various services we provide, including data quality, data access, and documentation, we carry out regular surveys of users in Germany and abroad. Our main objective in the 2011 User Survey, which was conducted last summer, was to obtain feedback and suggestions for further improvements.

We sent out 1,996 e-mails to SOEP contract and sub-contract holders, and received answers from 443 users (22.2 percent). This figure corresponds fairly precisely to the number of "active" SOEP users who requested and received a data DVD in 2010 (N = 420). We thank all our users who responded to our invitation by completing the questionnaire.

Concentration of SOEP users in economics and sociology

As in previous years, the majority of this year's respondents came from the fields of economics (50%) and sociology (33 percent), followed by psychology (6 percent), statistics (4 percent), and political science (2 percent). The remaining 6 percent work in medicine, education, and geography. Most respondents work in Germany (70 percent) and the European Union (20 percent). Six percent of respondents work in North America and 4 percent in other parts of the world.

Overall, users reported a high level of satisfaction with SOEP service: the reported overall mean satisfaction was 8.3 percent, satisfaction with data access was 8.6 percent, and satisfaction with documentation was 7.9 percent (possible values ranging from 0 to 10). Only five respondents reported dissatisfaction (values between 0 and 4).

Four-fifths of respondents use the longitudinal component of the data, one-fifth already use SOEPlong

The results on data use show that more than 80 percent of respondents are using the longitudinal component of the data. This is good news for us, since it confirms that we are on the right track with our new data format, SOEPlong, which promises to make work with the SOEP data easier for many users. SOEPlong significantly reduces the number of datasets by consolidating all those that are similar, and solves the problem of variable names differing from one wave to the next. Despite the fact that it is still in the beta stage, SOEPlong is already being used by 20 percent of user survey respondents. In

this year's data release, we are already providing the second, improved beta version of SOEPlong. As ever, we would be grateful for your feedback and suggestions.

Plans to publicize the teaching version of SOEP data

The survey results on the use of SOEP data in teaching also proved very interesting. Although 68 percent of respondents teach at the university level, only 17 percent of them are using the special teaching version of the SOEP data. In fact, only 42 percent of respondents active in teaching were aware of the existence of the special teaching data set. In the future, we plan to provide users with more information about the possibilities of using this special SOEP dataset in teaching.

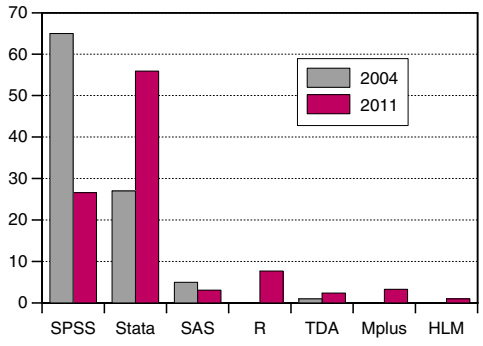
Plans to improve the visibility of SOEPinfo

The User Survey provided useful feedback on SOEPinfo as well: 13 percent of respondents were unfamiliar with SOEPinfo. To rectify this, we plan to give SOEPinfo a more prominent place on our homepage and to further improve the possibilities it offers. One goal is to incorporate metadata information on the SOEPlong data format into a web-based metadata information system.

Around two-thirds of SOEP users currently working with Stata

The 2011 User Survey showed a significant change in the software used with the SOEP data since the last user survey in 2004 (see Fig. 1). Most respondents are now using Stata, which has taken the lead over SPSS. The open-source software R is used by 8 percent of respondents. Relatively few users are working with Mplus (3%), SAS (3 %), or TDA (2%).

Figure 1: Changes in software use



Source: SOEP User Survey 2011

Stata users were also asked which version of Stata they are using. The results showed that three-quarters of Stata users work with Stata/SE or Stata/MP. A substantially smaller group is using the limited intercooled version, Stata/IC, which allows only a limited number of usable variables within a data set and thus is unable to open the entire individual dataset "PL" in SOEPlong (note: it is possible, however, to load the variables in Stata/IC needed by choosing the variables directly with the command "use": "use HID PID varlist using pl.dta").

Thank you for your participation!

The importance of our regular communication with you, the SOEP users, is underscored by the fact that two errors were pointed out to us in responses to the survey. We have corrected these in the new SOEP.v27 data release (one error in variable correspondence and one in the English labels).

We are very grateful to everyone who participated and will do our best to put your very useful suggestions into practice.

The next SOEP user survey will be coming

It won't be long until we ask for your input again: we plan to conduct user surveys on an annual basis and to schedule them during the academic break in hopes that this will better accommodate your needs and allow more users to participate in the survey. We also want to make the survey user-friendlier and to reduce its length. So keep in mind: the next SOEP User Survey is coming. We hope to hear from you (again)!

DOIs for the SOEP

As announced in July 2011 (SOEPnewsletter 93), each release of the SOEP data will be assigned its own DOI (Digital Object Identifier). This number, each of which is unique on the Internet, has two objectives: first, the DOI allows the metadata for a particular dataset to be made permanently available in standardized form (on websites maintained by SOEP). Second, clear citation of the data release version in published research facilitates the reanalysis of the data.

So far, we have assigned a DOI to all of the main data releases from wave 24 (1984–2007 data) to today (wave 27, 1984–2010 data) and are providing the metadata on our website (see below). The metadata contain a short description of the SOEP,

information on the survey population, the procedures used for sample selection and surveying, the size of the dataset, citable descriptions, and links to data access and online documentation.

We plan to assign DOIs to every major data revision between data releases as well (when these are necessary to correct errors) and for datasets that are provided separately (SOEPlong, regional data, pretest data).

The main SOEP page on the DOI can be found at: http://www.diw.de/en/diw_01.c.387309.en/versions_/_doi.html

And of course, every existing SOEP-DOI can be found using the usual resolver URL of the DOI Foundation:
http://dx.doi.org/10.5684/*

or via the DIW website:
http://www.diw.de/doi/*.

*The number of the data release version should be inserted after the last slash (/), e.g.: soep.v27, soep.v25.

New Series: SOEP Survey Papers

Around four years ago, we created our SOEPpapers series as a platform for multidisciplinary panel data research based on SOEP data. Because of the multidisciplinary nature of the SOEP infrastructure, work from all social science disciplines is published in the SOEPpapers. Issue 420 was released in early December 2011 on the topic of smoking and returns to education. The download statistics provide evidence of the series' growing attractiveness in the scientific community as a multidisciplinary platform for current research by SOEP data users.

We have now launched SOEP Survey Papers, a second series focusing on methodological aspects of the SOEP. The publications are clearly citable and free for downloading. They will consolidate the growing body of "grey literature" dealing with the SOEP that is currently out of print, unavailable, scattered among different sites on the Internet, or published as part of our documentation on the SOEP data DVD. The SOEP Survey Papers will comprise the following series:

Series A Survey Instruments
Series B Survey Reports
Series C Data Documentation
Series D Variable Descriptions and Coding
Series E SOEPmonitors
Series F SOEPnewsletters
Series G General Issues and Teaching Materials

Series B, Survey Reports, was launched this fall and the other series will be launched over the course of the coming year. Series B, Issue 1, is a reprint of the SOEP field report on the very first survey wave of 1984, a publication that was previously out of print. The various pretest reports that prepare the way for the various survey waves will also be published in this series.

We started by publishing field and pretest reports that the survey institute creates for each SOEP wave and pretest. We started with the first wave, that is, documents from 1983/84. The questionnaires and field reports from this phase have not been provided previously on the Internet; the old documents have to be scanned page by page. In some cases, this means that the quality of the scanned images is not high (also due to the age and condition of the originals) and as a result, the PDF files are quite large. We hope that this service will nevertheless be helpful to you in your research. The documents can be navigated easily using the PDF bookmarks and can be searched thanks to the use of OCR recognition.

The report should be cited as follows: Infratest Sozialforschung (2011): SOEP 1984 – Methodenbericht zum Befragungsjahr 1984 (Welle 1) des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels. SOEP Survey Papers 1: Series B. Berlin: DIW/SOEP.

The new series can be found on the Internet at: http://www.diw.de/soepsurveypapers

News from Cornell

CNEF File Available

The Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF) and the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) Scientific Use Sample disks are being shipped from Cornell. We have shipped almost 100 disks. We distributed 40 percent to the US. The rest were more or less evenly distributed in Europe but we also distributed disks to users in Russia, South Korea, Japan, and Egypt.

If you have not already requested your copy, you may do so by sending an email to SOEP@cornell.edu or CNEF@cornell.edu. Please include your current shipping address.

The German SOEP Scientific Use Sample includes data from 1984–2009.

The CNEF data include:

BHPS-CNEF:	1991–2008
SOEP-CNEF:	1984–2009
HILDA-CNEF:	2001–2009
KLIPS-CNEF:	1998–2008
PSID-CNEF:	1970–2007
SHP-CNEF:	1999–2009
SLID-CNEF:	1992–2009

This year the CNEF adds data from an eighth panel study—from the Russia Longitudinal Monitoring Study—Higher School of Economics (RLMS-HSE), covering the years 1995–2009.

SOEP@cornell.edu

Note Our New E-mail Address

Please note that we will be phasing out the old GSOEP@cornell email address. Please use SOEP@cornell.edu or CNEF@cornell.edu to request the data or to share your questions.

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Events & Activities

SOEP2012 – Call for Papers

10th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference 2012 to be held in Berlin on June 28–29, 2012

The 10th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2012) will be held in Berlin on June 28–29, 2012.

In 1993, Richard V. **Burkhauser** and Gert G. **Wagner** launched the first in a series of bi-annual international SOEP conferences. They started on a very small scale and have grown over the last 20 years to become a major success in terms of the quality of papers, the number of submissions, and the level of participation. Today, SOEP User Conferences bring together respected scholars from around the world. SOEP currently has over 2,000 users in more than 44 countries and the user community is still growing. The SOEP2012 will mark the tenth anniversary of the International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference.

The event provides SOEP users an opportunity to present and discuss their work with fellow researchers who are familiar with the SOEP data. Scholars from all disciplines (economics, demography, geography, political sciences, public health, psychology, sociology, and others) who use the SOEP or the SOEP component of the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) are invited to submit an abstract. We especially encourage submissions using the longitudinal features of SOEP, as well as those dealing with survey methodology or cross-national comparative analysis.

Venue

The SOEP2012 will begin on June 28, 2012 at DIW Berlin and the Hertie School of Governance, both located in the building Q 110 on Friedrichstrasse. The conference will continue on June 29 at the headquarters of Leibniz Association (WGL), where the closing session with the award ceremony, followed by a farewell dinner will also take place.

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

Jürgen **Schupp** and C. Katharina **Spieß** form the core scientific committee of the conference. Former SOEP Research Associate Nicolas **Ziebarth,** who has recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell University, will join the Scientific Committee in 2012 as a young scholar representing the longstanding relationship between SOEP and Cornell. 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. Notification as to whether papers have been accepted will be given by April 6, 2012.

Proceedings

Shorter versions of selected conference papers will be published in the 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.

Award 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 attendees 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 they are traveling from: up to €125 (Germany), up to €500 (other countries in Europe), up to €750 (overseas).

Local organizers

Jürgen **Schupp** and C. Katharina **Spieß**

Christine **Kurka** (conference management)

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

Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF) Award Winners

At a reception held at DIW Berlin on October 13, 2011, Arne **Brekenfeld**, Acting Chair of the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF), and DIW Research Director Prof. Denis **Gerstorf** presented the VdF Awards for 2011.

The VdF Awards are conferred every two years to honor outstanding publications in two categories by researchers at DIW Berlin. A third category honors the best publication by external authors using SOEP data. This year, all of the awards went to researchers who had used SOEP data in their publication. Our congratulations to the winners!

Photo: Alfred Gutzler

Photo: Nicolas Ziebarth (right) received the award from VDF Chair Arne Brekenfeld (left).

Nicolas **Ziebarth** received the award in the first category for the best article in a peer-reviewed journal (€2,500) for his 2010 article in the Economic Journal: "Price Elasticities of Convalescent Care Programmes." The paper was adapted from a chapter of his dissertation, which is entitled "Sickness Absence and Economic Incentives." VdF Chair Arne Brekenfeld commented: "There are hypotheses and also statistical correlations for the connection between the use and price of health services. Nicolas Ziebarth goes a major step further in his work. He succeeds in showing that the 1997 increase in individual contributions to health care funds is indeed the cause of a substantial reduction in convalescent care programs."

The award in the second category for the best DIW Berlin Wochenbericht (2,500 euros) went to Joachim R. **Frick** (†) and Markus **Grabka** for their article in Issue 3 / 2010 "Old-age pension entitlements mitigate inequality—but concentration of wealth remains high" and to Stefan **Bach** for his article in Issue 50 / 2010: "Public debt and macroeconomic balance sheets: public poverty and private affluence." In his laudatory address, Breken-

Photo: Alfred Gutzler

Photo: Joachim R. Frick (†) (right) together with Markus M. Grabka (middle) received the award for the best DIW Berlin Wochenbericht on October 13, 2011. This was the last time Joachim was able to attend a public event before being hospitalized in early November.

feld commented that "the researchers deal with the important issue of wealth distribution in Germany from very different perspectives. Both authors have succeeded convincingly in providing a new empirical basis for the debate."

The awards in the third category for the best SOEP-based publication by external authors (totaling €4,500) were presented by Prof. Denis **Gerstorf.** We congratulate the winners, whose work was spotlighted in the last SOEPnewsletter.

SOEP Brown Bag Seminar

Photo: Alfred Gutzler, DIW Berlin

Jan Marcus, the Organizer of SOEP Brown Bag Seminars.

The SOEP Brown Bag Seminar Series offers SOEP researchers an opportunity to present their ongoing research using SOEP data. The seminars take place approximately once 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:

Jan **Marcus** (SOEP, DIW Berlin GC): Does job loss make you smoke and gain weight? October 5, 2011.

Pia **Schober** (University of Cambridge): Parenthood, maternal labour market return, and gender inequality in housework: A comparison of different parental leave contexts. October 19, 2011.

Marcel **Hebing** (SOEP) Metadatenmanagement für Nichtinformatiker: Warum brauchen wir ein neues SOEPinfo? Und was ist eigentlich ein Data Warehouse? November 2, 2011.

Alexander **Yendell** (Universität Münster): Soziale Ungleichheiten in der beruflichen Weiterbildung. November 16, 2011.

Hannes **Neiss** (SOEP, BGSS): Is health a predictor of job loss and high status attainment? A gender sensitive approach to health selection on the labor market. December 14, 2011.

Cluster Seminars

The "Cluster Seminar Public Finances and Living Conditions" is the joined seminar of the newly established DIW Berlin Cluster "Public Finances and Living Conditions." The cluster consists of the Research Infrastructure SOEP, the Department of Public Economics and the Focus Department for Educational Policy.

The Cluster Seminar was established in October 2011 to foster the cooperation between the departments. Presentations include topics of interest to the members of all three departments. It takes place bi-weekly, alternating with the SOEP Brown Bag.

If you would like to take part, please contact Daniel **Kemptner** (dkemptner@diw.de) or Jan **Marcus** (jmarcus@diw.de), who organize the seminar series. In the last three months, the following presentations were given:

Silke **Anger** (SOEP): Stop Smoking, Your Paycheck Will Thank You! Wage Effects from Smoking Cessation. October 12, 2011.

Nils **Saniter** (DIW Berlin, Graduate Center): Returns to Schooling in Germany revisited. Identification via conditional heteroskedasticity. November 9, 2011.

Ronny **Freier** (DIW Berlin, Department of Public Economics): When can we trust population thresholds in regression discontinuity designs? November 23, 2011.

Frank **Fossen** (DIW Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin): Taxation and the Debt Ratio of Firms—Evidence from Germany's New Flat Tax on Capital Income. December 7, 2011.

Nicolas **Ziebarth** (Cornell University): In absolute or relative terms? How framing prices affects the consumer price sensitivity of health plan choice. December 21, 2011.

People & Papers

Bärbel-Maria Kurth Joins SOEP Survey Committee

The SOEP Survey Committee welcomes new member Bärbel-Maria **Kurth.** She is the Director of the Department of Epidemiology and Health Reporting at the Robert Koch Institute, and serves on both the Supervisory Board and the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Helmholz Center for Infection Research in Braunschweig on appointment by the Federal Minister of Education and Research. She has been a member of the German Data Forum since 2011. Her research focuses on statistical methods, epidemiological methods, health reporting and health monitoring, health surveys, epidemiology of health care, risk communication and risk assessment, and policy advice.

Personnel News from SOEP

The SOEP welcomes apprentices Florian **Griese** and Janine **Napieraj,** who began apprenticeships as Specialists in Market and Social Research on November 1, 2011. The three-year apprenticeship will take place largely in the SOEP at DIW Berlin as well as at a vocational school in Berlin. Specialists in Market and Social Research plan and coordinate internal and external data collection processes. They conduct data research, prepare the data for processing, test the data for plausibility, and carry out evaluations and quality controls. In Germany, the official job profile for "Specialists in Market and Social Research" was first created in 2006. Director of the SOEP research infrastructure Jürgen Schupp sees outstanding career prospects for both apprentices, particularly in the area of research infrastructure.

Photo: Patrizia Axt

The new apprentices Florian Griese (left) and Janine Napieraj. DIW Chairman Gert G. Wagner (right): "The apprentices are good for the SOEP. And it's good for DIW Berlin to give two young people the opportunity to take part in an interesting training program."

Anika **Rasner** defended her doctoral dissertation on November 30, 2011, at the Berlin Institute of Technology. In her dissertation, Anika developed a procedure to augment SOEP data with administrative pension records by statistical matching. Based on the combined data, she analyzed what role social security wealth plays in the individual's total wealth holdings and how marital trajectories affect the process of pension building for women in Germany and the US. She came to the conclusion that social security entitlements are a substantial source of wealth that significantly reduces inequality in wealth in Germany. In the second empirical application, Anika arrived at the conclusion that marital trajectories make a difference when it comes to the process of pension building. Especially women who experience a divorce later in their working life have trouble catching up in pension building. Surprisingly, special provisions paid to (divorced) spouses in the US social security system make women in the US economically less vulnerable than their German counterparts. Her dissertation advisors were James W. Vaupel (Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research) and Gert G. Wagner (Berlin University of Technology). We congratulate her on her summa cum laude dissertation!

Photo: Christine Kurka

Photo: Stephan Röhl

Jürgen **Schupp** was appointed to a three-year term on the Executive Board of the Working Group of Social Science Institutes (ASI) on November 25, 2011, at their Annual Membership Meeting. The ASI is a non-profit association of independent and university-based social science research institutes in Germany. Its goal is to foster and intensify social science research, especially research with an empirical orientation. It is conceived as a point of contact for researchers who are active in empirical social research and as an organization defending their professional and research interests (http://www.asi-ev.org/)

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C. Katharina **Spieß** will be heading the newly created DIW Berlin Focus Department of Educational Policy. She will also remain part of the SOEP. Frauke **Peters** will be a member of the new department and will also continue to hold responsibilities in the SOEP.

Gert G. **Wagner** was appointed an associate member of the German Geobusiness Commission as Chair of the German Data Council. The Commission was established by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi).

In his capacity as Chair of the German Data Council, Gert G. **Wagner** participated in a workshop on "Data Collection in the Field of Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Studies" organized by the Federal

Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) in November 2011. Among other topics, the workshop addressed a possible role for the SOEP as a reference study for further development of a "Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Panel."

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Veronika **Waue** started work in the SOEP group on December 1, 2011. She holds a graduate degree (Diplom) in Computer Science Economics and completed a doctoral thesis on optimization processes. She is working as a member of the SOEP database team.

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

Marco **Giesselmann:** Der Einfluss institutioneller Rahmenbedingungen auf individuelle Arbeitmarktergebnisse. Eine Mehrebenenanalyse auf Basis des EU-SILC. Colloquium Soziologie der Freien Universität Berlin, February 1, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Elisabeth **Bügelmeyer** and C. Katharina **Spieß:** Spite and cognitive skills in preschoolers. Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss des Vereins für Socialpolitik, Universität Zürich, January 28, 2012, Zurich/Switzerland.

Paper presentations in the last three months

Elke **Holst** and Hartmut **Seifert:** Arbeitsmarktpolitische Kontroversen im Spiegel der Arbeitszeitwünsche. Workshop "Flexible Arbeitszeiten", Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut der Hans-Böckler-Stiftung. December 1, 2011, Düsseldorf/Germany.

Peter **Krause** and Torsten **Masson:** Concepts of sustainable development—measurement and receptions within German population. International scientific conference "Sustainable Consumption—Towards Action and Impact", FONA, BMBF, November 6-8, 2011, Hamburg/Germany.

Peter **Krause:** Berufscodierung im SOEP. Statement. Expertenworkshop zur Berufscodierung, GESIS—Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences Survey Design and Methodology, October 12, 2011, Mannheim/Germany.

Martin **Kroh:** Innovationen im Sozio-Oekonomischen Panel: Analysepotentiale für die sozial- und wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Forschung. Quantitativ Ökonomisches Colloquium der Wirtschaftswissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Freien Universität Berlin, December 1, 2011, Berlin/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:** Nonresponse 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 27–28, 2011, Washington D.C./USA.

C. Katharina **Spieß:** Frühkindliche Bildungsforschung in Deutschland: Ausgewählte Längsschnittstudien und aktuelle Perspektiven. Gemeinsame Tagung der Universität Bamberg und der Robert-Bosch-Stiftung, November 18, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

C. Katharina **Spieß** and Steve **Barnett:** Was lernen wir aus bildungsökonomischer Perspektive? Gemeinsame Tagung der Universität Bamberg und der Robert-Bosch-Stiftung , November 17, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

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.

Ingrid **Tucci:** Bildungs- und Erwerbsverläufe junger Menschen mit Migrationshintergrund in Deutschland und Frankreich. Vortragsreihe "Migration und Integration". Fachbereich Sozial- und Kulturwissenschaften, Hochschule Fulda, November 24, 2011, Fulda/Germany.

Cornelia **Wrzus,** Viktor **Müller,** Gert G. **Wagner,** Ulman **Lindenberger,** and Michaela **Riediger:** Age Effects in Affective and Cardiovascular Responses to Daily Hassles: Complexity of Event Matters. 64th Meeting of The Gerontological Society of America, November 21, 2001, Boston, MA/USA.

Presentations at policy forums (October 2011 – March 2012)

Markus M. **Grabka:** Kinderarmut in der OECD: Messkonzepte, Trends und Lösungsansätze. Veranstaltung "Kinderarmut in Deutschland: Wie stiefmütterlich ist Vater Staat?", Bertelsmann Stiftung, October 20, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka:** Die Einkommens- und Vermögensverteilung in Deutschland. Vortrag im Rahmen des Kapitalmarktforum 2011, der Bank für Kirche und Caritas eG, Heinz Nixdorf Museums-Forum Paderborn, November 8, 2011, Paderborn/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka:** Die Rentenformel und Rentenanpassungsformel – Aufbau und Wirkungsweise. Vortrag bei der SPD-Bundestagsfraktion, October 20, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka:** Zur Entwicklung der Altersarmut in Deutschland. Vortrag beim Arbeitskreis "Wirtschaft und Arbeit" der Evangelischen Kirche Berlin-Brandenburg-schlesische Oberlausitz, October 17, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka:** Die Zukunft der Rente. Veranstaltung „Denkabend: Zur Zukunft der Rente – Wie wir Altersarmut verhindern können". Denkfabrik und Parlamentarische Linke in der SPD-Bundestagsfraktion, November 30, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka:** Einzelsachverständiger im Ausschuss Arbeit und Soziales des Deutschen Bundestags zur Vorbereitung des 4. Armuts- und Reichtumsbericht der Bundesregierung, December 12, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst:** Aktionärinnen fordern Gleichberechtigung. Abschlussveranstaltung der Aktion "Aktionärinnen fordern Gleichberechtigung." Podium. Deutscher Juristinnenbund djb, November 16, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst:** "Soziale Mobilität". ExpertInnengespräch. Herbsttagung des Think Tank 30 der Deutschen Gesellschaft des Club of Rome. November 12, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp:** Soziale Indikatoren, Wohlstandsindikatoren und Erfahrungen des Sozio-oekomischen Panels (SOEP). Vortrag bei der SPD-Arbeitsgruppe zur Enquetekommission "Wachstum, Wohlstand, Lebensqualität", Hertie School of Governance, December 14, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

C. Katharina **Spieß** and Hans **Bertram:** Fragt die Eltern! Buchvorstellung, Forum Bildung der Frankfurter Buchmesse, October 14, 2011, Frankfurt am Main/Germany.

C. Katharina **Spieß:** Ist Bildung der Fahrschein in eine bessere Zukunft? Talkrunde anlässlich der Verleihung des Deutschen Bürgerpreises 2011. November 29, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Ingrid **Tucci:** Was hilft MigrantInnen und deren Nachkommen? Opportunitäten, Hindernisse und gesellschaftliches Klima. Arbeitsgruppe "Unternehmerinnen und Unternehmer ausländischer Herkunft", IHK Berlin, October 19, 2011, Berlin/Germany.

Gert G. **Wagner:** Politikberatung aus Wissenschaftssicht. Fachkongress "Beitrag der wissenschaftlichen Forschung zum gesellschaftlichen Wandel" des Instituts Wohnen und Umwelt, October 6, 2011, Darmstadt/Germany.

Gert G. **Wagner:** Stadtvisionen: Erkenntnis ist noch kein gesellschaftlicher Nutzen, EOC Symposium 2011 (Earth Observation Center des DLR), October 12, 2011, Oberpfaffenhofen/Germany.

University teaching and short-term special courses (WS 2011/2012)

University teaching (fall semester 2011/2012)

Marco **Giesselmann:** Elementary Data Analysis. Institut für Soziologie, FU Berlin.

Markus **Grabka,** Jan **Göbel,** Elke **Holst,** and Joachim **Frick:** Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung: "Empirische Mikroökonomik: Analysen sozio-ökonomischer Ungleichheit." Project seminar in the faculty of Economics and Management, TU Berlin/Germany.

Martin **Kroh:** Advanced Quantitative Methods. Berlin Graduate School of the Social Sciences (BGSS), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany.

Christian **Schmitt** and Heike **Trappe:** The Incomplete Revolution. Changes in Gender Inequality (graduate course), University of Rostock/Germany.

Christian **Schmitt:** Methods of Panel-Data Analysis with the SOEP. Investigations into Life Satisfaction (graduate course), University of Rostock/Germany.

Christian **Schmitt et al.:** Introduction to Demography (joint lecture series), University of Rostock/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp:** Social Indicators—GDP and Beyond. Seminar, Institut für Soziologie, FU Berlin/Germany.

Thomas **Siedler:** Angewandte Ökonometrie I, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Hamburg/Germany.

Thomas **Siedler:** Advanced Econometrics, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Hamburg/Germany.

Ingrid **Tucci:** Prozesse und Auswirkungen ethnischer Grenzziehungen in der Einwanderungsgesellschaft, Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany.

Short-term special courses (October – March 2012)

Marco **Giesselmann** and Elke **Holst:** Introduction to the SOEP. 5th International Research Workshop Methods for PhD. October 2–7, 2011. Sankelmark near Flensburg/Germany.

SOEP Visitors

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

Anne Busch, University of Bielefeld/Germany
Frank Infurna, The Pennsylvania State University/USA
Yvonne Lott, University of Bremen /Germany
Wenzel Matiaske, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg/Germany
Peter Hans Matthews, Middlebury College, Vermont/USA
Lindsay Pettingill, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C./USA
Pia Schober, University of Cambridge/UK
Dominique A. Shure, Oxford University, Oxford/UK
Doris Weichselbaumer, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz/ Austria

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

Anders Björklund, SOFI, Stockholm University/Sweden
Verena Dill, Universität Trier/Germany
Maia Güell, University of Edinburgh/UK
Tanja Fendel, Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin/Germany
Eva Sierminska, Luxembourg Income Study (LIS), Luxembourg/LU
Sarah Smith, University of Bristol/UK
Andreas Hartung, University of Tübingen/Germany
Eileen Trczinski, Wayne State University, Detroit/USA

Interns (in the past three months and near future)

Georg Camehl, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany
Navina Groß, University of Potsdam/Germany
Jasper Schulze-Buschhoff, University of Bristol/UK

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Coneus, Katja, and C. Katharina **Spieß.** 2011. Pollution exposure and child health: Evidence for infants and toddlers in Germany. Journal of Health Economics (online first).

Cornelißen, Thomas, and Uwe **Jirjahn.** 2011. September 11th and the earnings of Muslims in Germany—The moderating role of education and firm size. Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization (online first).

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If you would like to attend the symposium, please submit an abstract of your topic (350 words, in English) together with complete contact information before **November 15, 2011**. We will inform you whether your proposal has been accepted before December 15, 2011. The deadline for submission of the full paper (3.000 words) will be **February 15, 2012**.

All accepted papers will be made accessible to commentators and participants one month prior to the symposium. During the symposium each presenter will have about 20 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes comments by a senior researcher, and 10 minutes plenary discussion. The official language of the symposium will be English.

Catering as well as accommodation for non-locals will be provided. The conference fee is € 25.

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Call for Papers

2012 German Stata Users Group Meeting

Organizers: Johannes Giesecke (University of Bamberg) and Ulrich Kohler (WZB Social Science Research Center Berlin),
Place: Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB)
Date: June 1, 2012

Submission Deadline: March 31, 2012
Participants who do not present should just write an email to Anke Mrosek (anke.mrosek@dpc.de).

About the Conference

We would like to announce the 10th German Stata Users Group Meeting to be held at the Social Science Research Center in Berlin on Friday, June 1, 2012. We would like to invite everybody from anywhere who is interested in using Stata to attend this meeting.

Presentations are sought on topics that include:

- user-written Stata programs,
- case studies of research or teaching using Stata,
- discussions of data management problems,
- reviews of analytical issues,
- surveys or critiques of Stata facilities in specific fields, etc.

The conference language will be English due to the international nature of the meeting and the participation of non-German guest speakers. (See http://www.stata.com/support/meeting for the proceedings of other User Group Meetings.)

We are very delighted that Patrick Royston (University College London) and Maurizio Pisati (University of Milano Bicocca) have accepted our invitation to attend the meeting as our guest speakers.

The academic program of the meeting is being organized by Johannes Giesecke (johannes.giesecke@uni-bamberg.de) and Ulrich Kohler (kohler@wzb.eu).

Submission

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please submit an abstract by email to one of the organizers (max 200 words). The deadline for submissions is 31th March 2012. Presentations should be about 20 min. or shorter.

Finance and Logistics

Participants are asked to travel at their own expense. There will be a small conference fee to cover costs for coffee, teas, and luncheons. There will also be an optional informal meal at a restaurant in Berlin on Friday evening at additional cost. The logistics are being organized by Dittrich and Partner (http://www.dpc.de), the distributor of Stata in several countries including Germany, The Netherlands, Austria, Czech Republic, and Hungary. You can enroll by contacting Anke Mrosek (anke.mrosek@dpc.de) by email or by writing, phoning, or faxing to

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The final program, cost, and venue will be circulated in April 2012.

Über das Buch

Das Lehrbuch gibt detaillierte Hinweise für die Durchführung standardisierter Befragungen, vor allem der allgemeinen Bevölkerung. Das Buch behandelt zunächst allgemeine Probleme der Frageformulierung und des Antwortverhaltens. Besondere Aufmerksamkeit wird den praktischen Problemen der Fragebogenkonstruktion und der Durchführung von Pretests gewidmet. Für alle Formen standardisierter Interviews (schriftlich, mündlich, telefonisch, per Internet) werden die jeweiligen Besonderheiten der Befragungsinstrumente, der Stichprobenverfahren und der Durchführung praxisnah dargestellt. Hierbei werden vor allem Nonresponse-Probleme ausführlich diskutiert und Möglichkeiten zu ihrer Vermeidung dargestellt.

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