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Dear colleagues:

An important announcement for all international users who obtain their data from our partner in the US: the CNEF (Cross National Equivalent File) projects are moving from Cornell to Ohio State University (OSU). You can read more on this issue in the Comment by Gert G. Wagner on [page 2](#) and in Dean Lillard's Data News from Cornell and Ohio State University ([page 8](#)). Dean, who has been Co-Principal Investigator for many years, accepted a position as Associate Professor at OSU and replaces Richard Burkhauser as CNEF project director. The next data delivery of CNEF will still be handled by Cornell.

The new SOEP data for 1994 to 2011 (release v28) for users in EEA countries will be sent out soon. If you have not ordered the dataset yet, there is still time for you to do so. See [page 5](#) for the relevant information. You can also read about new developments in the dataset.

A few months have already passed since the 10th International SOEP User Conference took place. For all those who were unable to participate and for those who would like to have a reminder of this event, you can find a report on the conference and information about the prizes awarded there from [page 9](#).

Over the past few years, the SOEP has stepped up its efforts to provide training on how to use SOEP data. We cooperate with partners at various universities and also run our own annual introductory course at DIW Berlin (in German only). The next course on analysis of SOEP data will be organized by the SOEP in cooperation with the Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin) on February 25 and 26, 2013. See [page 3](#) for further information. Registration begins on January 7, 2013.

Finally, the SOEP would like to take this opportunity to thank all participants in the 2012 User Survey. A total of 574 users participated in this. See [page 8](#) for the preliminary results.

Best regards,

Elke Holst | Editor

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Comment

New Momentum for CNEF

The Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF), the international comparative panel database of which the SOEP is an important component, is moving: from Cornell University (Ithaca, New York) to Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Move from Cornell to Ohio State University (OSU)

This means that not only will the CNEF be based at a university with a first-class football team and a gigantic stadium (as is also the case with the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) in Ann Arbor), but, more importantly, this move will facilitate closer cooperation and exchange of ideas and experience with one of the biggest longitudinal studies in the world, the National Longitudinal Survey (NLS), which has been conducted out of Columbus for decades.

Dean Lillard to replace Richard Burkhauser as CNEF project director

The reason for the CNEF's move is closely connected with the SOEP's age: next year will mark its 30th wave. After such a long time, our CNEF partner at Cornell University, Richard Burkhauser, is about to retire. Admittedly, this move is not motivated by less work but rather by new work: for the foreseeable future, Rich will be spending six months a year working at the Melbourne Institute of the University of Melbourne in Australia. We wish Rich an enjoyable stay in Australia and every success. Since Rich is no longer at Cornell University full-time, his long-term Co-Principal Investigator Dean Lillard will take over as CNEF project director. And Dean has taken up a post at Ohio State University. Since August 1, he is Associate Professor in the Department of Consumer Sciences.

Closer cooperation

It was very convenient that I was able to visit Dean personally in Columbus on August 20 and 21. The reason for my trip was the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, which took place in Denver/Colorado (see also the report on [page 13](#) of this SOEPnewsletter). Although the semester was just about to begin and both students and professors were very busy, a Brown Bag Semi-

nar on the CNEF and SOEP that I had the honor of giving at the Institute for Population Research (<http://ipr.osu.edu/>) was surprisingly well attended, something I have rarely seen at an event of this type. There appears to be enormous interest at Ohio State in the CNEF and closer cooperation with the SOEP group at DIW Berlin. This is extremely positive news for the entire SOEP community because it means the CNEF will be expanded and improved.

More studies in CNEF

For some time now, Dean Lillard has been planning to expand the CNEF in terms of the number of longitudinal studies. The inclusion of a Japanese longitudinal study is currently being considered and specific plans are also being made with China. We have now come to the decision that the number of variables should also be increased. There is heightened interest from top psychologists in international comparative analyses, since it is becoming increasingly clear that the environment, and this particularly includes cultural traditions, is of great importance for the human psyche. Consequently, it makes sense to systematically expand the CNEF to include psychological variables. A number of these are now incorporated in many large household panel studies (for instance, BHPS/Understanding Society (UK HLS), HILDA, and SOEP, and the PSID is following suit). It is far from easy to harmonize this type of variables across different studies, but a number of publications show the great academic potential to be found in such a harmonization.

Your suggestions count

Over the next few months, Dean Lillard will still be busy moving the CNEF from Cornell to Ohio State (see also his report on [page 8](#) of this newsletter). But even during this time—like the entire SOEP group and the CNEF's other partners—he is, of course, always open to specific suggestions about how the CNEF can be improved. The next CNEF user training course will then also be organized in Ohio State in the fall of 2013.

Gert G. Wagner
Chairman, DIW Berlin



German Section

SOEP-Innovations-Stichprobe (SOEP-IS)

Deadline 31.12.2012 für Erhebung 2013

Das SOEP-Team möchte Sie noch einmal auf die Möglichkeiten der SOEP-Innovations-Stichprobe (SOEP-IS) hinweisen (siehe auch [SOEPnewsletter 95, 2012](#)) und Sie ermuntern, bei der Konzeption ihrer eigenen empirischen Forschungsfragen auch die gezielte Nutzung dieses Instrument zu bedenken. SOEP-IS eignet sich für Kurzzeitexperimente, aber vor allem auch für Langzeit-Erhebungen, die im Kern-SOEP nicht möglich sind – zum Beispiel, weil es sich um noch nicht etablierte Instrumente oder sehr spezifische Erkenntnisinteressen handelt.

Es bietet Forscherinnen und Forschern an Hochschulen und Forschungseinrichtungen weltweit die Möglichkeit, diese Stichprobe für besonders innovative Forschungsprojekte zu nutzen, den Fragenkatalog mitzugestalten und die Daten anschließend zeitnah zu analysieren. Insbesondere freuen wir uns über Einreichungen von Doktorandinnen und Doktoranden.

Im Frühjahr 2012 erfolgte eine erste eigenständige Aufwuchs-Stichprobe der SOEP-Innovations-Stichprobe, welche die bisherige SOEP-Pretest-Stichprobe ablösen wird. Ab dem Erhebungsjahr 2013 werden die Inhalte der SOEP-Innovations-Stichprobe in einem kompetitiven und begutachteten Wettbewerb um die „besten“ Forschungsfragen und deren Operationalisierung umgesetzt werden. Zudem wird die Weitergabe der Daten der SOEP-Innovations-Stichprobe in das Datenangebot des SOEP-Forschungsdatenzentrums integriert und als eigenständiger Datensatz externen Nutzerinnen und Nutzern bereitgestellt werden.

Interessierte ForscherInnen und Forscher sollten sich so rasch wie möglich an das „SOEP Survey Management“ (in Person von David **Richter** (drichter@diw.de) oder an soep-surveymanagement@diw.de wenden und ihr Vorhaben kurz darstellen. Wir beraten Sie gerne bis zur Abgabe der offiziellen Bewerbungsunterlagen (bitte beachten Sie den Stichtag, der 31. Dezember des jeweiligen Jahres). Nähere Informationen dazu (in Englisch) unter http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.390441.de.



SOEPcampus@DIW Berlin

Ankündigung Workshop „Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten“ am 25. und 26. Februar 2013 in Berlin

Am 25. und 26. Februar 2013 veranstalten wir in Zusammenarbeit mit der TU Berlin wieder einen deutschsprachigen Einführungskurs zur Analyse der SOEP-Daten bei uns in Berlin. Neben einleitenden Plenarveranstaltungen mit Vorträgen zu „Inhalt, Struktur und Nutzungsmöglichkeiten der SOEP-Daten“, „Hochrechnung und Gewichtung“ sowie einer Online-Demonstration der vielfältigen Möglichkeiten von 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 7. Januar 2013

Die Anmeldung für den Workshop ist ab dem 7. Januar 2013 auf der Website des DIW möglich.

Veranstaltungsort: DIW Berlin, Mohrenstr. 58, 10117 Berlin.

Die Erfahrung der letzten Jahre zeigt, dass die maximale Zahl der TeilnehmerInnen von rund 30 Personen schnell erreicht ist. Wir empfehlen daher diesen Termin vorzumerken. Die Teilnahme am Workshop ist abgesehen von einer geringen Verpflegungspauschale kostenlos. Die Reisekosten müssen jedoch selbst übernommen werden.

Vorausgesetzte Kenntnisse

Eine absolute Voraussetzung sind Kenntnisse einer Analyse-Software: Der Workshop gibt eine Einführung in die Analyse der SOEP-Daten, jedoch nicht in Software-Pakete wie Stata, SPSS, R 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.

Für den Workshop ist es von Vorteil, wenn Sie mit Struktur und Fragestellungen des SOEP vertraut sind. Wir empfehlen deswegen dringend die Vorab-Lektüre der demnächst erscheinenden Neuauflage des SOEP-Handbuchs "Desktop-Companion." Sollten Sie weitere Fragen zum Workshop haben, wenden Sie sich bitte an soepcampus@diw.de.

Bericht: SOEPcampus@Mannheim

18. – 20. Juni 2012

Vom 18. bis 20. Juni 2012 fand zum fünften Mal an der Universität Mannheim der Workshop „Längsschnittdatenanalyse mit dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel (SOEP)“ statt. Die Veranstaltung gehört zur Ausbildungsreihe SOEPcampus, die zur Verbesserung der Forschungsfähigkeiten und -möglichkeiten von Studierenden, DiplomandInnen und DoktorandInnen der Sozial- und Verhaltenswissenschaften beitragen möchte. Insgesamt haben über 40 Studierende und NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen vor allem aus den Fachrichtungen Soziologie und Wirtschaftswissenschaften teilgenommen. Organisiert wurde der Workshop von der Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS, Thomas **Gautschi** and Marcus **Brocard**) an der Universität Mannheim in Zusammenarbeit mit der SOEP-Gruppe am DIW Berlin.

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

Am ersten Tag des Workshops gaben Marco **Giessele** und Jan **Marcus** (beide SOEP) eine allgemeine Einführung in das Arbeiten mit dem SOEP und einen Überblick über neuere Entwicklungen im Erhebungsprogramm. Die beiden anderen Tage waren der Anwendung von längsschnittlichen Datenanalyseverfahren gewidmet. Am zweiten Tag gab Marco Giesselmann (SOEP) eine Einführung in die Paneldatenanalyse (insbesondere Panel-Regression). Der dritte Tag bestand aus einer Einführung in Kausalanalysen mit Propensity-Score Matching durch Michael **Gebel** (Universität Mannheim). Am Rande der Veranstaltung gab es Zeit, weitere Fragen der TeilnehmerInnen zum Arbeiten mit den SOEP Daten sowie zu Analysepro-

blemen zu klären. Wie bereits in den letzten Jahren übertraf die Nachfrage die Anzahl der verfügbaren Teilnahmeplätze.



Neu: Führungskräfte-Monitor 2012

Der Führungskräfte-Monitor des DIW Berlin liefert Informationen über Stand und Entwicklung von Frauen und Männern in Führungspositionen in der deutschen Privatwirtschaft. Er bezieht auch Informationen zu Lebensrealitäten außerhalb des Arbeitsmarktes wie Ausbildung, Lebensstil, Familie und Partnerschaft mit ein. Die Ergebnisse beruhen auf den Daten des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels (SOEP) und zusätzlichen Erhebungen. Der jetzt neu erschienene Führungskräfte-Monitor 2012 beschreibt anhand von sieben Kernindikatoren und 47 Einzelindikatoren die Situation von Frauen und Männern in Führungspositionen in der Privatwirtschaft im Zeitraum 2001 bis 2010.

Der Bericht kann kostenlos heruntergeladen werden.

Elke Holst, Anne Busch, Lea Kröger (2012): Führungskräfte-Monitor 2012. Update 2001–2010. Politikberatung kompakt 65, DIW Berlin, 145 Seiten.

Data & Service



Order now: new SOEP 1984–2011 data (v28)

Available to all users in EEA countries

The new SOEP 1984–2011 data can be ordered now. They will include the most recent wave 28 from survey year 2011 (release v28) and a few new datasets (see below). **The dataset will be available in October 2012.** Please note: the SOEP data are currently only available from DIW Berlin for users in EEA countries. Other international users will receive the data 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 continue to offer the SOEP data on DVD— together with the “SOEPlong” version—for the price of €30 (plus shipping). This includes all of the SOEP data (100% version) with German and English labels in STATA, SAS, SPSS, and ASCII, as well as the comprehensive documentation materials. Research groups may order an additional SOEP DVD for the price of €10.

What's new in the SOEP 1984–2011 data release (v28)

1. New additional missing codes

With the integration of the refresher sample J in 2011, conducting of the biographical questionnaire was moved from the second to the first wave and combined with the individual questionnaire in an integrated survey. This means that there are some slight differences in the survey instrument between the old samples A–H and the supplementary sample J. The following additional missing codes have been introduced to the survey data to document these possible differences:

- 4 “Inadmissible multiple response”
- 5 “Not included in this version of the questionnaire”
- 6 “Version of questionnaire with modified filtering”

2. Sample I now part of new Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS)

The SOEP Innovation Sample has now been launched and includes, *inter alia*, sample I. Sample I is therefore no longer part of the main survey as of 2011. See SOEP-IS on our [website](#) and the paragraph on [page 7](#) for further information about the Innovation Sample and the possibility of including your own questions.

3. New and renamed datasets

BIOCOUPLM

BIOCOUPLM provides spell data on partnership histories from the first to last personal interview of a respondent. Spells are measured on a monthly basis.

BIOCOUPLY

BIOCOUPLY provides spell data on partnership histories. It contains annual information on partnership status since the respondent’s year of birth, including available retrospective data and annually updated information.

BIOSIB (beta version)

The new file BIOSIB provides information on siblings living in the SOEP households. The dataset contains the person numbers of all siblings in an observed family. It includes information on their gender, their year of birth, and on the relationship between the observed siblings. BIOSIB is included in the current data release as a beta version. Please do not hesitate to send both positive and negative feedback or suggestions to Daniel Schnitzlein (dschnitzlein@diw.de).

BIOEDU

The BIOEDU dataset contains details on educational transitions beginning with entry into childcare up to tertiary education in a consistently structured form.

BIOAGE long

In the new integrated bioage long dataset (BIOAGEL), data are presented in “long” format, i.e., this dataset will contain information from BIOAGE01, BIOAGE03, BIOAGE06, as well as BIOAGE08a and BIOAGE08b.

Trust–Dataset on the Economic Behavior Experiment on Trust and Trustworthiness in the 2003, 2004, & 2005 SOEP Survey

This experiment to measure trust is based on the investment game introduced by Berg et al. (1995), a one-shot game for two players or movers who anonymously interact with each other. The first mover receives an endowment of 10 points and can transfer zero to ten points to the second mover. Every point that is transferred is doubled by the experimenters. The second mover is also given an endowment of ten points. After receiving points from the first mover, he/she decides on how much of the endowment to transfer back to the first mover (zero to ten points). As with the first mover's transfer, the back-transfer by the second mover is doubled by the experimenters. After the second mover's decision, the game ends and the subjects are paid their income in euros (one point equals one euro) by check sent a few days later. A fundamental component of the game is that the participants actually receive money in accordance with the fixed payout function, i.e., all the decisions always have monetary consequences. This version of the game was developed by Ernst **Fehr**, Urs **Fischbacher**, Bernhard **von Rosenblatt**, Jürgen **Schupp** and Gert G. **Wagner** (2002). In *Schmollers Jahrbuch 122* (2002), Duncker & Humblot, Berlin.

See also for further results: **Naef**, Michael and Jürgen **Schupp**: Measuring Trust: Experiments and Surveys in Contrast and Combination. In *SOEPpapers on Multidisciplinary Panel Data Research No. 167* (2009), Berlin, DIW Berlin (see also: *IZA Discussion Paper No. 4087*).

The combination of representative survey and behavioral experiment was used in the SOEP main surveys in 2003, 2004, and 2005, with only minor modifications. Of the 1,432 original participants in 2003, 1,202 also took part in the experiment in 2004 and 2005. The data are available in long format in the TRUST dataset. Consequently, this dataset contains information from each of the three waves in which the behavioral experiment was conducted.

TIMEPREF

TIMEPREF is a dataset on the Economic Behavior Experiment on Time Preferences in the 2006 SOEP Survey

In this experiment on economic behavior, respondents were asked to decide how they would like to receive €200 in prize money: if they would rather receive it immediately by check, or if they would prefer to wait and receive a larger amount later—

that is, with interest. By splitting the sample ($N = 1,503$ persons) into random subsamples (splits), it was possible to vary both the time horizon and the implied interest rate to test possible incentive effects on the choice between a low payoff in the short term and a high payoff in the long term. The scientific director of the project was Prof. Dr. Armin **Falk**, CENs, University of Bonn.

4. New and revised variables

4.1 \$HBRUTTO dataset

REGTYP\$\$: The \$HBRUTTO dataset will include a new variable to distinguish between urban, suburban, and rural regions. This is based on the spatial categories of counties (as of December 31, 2009) used by the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR). The following spatial structure characteristics are used to define the categories:

- Share of county's population in large or medium-sized cities,
- Population density of the county,
- Population density of the county without taking large or medium-sized cities into consideration,

Thus, three categories can be defined:

1. Urban regions,
2. Regions undergoing urbanization,
3. Rural regions.

4.2 \$PGEN dataset:

BILZTCH\$\$ / BILZTEV\$\$

BILZTCH\$\$ indicates whether the respondents' answers suggest a downward shift in years of education or training (\$BILZEIT) since the last observation or an upward change since the last year which is inconsistent with additional information on education or training recently completed.

BILZTEV\$\$ is a flag variable which indicates whether the respondent showed some inconsistent change in \$BILZEIT either upwards or downwards over the entire observation period.

\$VEBZEIT and \$UEBSTD

To be consistent with the FID dataset, the missing values of the variables \$VEBZEIT and \$UEBSTD were slightly recoded, as the missing value -2 is now assigned to self-employed individuals. In previous waves, self-employed persons had the missing value -3 (implausible answer). For \$UEBSTD, the value -3 (implausible answer) is assigned to all individuals with more than ten hours of weekly overtime AND who also had an agreed working

time of over 80 weekly hours (\$VEBZEIT is implausible, value -3) or actual weekly working time of more than 80 hours a week (\$STATZEIT is implausible, value -3).

4.3 BIOPAREN dataset

Seven new variables have been added to BIOPAREN:

VAORT11 and MAORT11 indicate the mother and father's current place of residence.

GESCHW, GESCHWUP, NUMS, NUMB and TWIN provide information on siblings. The variable GESCHW indicates whether the respondent ever had any siblings at the time of the interview. GESCHWUP gives information about the year the sibling information was collected. NUMB and NUMS provides information on the number of brothers or sisters the respondent reports and TWIN indicates whether any of these are TWIN siblings (and of which type) of the respondent.

LIFESPELL: mortality research using SOEP

Prospective panel surveys such as SOEP are a rich source for mortality analyses. The household context makes it possible to collect wave by wave information about the deaths of respondents. However, prospective panel surveys typically face the problem that no information is available on units of analysis after respondents have left the survey. Yet, this is crucial information for mortality research.

The SOEP team therefore regularly conduct drop-out studies to identify the whereabouts of attritors. These studies draw on official register data and allow us to determine whether a person is still alive, is deceased, or has moved abroad since the last SOEP interview. The information collected is integrated into a spell file LIFESPELL ([Data Documentation 61](#)). This dataset reports all available information on the pre- and post-survey history of all individuals who have ever been a member of a SOEP household. The LIFESPELL file lends itself particularly to mortality and migration research. For an example of how the LIFESPELL file may be used, see DIW Berlin's recently published *Wochenbericht* on the social determinants of mortality ([Wochenbericht des DIW Berlin, 38/2012](#)).

SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS)

Deadline for proposals for 2013 survey questions: December 31, 2012

The SOEP team would like to draw your attention once more to the possibilities of the SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS) (see also [SOEPnewsletter 95/January 2012](#)) and encourage you to also consider using this instrument when developing your own empirical research questions. The SOEP-IS is suitable for short-term experiments, but primarily also for long-term surveys which are not possible in the core SOEP—for instance, because they require instruments that are not yet established or deal with very specific research interests.

The SOEP-IS allows researchers at universities and research institutions worldwide to use this sample for particularly innovative research projects, to help design the list of questions, and to analyze the data shortly afterwards. Submissions from doctoral students are particularly welcome.

In Spring 2012, a new independent supplementary sample of the SOEP Innovation Sample of 1,000 households was surveyed and replaced the SOEP pretest 2012. Consequently, in 2013 the SOEP-IS will consist of roughly 2,300 households with about 4,000 individuals. As of the survey year 2013, the contents of the SOEP-IS will be entered in a peer-reviewed competition to identify the “best” research questions, which will then be implemented, and the dissemination of data from the SOEP Innovation Sample will be integrated into the data provided by the SOEP Research Data Center and made available to external users as an autonomous dataset.

Researchers interested in this should contact the SOEP Survey Management (by e-mail directly to David **Richter** (drichter@diw.de) or to soep-surveymanagement@diw.de) with a project outline. We will be pleased to advise you before you submit an official application (please note the deadline of December 31, each year). See http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.390441.de) for further information.

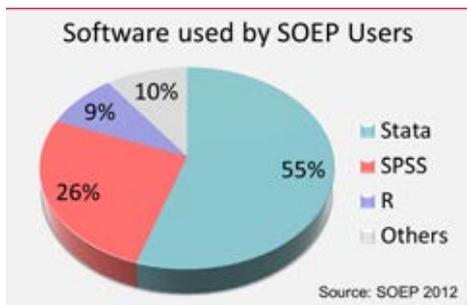
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2012 SOEP User Survey

The SOEP would like to express its sincere thanks to all those who took part in the 2012 survey.

A total of 574 users participated in the survey, corresponding to a response rate of 21%. Most of our users continue to come from an economics (49%) or sociology (36%) background.



Because the SOEP is a longitudinal study, it was particularly important for us to learn more about whether you also use this property of the data for your analyses. The results showed that as few as 19% of respondents only use the cross-sectional aspect

of our data and 22% make use solely of the longitudinal component. However, the majority (59%) use both the cross-sectional and longitudinal analysis potential of SOEP data.

A clear shift in the use of statistical software is evident. In 2004, SPSS was the most frequently used software (66%), followed by Stata (28%) and SAS (5%). In 2012, Stata ranks highest (55%), SPSS second (26%), and the open source software R has replaced SAS in third place with 9%.

SOEP Wave Report 2011

The new SOEP Wave Report 2011 is available now. It provides an overview of all publications in the SOEP in 2011, its fieldwork, and areas of focus in surveys for the relevant year, as well as the latest trends and planned future studies.

Publication of new SOEP Wave Reports is planned annually in the future.



If you would like a bound copy of the Wave Report 2011 (published in 2012), please contact Sandra Gerstorf (sgerstorf@diw.de). A PDF version of the Wave Report can be downloaded from the SOEP website at:

http://www.diw.de/documents/publikationen/73/diw_01.c.405451.de/wave_report_2011.pdf

Data News from Cornell and Ohio State University



The SOEP and CNEF projects are moving from Cornell to Ohio State University (OSU). The move is happening because of two other changes already mentioned by Gert G. **Wagner** (on [page 2](#)). Richard **Burkhauser** has moved into a new position that has him dividing his year between Cornell University and the Melbourne Institute at the University of Melbourne. At the same time, **Dean Lillard** accepted a position as Associate Professor in the Department of Consumer Sciences at Ohio State University. He moved to Columbus at the end of July.

During this coming year, the SOEP and CNEF projects will also be moving. Richard and Dean decided that they would keep the projects at Cornell until this year's release was mailed and Dean can hire a new SOEP/CNEF staff member at OSU to shoulder Tom Rushmer's current duties. The next (and last) release from Cornell should happen by the end of October.

This transition is exciting in many ways. OSU has a large social science faculty and graduate programs and is well known as the distribution point of the National Longitudinal Surveys. The many faculty and graduate students and the long data tradition of OSU brings with it a number of synergies for the SOEP and CNEF projects.

Gert G. Wagner heralded the planned transition by presenting an overview of the SOEP and CNEF to faculty and students affiliated with the NIH-funded Institute for Population Research. This institute draws from all social science departments here at OSU, including economics, geography, political science, psychology, public health, public policy, and sociology. Dean Lillard is scheduled to present another seminar at the IPR in October.

Dean Lillard will also travel to the University of Wisconsin-Madison on September 25 to present "Does the Income Share of the Top 1 Percent Predict Self-Reported Health of the 99 Percent? Evidence from Four Countries" co-authored with Richard Burkhauser, Markus Hahn (Research Officer for HILDA), and Roger Wilkins (Deputy Director for Research for the HILDA). The paper compares the association between the income inequality individuals experience early in their lives with the health they report experiencing in later life. This paper is an expanded version of the paper Dean presented at the SOEP2012 conference.

Events & Activities

Report: SOEP2012 Conference in Berlin, June 28–29, 2012

The 10th International SOEP User Conference (SOEP2012) took place in Berlin on June 28–29, 2012. The popular event, attended by over 160 participants from 10 countries, included presentations of 66 papers and 15 posters, all followed by lively discussions. The first day of the conference was held at the Hertie School of Governance in their building on Friedrichstraße, and at DIW Berlin around the corner, and continued on the second day at the new headquarters of the Leibniz Association (the umbrella organization of SOEP and DIW Berlin) on Chausseestraße in Berlin-Mitte.

The wide range of topics presented at this year’s SOEP conference shows that SOEP data are being used to investigate increasingly complex research questions. As noted in the opening address by Permanent Secretary of the Senate Administration for Economics, Technology and Research,



Nicolas **Zimmer**, it is of great social relevance when this research is able to provide policy makers with findings on the health consequences of unjust income distributions or with answers to the question of how parental affluence or poverty affects children’s educational attainment.

Many of the papers at this year’s conference dealt with the trends, causes, and consequences of the distribution of social resources—a core interest shared by a large number of SOEP researchers. Some of these addressed specific questions of access to education and jobs, opportunities for upward social mobility, and also effects of unemployment and downward social mobility.

Impressions of the SOEP2012 Conference



All SOEP2012 conference photos have been taken by Stephan Rohlf



Photo (left): Hans-Jürgen Krupp and Jürgen Schupp

Photo (center): Wolfgang Zapf and Hans-Jürgen Krupp

Photo (right): Gert G. Wagner and Peter Krause



The conference was opened by the Head of SOEP, Jürgen **Schupp**. In his opening speech, he thanked two very special guests for attending, both of whom played pivotal roles in the founding of SOEP 30 years ago. The first of these guests was Hans-Jürgen **Krupp**, the founding father of the SOEP and President of DIW Berlin in the 1980s. He was responsible for bringing the SOEP to Berlin as part of a multidisciplinary Collaborative Research Centre (Sonderforschungsbereich 3, (Sfb 3)) of the German Research Association (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)). The second guest, Wolfgang **Zapf**, was Speaker of this Collaborative Research Centre for many years, and also President of the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB). He also acted as Deputy Director of SOEP for almost one year between 1988 and 1989 after Hans-Jürgen Krupp was elected Senator in Hamburg. Both of these SOEP founders agreed to speak at a special Brown Bag Seminar that took place parallel to the conference and was attended by a large number of younger SOEP users and doctoral students. There, the two SOEP founders reflected on their experiences and discussed the historical context of the founding of SOEP all those years ago.

The scientific program of the conference started on June 28 with a special plenary session in memory of our esteemed colleague Joachim R. **Frick** and in honor of his scientific achievements. The session, with three papers, was chaired by Conchita **D'Ambrosio**, Professor at the University of Milan, and co-author of numerous papers with Joachim.

Photo (left): Jürgen Schupp;

Photo (center): Jürgen Schupp thanks and bids farewell to Fritz Stutz;

Photo(right): Kristine Frick

An impressive keynote speech was delivered by Shelly **Lundberg**, Professor of Demography at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Professor at the University of Bergen on “Personality and Educational Inequality.”

That afternoon and the following morning, researchers discussed their current work in 13 different sessions. Before the first evening’s wine and cheese reception, Dean **Lillard**, CNEF project director opened the first poster session.

The next day, Janet C. **Gornick**, Director of the LIS—Cross-National Data Center in Luxemburg—and Professor at the City University New York, held the second keynote speech, “Gender, Work, Family, and Social Policy: A Cross-National Perspective.”

Parallel sessions took place that afternoon, again with a large number of extremely interesting presentations. The second poster session was introduced by Thorsten **Schneider**, Professor at the University of Leipzig.

The closing ceremony at the end of the second day was opened by Jürgen **Schupp**. He thanked long-time member of the SOEP team at TNS-Infratest down in Munich, Fritz **Stutz**, for over 20 years of valuable work managing and updating the SOEP “panel file,” the confidential list of all SOEP addresses, and wished him well for his upcoming retirement this fall.



Thereafter Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin, Arne **Brekenfeld**, presented the winners of the awards for outstanding achievements in research with the use of SOEP-Data. The awards are made possible by the generous contributions of the VdF.

Winner of the 2012 Felix Büchel Award: Bruce Headey

This year, the Felix Büchel Award was given to Bruce W. **Headey** of the University of Melbourne for his over 20 years of work and the astounding and impressive number of 49 refereed papers based on SOEP data. The previous Felix Büchel Award winner from 2010, Rich **Lucas**, Professor at Michigan State University, gave a speech in honor of Bruce Headey's work.



Winner of the 2012 Felix Büchel Award presented to Bruce Headey by Rich Lucas, Jürgen Schupp, and Arne Brekenfeld

Winners of the Joachim R. Frick Memorial Prize for best papers presented at SOEP2012

For the first time this year, Joachim R. Frick Memorial Prizes was awarded for the best papers presented at the SOEP2012 conference. The Conference Program Committee selected the following from the over 60 papers presented, also based on the recommendations of the session chairs (listed in alphabetical order).



One of the winners of the Joachim R. Frick Memorial Prize for the best papers: Katrin Sommerfeld

Anja **Oppermann**, University of Cologne, for her paper: "A New Color in the Picture – The Role of Educational Fields on Fertility in Western Germany." Committee's comments: The paper by Anja Oppermann makes an original contribution to the extensive literature on educational attainment and fertility behavior. The author used a sophisticated measure of education considering not only the level of educational attainment but also the field of education, a variable that has recently been included in the SOEP data release. She grouped educational fields according to the share of women in them and studied how long after graduation the first child is born. The results show that the field of education is of significance for women but not for men. The paper makes a valuable contribution to family and educational sociology, was presented clearly and effectively, and shows a good fit between theory and empirical modeling.



Winners of the Joachim R. Frick Memorial Prize: Katrin Sommerfeld, Anja Oppermann, Fabian T. Pfeffer with prize committee members

Katrin **Sommerfeld**, University of Freiburg, for her paper: Higher and Higher? Performance Pay and Wage Inequality in Germany.



Photo (from left to right): Jürgen Schupp, Gert G. Wagner, Christiane Neumann, and Arne Brekenfeld.



Photo (left): Leibniz's new corporate design



Photo (center): Richard Lucas,
Photo (right): the audience



Committee's comments: Katrin Sommerfeld's paper deals with the dramatically rising wage inequality in Germany over the last 20 years. The specific question addressed is whether the increased use of variable pay schemes is related to the increasing wage dispersion. Her key finding is that performance pay has led to an upward shift in the wage structure, but not to an increase in wage inequality. The presentation was clearly structured and used cutting-edge methods. The paper has outstanding chances of being published at a very high level.

The Joachim R. Frick Memorial Prize for the best poster went to Frieder **Kropfhäuser** and Marco **Sunder**, University of Leipzig, for: "A Weighty Issue Revisited: The Effect of Body Weight on Earnings and Satisfaction in Germany." Committee's comments: Not only the research question but also state-of-the-art methods and the attractive layout contributed to the outstanding nature of this poster.

This year, a special prize was awarded for the best lecture in the Special Session in Memory of

Joachim R. Frick to Fabian T. **Pfeffer**, University of Michigan, and Martin **Hällsten**, University of Stockholm: "Wealth Effects in Three Mobility Regimes. The United States, Germany, and Sweden." Committee's comments: This year, we decided to add one more award. Most of you were at yesterday's special plenary session in memory of Joachim R. Frick. The presentations were not invited papers, but were sent in as part of the normal submission process, and we selected three that seemed especially fitting for this session. We want to honor one of these, by Pfeffer and Hällsten, not only for the quality of the presentation but also for the value of the research findings.

The conference ended with a dinner and reception in the atrium of the new Leibniz Association headquarters.

We are especially grateful for the generous support provided by all our sponsors who contributed considerably to the success of this conference, including the German Research Foundation (DFG), STATA Corp, Dittrich & Partner, and the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF).

Time to say goodbye ...

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SOEP-based plenary lesson at Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association (VfS)

Jennifer **Hunt**, who was the first external user of SOEP data outside Germany at the beginning of the '90s, is back in the club of SOEP users. After several years without conducting any SOEP analyses, Jenny has recently written a paper on “Flexible Work in Time and Space” which will be published as SOEPpaper 489 (see <http://www.diw.de/soeppapers>) and presented key results in one of the few Plenary Sessions at the **Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association** (Verein für Socialpolitik, VfS) in Göttingen/Germany.



Photo: Jennifer Hunt (own property)

Jenny Hunt is Professor of Economics at Rutgers University, NJ/USA. Before joining Rutgers University, she was a professor at McGill University, Montreal/Canada. Jenny received her Ph. D. from Harvard University and then became Assistant and Associate Professor at Yale University and University of Montreal. She holds a number of research positions in various networks and at research institutes. Of course, she is also a Research Professor of DIW Berlin.

We were delighted when Jenny Hunt told us she was pleased to learn that SOEP data are now available in “long format.” Now, the first external user from abroad is using SOEPlong again. Jenny told us: “This summer I set about putting together all the years of the SOEP from scratch, since it had been some years since I had used the data. I was bracing myself for two to three months of full-time work piecing the years together and harmonizing the variable codes across years when I discovered the SOEPlong files. I was delighted to find that these contain all the years stacked with all the variables harmonized across years! It is now possible to start getting initial results from the SOEP in a day or two. This is an enormous time-saver for all SOEP users—it makes the SOEP much more accessible than before, and indeed much more accessible than any other longitudinal dataset I know. I thank you and the SOEP group for having made this investment.”

“Research in Germany”—SOEP at conferences in Cape Town and Denver

Longitudinal (or rather panel) data offer the research community a strong tool to test its theoretical models and hypotheses—not just in economics, but also in sociology, psychology, as well as political and educational science. With a broad range of objective, subjective and innovative measures, the SOEP explicitly addresses the needs of these scientific fields. In order to promote the outstanding potential of the SOEP and other German infrastructure projects in the international research context, the German Research Foundation (DFG) supports our marketing activities at international conferences and workshops under the label “Research in Germany” (RiG).

SOEP at the International Congress of Psychology, Cape Town, South Africa, July 22 to 27, 2012

The International Congress of Psychology (ICP) is only held every four years and it is therefore a rather rare occasion in the calendar of scientific meetings. This year’s meeting under the title of “Psychology Serving Humanity” was already the 30th in the history of this congress, but there was a première to be celebrated: with Cape Town being the host city, it was the first appearance of the ICP on the African continent. Between July 22 and 27, 2012, over 5,000 participants poured into the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) to present their research and exchange ideas.



Photo: Cerr C. Wagner

As part of the collaborative marketing project “Research in Germany,” the DFG had an information booth in the exhibition hall during the conference where representatives of the DFG and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) were available to interested visitors and provided information on Germany’s manifold research and funding opportunities.

Furthermore, administrators and scientists of the German Data Forum (RatSWD), the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP), the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), the German Family Panel (Pairfam) and the National Educational Panel Study (NEPS) were also at the booth and provided information on the German data sources to visitors. A reception held on Wednesday, July 25, was particularly appreciated by conference participants, who seized the opportunity to meet the representatives of the various German research institutions (among them Gert G. **Wagner**, Chairman of DIW Berlin) and funding agencies.

In addition, there was a symposium entitled "German Longitudinal Data Resources for the Social Sciences: A View on the Potential for Psychology" where David **Richter** presented the SOEP and its rich data for psychological research as well as the opportunities provided by the new SOEP Innovation Sample.

While in Cape Town for the congress, David Richter took the opportunity to visit Reza C. Daniels, University of Cape Town, Manager of NIDS (National Income Dynamics Study). NIDS is comparable to SOEP and other household panel studies and it is planned to include NIDS in the CNEF.

David also took the opportunity to visit the data archive "DataFirst." DataFirst is located in the same building of the University of Cape Town as NIDS. Managing Director Lynn Woolfrey gave an



Photo: Gert G. Wagner

Photo: Managing Director, Lynn Woolfrey, gave an overview of the data archive

overview of the data archive. DataFirst is part of the international research community and provides data sets which go far beyond the data sets in South Africa's statistical data archive.

SOEP at the Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, Denver, Colorado, 17 to 21 August, 2012

In a similar context as at Cape Town, the SOEP was represented at the 108th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA) in Denver, Colorado. Together with four other German research infrastructure projects (German Data Forum, SHARE, NEPS and Pairfam), the SOEP was introduced as part of the initiative "Research in Germany," promoted and organized by the German Research Foundation (DFG).



Photo: Gert G. Wagner

Many international conference visitors were attracted by the initiatives' booth at the conference exhibition hall and took the opportunity to learn about the SOEP's potential, structure and specifics. Members of our team (among them Jürgen **Schupp**, Director of SOEP and Gert G. **Wagner**, head of the German Data Forum) represented the SOEP at the exhibition booth and also attended a reception, organized by the DFG to meet the top-researchers in the field.

The initiative of Research in Germany (RiG) at the exhibition hall was complemented by a regular conference session devoted to panel data produced in Germany. Here, Jürgen **Schupp** gave a lecture on "Lessons on Inequality and Mobility from the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)" in the Policy and Research Workshop on Innovative Longitudinal Tools for International Research in the Social Sciences.

Other SOEP members presenting at regular conference sessions were Bettina **Sonnenberg** and Marco **Giesselmann**.

The SOEP plans to expand its marketing and training activities at the top international conferences in the relevant fields. In view of this, our team members David **Richter** and Marco Giesselmann gave a workshop on SOEP data at the 48th Congress of the German Psychological Society in Bielefeld on September 23, 2012.

Call for Papers 9th International Young Scholar German Socio- Economic Panel Symposium

Delmenhorst (Bremen), Germany,
March 21–22, 2013,

For the ninth time, the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) of the University of Bremen and the Jacobs University Bremen and the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP), in collaboration with the Hanse Institute for Advanced Study (HWK), are pleased to announce the “9th International Young Scholar German Socio-Economic Panel Symposium.”

The symposium provides an opportunity for doctoral students of all disciplines (e.g., economics, demography, psychology, sociology, public health, and geography) and at any stage of their doctoral thesis, to present empirical research in progress—carried out with panel data (especially SOEP data)—and to discuss theoretical, conceptual, and empirical issues with senior researchers. We encourage interested young scholars to submit abstracts.

Deadline: November 15, 2012

If you would like to attend the symposium, please submit an abstract of your topic (350 words, in English) together with complete contact information by November 15, 2012. We will inform you whether your proposal has been accepted by December 15, 2012. The deadline for submission of the full paper (ca. 3,000 words) will be February 28, 2013.

If you have any other questions regarding the application process, please contact Anne-Luise Baumann (abaumann@bigsss-bremen.de) or Maike Schulz (mschulz@bigsss-bremen.de).

SOEP Brown Bag Seminar Series

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.

Adrian **Hille** (ahille@diw.de) will take over the organization of the seminar series from Elisabeth **Bügelmayer** who will be on parental leave soon. We are very grateful to Elisabeth for her outstanding work and to Adrian for his willingness to take on the task of organization.



Photo: Alfred Gutzler

If you are interested in finding out more about past presentations, please contact the presenters directly.

Presentations in the last three months have included:

Magdalena **Osmanowski** and Andrés **Cardona** (Universität Bielefeld, SFB 882): Siblings and maternal time investments in preschool children: Resource dilution or resource augmentation? August 8, 2012.

Doreen **Zillmann** and Andres **Schmitz** (Universität Bamberg): Nonresponse in Online-Befragungen. Zur Nutzung von prozessproduzierten Daten für die Bewertung und Verbesserung der Datenqualität. August 9, 2012.

John P. **Haisken-DeNew** (MIAESR, University of Melbourne): Dead Man Walking: The Impact of Over-Education on Life Satisfaction. September 27, 2012.

Please note:



Since the beginning of September, it has been even easier for visitors and guests to find the SOEP: the building at Mohrenstr. 58, where DIW Berlin and the SOEP have been located since 2007, now boasts a shiny new door plate. The street of Mohrenstraße in the Berlin district of Mitte dates back to 1700.

People & Papers

Personnel



Photo: Stephan Röhl

Silke **Anger** will be based at the University of California, Santa Barbara from mid-October to the beginning of January 2013. She has been invited as a research visitor to the Broom Center for Demography by Prof. Shelly Lundberg. Silke will work on a project on skill formation and educational outcomes. In addition, she will give a seminar on the “Overview of the Socio-Economic Panel Study” and teach an introductory course on the SOEP.



Photo: Stephan Röhl

Daniel D. **Schnitzlein** was at the Swedish Institute for Social Research at the University of Stockholm from August 13 to September 7, at the invitation of Prof. Anders Björklund. He worked on a project on the influence of family background on cognitive and non-cognitive skills and gave a presentation on this topic at the Labour Economics Seminar on August 30, 2012.

The next SOEP-ISER exchange will take place from November 26 to 30, 2012, when Daniel D. **Schnitzlein** will be a guest at ISER where he will give a presentation at the Joint Empirical Social Science (JESS) Seminar on November 7 on “The Importance of Family Background for Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills.”



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In September, Jürgen **Schupp** was appointed a member of the External Board of Overseers of the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID). He is now part of the scientific advisory board of the longest running household panel study in the world. The work of the board includes providing advice to the PSID team so as to ensure that in the future, too, the long-term study handles topics relevant to the scientific community and, above all, a high-quality range of data is made available. Around a dozen researchers with expertise in economics, sociology, or survey methodology are appointed to the Board of Overseers.

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

Preview: American Economic Association Annual Meeting (ASSA 2013), San Diego/USA

Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer, and Mechthild Schrooten: Intra-family Transfers, Remittances and Gifts—Gender Matters.

Marco Giesselmann: The impact of labour market activation policies on insiders' and outsiders' low-wage risk. Evidence from a comparative hierarchical analysis of European countries with the EU-SILC. SOCLIFE Research Seminar, University of Cologne, October 17, 2012, Cologne/Germany.

Carsten Keller, Ingrid Tucci, Ariane Jossin, and Olaf Groh-Samberg: Konstruktion und Relevanz von Ethnizität bei Migrantennachkommen. Professionelle und lebensweltliche Diskurse im deutsch-französischen Vergleich. **36th Congress of the German Society for Sociology**, plenary “Kommunikative Konstruktion von Ethnizität,” October 1-5, 2012, Bochum/Germany.

Olaf Groh-Samberg, Ariane Jossin, Carsten Keller, and Ingrid Tucci: Die Heterogenität der Integrationspfade: Zur Strukturierung der Lebensverläufe von Migrantennachkommen in Deutschland und Frankreich. **36th Congress of the German Society for Sociology**, plenary “Leben im Dazwischen. Das Integrationsparadigma auf dem Prüfstand,” October 1-5, 2012, Bochum/Germany.

Jan Marcus: The effect of unemployment on the mental health of spouses: Evidence from plant closures in Germany. (1) Perspectives on (Un-)Employment—IAB Ph. D-Workshop, November 19-20, 2012, Nuremberg/Germany; (2) Brown Bag Seminar, University of Hamburg, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, December 4, 2012, Hamburg/Germany.

Anika Rasner: Der Gender Pension Gap im Kohortenvergleich: Können die Babyboomer-Frauen die Lücke schließen? **1. Gender Studies-Tagung des DIW Berlin**, October 9, 2012, Berlin/Germany.

Christian Schmitt: Risikoneigung, Erwerbsunsicherheiten und Fertilität in Ost und Westdeutschland.

1. [Gender Studies-Tagung des DIW Berlin](#), Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung, October 9, 2012, Berlin/Germany.

Ingrid **Tucci**: Mehr Frauen in Führungspositionen – weniger Frauen im unteren Arbeitsmarktsegment? Zwölf europäische Länder im Vergleich. 1. [Gender Studies-Tagung des DIW Berlin](#), Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung, October 9, 2012, Berlin/Germany.

Paper presentations in the last three months

Silke **Anger** and Daniel D. **Schnitzlein**: The Importance of Family Background for Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills. Labour Economics Seminar, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), University of Stockholm, August 30, 2012, Stockholm/Sweden.

Silke **Anger**: The Intergenerational Transmission of Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills During Adolescence and Young Adulthood. (1) [German Economic Association Annual Conference \(VfS\)](#), September 9–12, 2012, Göttingen/Germany. (2) [24th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists \(EALE\)](#), September 20–22, 2012, Bonn/Germany.

Elisabeth **Bügelmayer** and C. Katharina **Spieß**: Spite and cognitive skills in preschoolers. (1) [27th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association \(EEA 2012\)](#), August 27–31, 2012, Malaga/Spain. (2) [24th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists \(EALE\)](#), September 20–22, 2012, Bonn/Germany.

Anne **Busch** and Elke **Holst**: Occupational Sex Segregation and Management-Level Wages in Germany: What Role Does Firm Size Play? (1) [Second ISA Forum of Sociology](#), August 1–4, 2012, Buenos Aires/Argentina. (2) [27th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association \(EEA 2012\)](#), August 27–31, 2012, Malaga/Spain.

Marco **Giesselmann** and Wolfgang **Jagodzinski**: Equality restrictions in the social sciences and impacts on estimators of covariates. [RC33 Eighth International Conference on Social Science Methodology](#), July 9–13, 2012, Sydney/Australia.

Marco **Giesselmann**: The impact of labour market activation policies on insiders' and outsiders' low-wage risk. [107th ASA Annual Meeting](#), August 17–20, Denver, CO/USA.

Markus M. **Grabka**, Joachim R. **Frick**, Anika **Rasner**, Marian **Schmitt**, Morten **Schuth**, Christian **Westermeier**: Familienbiographische Verläufe im Kohorten-

vergleich. 7. [Gemeinsamer Geriatriekongress 2012](#). 3. Gemeinsamer Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Gerontologie und Geriatrie und der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Gerontologie, September 12–15, 2012, Bonn/Germany.

Boris **Heizmann**, Anne **Busch**, and Elke **Holst**: Immigrant occupational composition and the earnings of immigrants and natives in Germany. [Second ISA Forum of Sociology](#), August 1–4, 2012, Buenos Aires/Argentina.

Elke **Holst**: Von Heterogenitäten zu Ungleichheiten – Frauen in Führungspositionen. [Kolloquium des SFB 882 an der Universität Bielefeld](#), Bielefeld/Germany.

Ute **Kunzmann**, David **Richter**, and Stefan **Schmukle**: Multidirektionale Altersveränderungen in Ärger und Traurigkeit: Längsschnittliche Analysen mit einer bevölkerungsrepräsentativen Stichprobe aus Deutschland. [48th Congress of the German Psychological Society \(DGPs\)](#), September 23–27, 2012, Bielefeld/Germany.

Sakari **Lemola** and David **Richter**: The natural history of sleep satisfaction across the adult life course and its relation to perceived health and the transition to retirement. Poster. [48th Congress of the German Psychological Society \(DGPs\)](#), September 23–27, 2012, Bielefeld/Germany.

Jan **Marcus**: Does job loss make you smoke and gain weight? [24th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists \(EALE\)](#), September 20–22, 2012, Bonn/Germany.

Jan **Marcus**: The effect of unemployment on the mental health of spouses: Evidence from plant closures in Germany. (1) [German Economic Association Annual Conference \(VfS\)](#), September 9–12, 2012, Göttingen/Germany. (2) [21st European Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics](#), September 5–8, 2012, Lund University/Sweden. (3) [Warsaw International Economic Meeting](#), July 6–8, 2012, Warsaw/Poland.

Frauke **Peter**: Trick or treat? Maternal involuntary job loss and children's non-cognitive skills. (1) [27th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association \(EEA\)](#), August 27–30, 2012, Malaga/Spain. (2) [24th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists \(EALE\)](#), September 20–22, 2012, Bonn/Germany.

Anika **Rasner**: Alter und Ungleichheit: Zukunft der Geschlechterdifferenzen in der Alterssicherung. 7. [Gemeinsamer Geriatriekongress 2012](#). 3. Gemeinsamer Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Gerontologie

und Geriatrie und der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Gerontologie, September 12–15, 2012, Bonn/Germany.

Regina T. **Riphahn** and Daniel D. **Schnitzlein**: Wage mobility in East and West Germany. (1) [German Economic Association Annual Conference \(VfS\)](#), September 9–12, 2012, Göttingen/Germany. (2) [24th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists \(EALE\)](#), September 20–22, 2012, Bonn/Germany.

Andrea **Schäfer**, Ingrid **Tucci**, and Karin **Gottschall**: Top down or Bottom up? A Cross-National Study of Vertical Occupational Sex Segregation in Twelve European Countries. Social Stratification Research Seminar, University of Cambridge, September 10–14, 2012, Cambridge/UK.

Eva **Sierminska**, Markus M. **Grabka**, and Jan **Marcus**: Wealth Distribution Within Couples and Financial Decision Making. [32nd General Conference of The International Association for Research in Income and Wealth](#), August 5–11, 2012, Boston/USA.

Bettina **Sonnenberg** and Jacqui **Smith**: Does job stress impact social involvement? Findings in the Health and Retirement Study. [107th ASA Annual Meeting](#), August 17–20, 2012, Denver, CO/USA.

David **Richter**: Association between early attendance of day care centers and prevalence of eczema. Annual Conference of the European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI) – [SIG 5 "Learning and Development in Early Childhood"](#), August 27–29, 2012, Utrecht/the Netherlands.

David **Richter**, Jürgen **Schupp**, and Gert G. **Wagner**: The multiple-cohort longitudinal study SOEP as a rich data source for psychological research. [30th International Congress of Psychology \(ICP\)](#), July 22–27, Cape Town/South Africa.

Beatrice **Rammstedt**, David **Richter**, Jürgen **Schupp**, and Frank M. **Spinath**: Personality congruence in stable and separated couples. [16th European Conference on Personality \(ECP\)](#), July 10–14, 2012, Trieste/Italy.

David **Richter** and Sakari **Lemola**: Childhood adversities and adult personality development in the German Socio-Economic Panel. [6th European Conference on Personality \(ECP\)](#), July 10–14, 2012, Trieste/Italy.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Lessons on Inequality and Mobility from the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP). [107th ASA Annual Meeting](#), August 17–20, 2012, Denver, CO/USA.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Surveys in Alternative Indicators and their use in economic policy. Panel discussant at Centre for International Research on Economic Tendency Surveys (CIRET) Conference 2012 at Austrian Economic Chamber, September 7, 2012, Vienna/Austria.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Das Sozio-ökonomische Panel (SOEP). Gemeinsamer Workshop des Rates für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten (RatSWD) und des EPC der Nationalen Kohorte zu Schnittstellen zwischen Nationaler Kohorte und weiteren einschlägigen Studien, Universitätsklinikum, September 26, 2012, Regensburg/Germany.

Michael **Weinhardt**: Postmaterialism and status attainment of young adults. [20th annual workshop TIY](#), September 5–8, 2012, Nijmegen/the Netherlands.

Ingrid **Tucci** and Ariane **Jossin**: Postcolonial memories in segregated neighbourhoods. [XXII World Congress of Political Science \(IPSA\)](#), July 8–12, 2012 Madrid/Spain.

Presentations at Policy Forums

Elke **Holst**: Transparenz – und was dann? Mit Chancengleichheit zum Erfolg. Keynote speech. Total E-Equality in Kooperation mit Axel Springer AG, September 24, 2012, Berlin/Germany.

University teaching (WS 2012/2013)

Marco **Giesselmann**: Basic and Advanced Regression Analysis for Cross-Section and Longitudinal Data. Seminar, Institut für Soziologie, Freie Universität Berlin.

Martin **Kroh**: Advanced Quantitative Methods: Cross-Sectional Data Analysis, Institut für Sozialwissenschaften and Berlin Graduate School of the Social Sciences (BGSS), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

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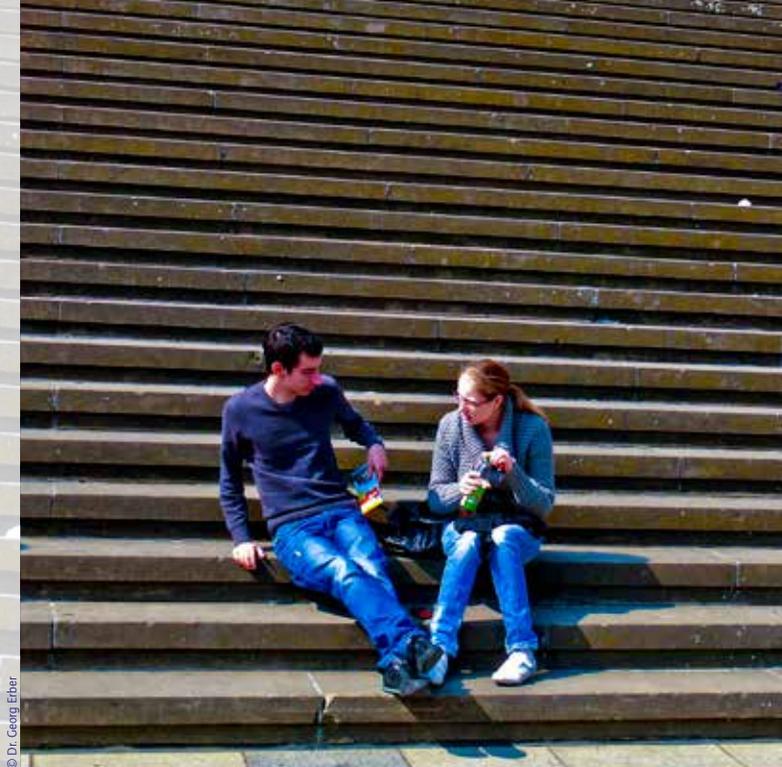
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| 9.00-9:30 | Registrierung/Empfang | 13:30-14:15 | Keynote 2 (in English) Why do so few European women reach top management positions – and does it matter? Prof. Nina Smith <i>Aarhus University, Denmark</i> | 16.45-17.15 | Impulsvortrag für die Podiumsdiskussion Gender Dimensionen der europäischen Krisenpolitik Mag. Dr. Elisabeth Klutzer <i>Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien</i> |
| 9:30-10.00 | Begrüßung Prof. Dr. Gert Wagner <i>Vorsitzender des Vorstands DIW Berlin</i> Bettina Luise Rürup <i>Leiterin Forum Politik und Gesellschaft, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung</i> PD Dr. Elke Holst <i>Forschungsdirektorin Gender Studies am DIW Berlin, Universität Flensburg</i> | 14.15-16.15 | Session 2 Arbeitsmarkt – Positionierung und Verdienste Mehr Frauen in Führungspositionen – weniger Frauen im unteren Arbeitsmarktsegment? Zwölf europäische Länder im Vergleich Dr. Ingrid Tucci <i>DIW Berlin</i> | 17.15-18.30 | Podiumsdiskussion Dr. Angelika Dammann <i>Personalexpertin & Executive Coach, ehem. Geschäftsführung u. Vorstand Shell, Unilever, SAP</i> Dr. Eva Högl <i>MdB</i> PD Dr. Elke Holst <i>Forschungsdirektorin Gender Studies am DIW Berlin, Universität Flensburg</i> Mag. Dr. Elisabeth Klutzer <i>Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien</i> Thomas Sattelberger <i>Vorstandsvorsitzender der Stiftung Zeppelin Universität, Vice President der European Foundation for Management Development: Brüssel</i> |
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19.30 h **Dinner Lecture** Prof. Dr. Stefan Liebig & Alexia Meyerman

| | Monday, 1 October | Tuesday, 2 October | Wednesday, 3 October Day at the SDU | Thursday, 4 October | Friday, 5 October |
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| 8.00 h | Breakfast | | | | |
| 9.00 h parallel courses | Data Analysis with Stata (Beginners) | | Sequential Analysis | Data Analysis with Stata (Beginners) | |
| | Data Analysis with R/ Reproducible Research | | Network Analysis | Data Analysis with R/ Reproducible Research | |
| | Qualitative (Expert) Interview | | | Qualitative Inquiry and Content Analysis with MAXQDA | |
| | Questionnaire Design | | | Questionnaire Design | |
| 12.30 h | Lunch | | | | |
| 14.00 h parallel courses | Introduction to the SOEP | | Structural Equation Modelling with Amos | Analysing Panel Data | Departure |
| | Data Analysis with Stata (Intermediates) | | | Data Analysis with Stata (Intermediates) | |
| | Case Study Research | | Grounded Theory | Introduction to MAX- QDA for Case Studies | |
| | From Words to Networks: Information and Relation Extraction from Text Data and Analysis of Socio-technical Networks | | | From Words to Networks | |
| 18.00 h | Dinner | | | | |

Courses in the morning and afternoon are offered parallel. Courses on Wednesday, 3 October are offered the whole day as parallel courses. You can only choose one of the courses. Further information on the courses and lecturers, registration, and programme modifications are published on the workshop website at <http://www.phd-network.eu/>.