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Dear colleagues:

The summer break is over and the new SOEP data release (1984–2012), SOEP v29, is about to be distributed. In the 2012 fieldwork, 12,322 household interviews were carried out. Information on ordering the data and “what’s new” in this v29-distribution can be found on [page 5](#). There, we describe numerous improvements as well as bug fixes and introduce the new variables and the new subsample K (refresher sample with 1,526 new households).

We have an important and urgent request: We need your help for the CNEF (Cross National Equivalent File). In July, the US National Institutes of Health reviewed a grant proposal submitted by Dean Lillard at Ohio State University (OSU). Although the NIH review panel gave the application a good score (in the 15th percentile), it is just outside the range of scores that are definitely being funded. So our partner Dean Lillard is calling on all users of the CNEF to help by sending letters of support. We kindly ask you to do so—in the interest of the whole SOEP user community—thus in your own interest. Please read more on [page 7](#).

As you may be aware, this year marks the SOEP’s 30th survey wave. We celebrated this milestone at our Anniversary Colloquium on Happiness Research in Berlin on September 20, 2013. This issue of the SOEPnewsletter includes a report and photo gallery for those who would like to recall the experience—and for all those who couldn’t be here (see [page 10](#)). SOEP Director Jürgen Schupp reviews the last “30 Years of German SOEP” and discusses plans and developments for the future. Read more on [page 2](#) of this issue.

Furthermore, the biennial SOEP Best Publication Prize was awarded on this event, see more on [page 16](#).

We are always working to increase the user-friendliness of the SOEP data. As part of this effort, the SOEP team is currently working on the new metadata portal, SOEPinfo v.2. If you would like to learn more about this project or get involved in it as a test user, please see [page 7](#) for further information.

Finally, we would like to call the attention of our German speaking friends to a newly released popular scientific publication: the October 2013 *bild der wissenschaft* (a German counterpart to the *New Scientist*) contains a 25-page section devoted entirely to the SOEP. Read more on [page 4](#).

With best regards,

Elke Holst | Editor



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Jürgen Schupp  
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 Infrastructure SOEP and  
 Professor of Sociology at  
 Freie Universität Berlin

## Comment

On September 20, 2013, the SOEP has celebrated the milestone of its 30th survey wave with an interesting and entertaining colloquium on the topic of happiness. We—the two SOEP groups at DIW Berlin and at TNS Infratest in Munich—are both proud and extremely happy to see that panel studies are increasing in importance in Germany and worldwide, and that the SOEP has been among the pioneers of a design that dates back over 100 years in Germany. I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the members of the SOEP team, with whom I am pleased and privileged to work.

When Paul Lazarsfeld developed the first panel survey in the 1930s to attain a better understanding of voting intentions and actual voting behavior, statistical panel analysis methodologies and complex household designs were still in their infancy. What is often forgotten in the purely scientific use of panel data is that even descriptive forms of panel data analysis may provide useful input for political and economic decision making and for scientific research. Especially in the case of representative random samples, evidence of changes in a variable over time and the separation of inter-individual and intra-individual changes can reveal important information. It is of great political and social scientific significance to know, for instance, whether same individuals and families are remaining in poverty given a constant percentage (15%) of the population below the poverty line, or whether approximately equal percentages of families are moving into and out of poverty and a small percentage (5%) of the population is remaining “trapped.”

### Basic research and policy advice of the highest standard

Around the same time as the SOEP, a new panel study was launched in the USA by the US Census Bureau aimed at answering the question of what people do when offered government benefits. This study, the “Survey of Income and Program Participation” (SIPP) started in 1983 and has since been repeated many times. The SIPP was subject of an impressive five-part series on the everyday activities of empirical social researchers published in 1985 by US science journalist Morton Hunt.\* In his book, Hunt quoted SIPP-founder William Butz, who noted with great foresight that, “There is no way to predict all the ways in which SIPP data will be used. The marketplace of ideas will take up the data and use them in ways we can’t foresee.” And that’s what has happened—in the SOEP as well. And for that reason, it was and remains crucial

\* Hunt, Morton (1985): Profiles of Social Research. The Scientific Study of Human Interactions (New York: Russell Sage Foundation), p. 154.

that the SOEP, as part of the Leibniz Association, should not be forced into the narrow confines of issue-oriented policy advice and that it also should not be subject to the directives of government research agencies. Rather, basic research of the highest standard must be the priority. This will lead in turn to the provision of high-quality policy advice based on the SOEP data.

A glance of more than 1,000 SSCI publications in the SOEP archives by our SOEP users in Germany and abroad reveals a vast array of scientific questions that the SOEP’s founders could never have imagined being able to answer with the database they were beginning to build. At the time of the DFG-funded collaborative research center SFB3, “Microanalytical Foundations of Social Policy,” that gave rise to the SOEP, many of the panel econometric techniques used widely today had not even been formally developed, to say nothing of user-friendly statistical software. Furthermore, the crucial importance of sibling data in causal analysis to control for unobserved heterogeneity was almost unknown. When the SOEP was founded, no one considered the possibility of a “natural experiment” occurring during the course of a longitudinal study. The fact that the Wall came down in Germany during the course of the SOEP, thus providing data on the “natural experiment” of a transformation process in two countries that were reunited after a 40-year separation, could never have been predicted 30 years ago. Thus, the time is ripe to reflect on the scientific achievements of the panel survey and panel research over the history of this study.

### A vision for the SOEP infrastructure in the year 2020

We look back proudly on the last 30 years and are also very pleased that the panel data infrastructure in Germany now includes many other longitudinal studies besides the SOEP. After numerous successful external evaluations, the SOEP has earned its place in the recently published “Roadmap for Research Infrastructures” of the Federal Ministry for Education and Research. This year, together with our Survey Committee, we initiated the process of formulating a vision for the SOEP infrastructure in the year 2020 and beyond. We would like to express our sincerest thanks to this advisory body, which emerged from the “Panel Advisory Board” of the collaborative research center that preceded the SOEP, for their critical and constructive advice on our work over the years.

We look to the future with optimism, confidence, and immense curiosity to see what survey methodologies and especially what scientific findings will emerge from our data on individuals and private households in Germany in the years to come.

With sincere thanks,

*Jürgen Schupp*  
 Director of SOEP



## German Section

SOEPCampus@ ...



### Ankündigung: SOEPCampus@DIW Berlin

**Workshop „Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten“ am 24. und 25. Februar 2014 in Berlin – Anmeldung ab 6. Januar 2014 möglich**

Am 24. und 25. Februar 2014 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“, „Einführung in die Analyse von Paneldaten“ 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

Die Anmeldung für den Workshop ist ab dem 6. Januar 2014 auf der Website des DIW Berlin möglich. Nähere Informationen finden Sie in der Januar-Ausgabe des SOEPnewsletters.

**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 den Anmeldetermin vorzumerken. Die Teilnahme am Workshop ist abgesehen von einer 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 oder SPSS. 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](mailto:soepcampus@diw.de).

### Bericht: SOEPCampus@Mannheim 24. bis 26. Juni 2013

#### Längsschnittdatenanalyse mit dem SOEP

Vom 24. bis 26. Juni 2013 fand zum sechsten Mal an der Universität Mannheim der Workshop „Längsschnittdatenanalysen mit dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel“ (SOEP) statt. Die Veranstaltung gehört zur Ausbildungsreihe SOEPCampus, die zur Verbesserung der Forschungsfähigkeiten und -möglichkeiten von sozial- und verhaltenswissenschaftlichen Studierenden, DiplomandInnen und DoktorandInnen beitragen möchte. Insgesamt haben über 30 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** und Marcus **Brocard**) an der Universität Mannheim in Zusammenarbeit mit der Infrastruktureinrichtung „Sozio-oekonomisches Panel“ 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 Statistikprogrammpaketes Stata.

#### Aufbau

Am ersten Tag des Workshops gaben Alexandra **Avdeenko**, Marco **Giesselmann** und Doreen **Triebel** (SOEP) eine allgemeine Einführung in den Aufbau, die Inhalte und das Arbeiten mit dem SOEP und einen Überblick über neuere Entwicklungen im Erhebungsprogramm. Im Rahmen des allgemeinen Überblicks wird auch auf aktuelle Innovationen im SOEP eingegangen. Am Nachmittag fanden Übungen und Beratungen statt.

Die beiden anderen Tage waren der Anwendung von längsschnittlichen Datenanalyseverfahren gewidmet. Am zweiten Tag gab Marco Giesselmann (SOEP) eine Einführung in die Paneldatenanalyse (insbesondere Panelregression). Siegfried **Gabler**, GESIS, gab am dritten Tag eine Einführung zum Thema Stichproben.

Am Rande der Veranstaltung gab es Zeit, weitere Fragen der TeilnehmerInnen zum Arbeiten mit den SOEP-Daten sowie zu Analyseproblemen zu klären. Die Evaluierung der Veranstaltung durch die TeilnehmerInnen war durchweg sehr positiv.



## 25 Seiten zum SOEP in „bild der wissenschaft“

Das Oktober-Heft der populärwissenschaftlichen Zeitschrift „bild der wissenschaft“ widmet sich ausführlich dem SOEP. Im Schwerpunkt „Sozialforschung“ schreiben WissenschaftsjournalistInnen und WissenschaftlerInnen auf 25 Seiten über 30 Jahre Forschung auf der Basis von SOEP-Daten. Auch das Editorial des Chefredakteurs ist weitgehend dem SOEP gewidmet.

Große Artikel haben die Themen: Wie verändert sich die Persönlichkeit im Laufe des Lebens? Welchen Einfluss hat die soziale Herkunft auf den gesellschaftlichen Aufstieg? Und: Wie hat sich das Leben der Menschen in Ost- und Westdeutschland seit der Wende entwickelt?

Jürgen **Schupp** spricht im Interview über große gesellschaftliche Entwicklungen und deren Spuren im SOEP. Zu Wort kommen auch junge Statistiktalente und ihre ganz persönliche SOEP-Geschichte. Gert G. **Wagner** berichtet aus dem „Datenlabor“ (Gewichtung und Imputation) und er erklärt die Turbulenzen in der „Mittelschicht“.

Das Oktober-Heft finden Sie im Zeitschriftenhandel Ihrer Wahl.

<http://www.wissenschaft.de/bdw-heft>

## Data & Service

### Pre-order now: SOEP 1984–2012 data (v29)



For the first time available by download and free of charge to all users in EEA countries! Order now: SOEP 1984–2012 data (v29)

We are currently preparing the new SOEP 1984–2012 data, which will be sent out soon (approximately in late autumn). The new data set includes the most recent wave (29) from survey year 2012 (release v29) in our classic cross-sectional wide format (“SOEP”) and our new long version (“SOEPlong”).

#### We're delighted to provide a possibility for downloading the SOEP data.

We ensure the highest standards of data protection in transferring the SOEP data to you through use of the program cryptshare (<[www.cryptshare.com](http://www.cryptshare.com)>), which offers completely encrypted transfers as well as a personalized link and password.

Because we no longer have the production costs and postal charges for the DVD, we are now able to provide the SOEP data **free of charge** for the very first time. Please note that DIW Berlin is currently providing the SOEP data to users in EEA countries only. Other non-European users will receive the data from Cornell University in the USA.

#### Order now!

You can order the data now. You'll find an online order form on our internet page under “forms.” To obtain the data, please let us know whether you're working with German or/and English labels in STATA, SAS, SPSS, or ASCII.

The SOEP hotline staff will be happy to take your order, either by e-mail at [soepmail@diw.de](mailto:soepmail@diw.de) or by telephone at +49-30-89789-292. You can also complete and return the order form attached to this SOEP newsletter or order online:

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

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

### What's new in the SOEP 1984–2012 data release (v29)

The new data distribution (1984–2012) “SOEP v29” provides, for the most recent survey year 2012, the usual wave-specific data files **BCPBRUTTO**, **BCP**, **BCPKAL**, **BCPGEN**, **BCPAGE17**, **BCHBRUTTO**, **BCH**, **BCHGEN**, **BCKIND**, and **BBPLUECKE** as well as the updated files with a longitudinal component (PFAD files, biography files, spell data, and weighting factors).

#### New subsample K

In 2012, we added a new refreshment sample with 1,526 new households (**Sample K**). In total, 12,322 households were interviewed as part of the 2012 fieldwork. As with previous general population samples, the refreshment sample K was realized by using a multi-stage stratified sampling design. Refreshment sample K resulted in a very similar response rate of 34.7 % compared to our last refreshment sample J. Thus, the general downward trend in participation was successfully stopped through a range of measures including centralized face-to-face interviewer training, better pay for interviewers, and more attractive incentives for respondents.

In the current refreshment samples, fieldwork is conducted exclusively by CAPI, as it was with the previous refreshments **H** (2006), **I** (2009), and **J** (2011). Similarly to our other refreshment samples, data collection is focused on three main questionnaires: the household, the individual, and the youth questionnaire. Thus, no supplementary questionnaires were used with respondents in wave 1. The reason for focusing on the key questionnaires is to avoid “overburdening” respondents with a lengthy wave 1 interview.

#### New datasets/variables

In 2012, the SOEP replicated its **wealth module** for the fourth time after 1988, 2002, and 2007.

Two new variables in **\$PGEN**: The variable **SNDJOB\$\$** represents the imputed current gross labor income from a second job, generated for all SOEP respondents who are employed in each respective wave. Information about gross income from the second job was first asked in 1995 (wave L). The respective imputation flag is the variable **IMPSND\$\$**.

For the first time, respondents were asked their **place of birth**. This information including the

coordinates of the respective municipality is available at our guest workstations at the Research Data Center SOEP.

A new dataset **HCONSUM** with generated data from the consumption module used in the SOEP in the year 2010.

### Improvements and Bug Fixes

**BIOAGE03:** The codes for personality were changed from 1-11 to 0-10 and are now consistent with the codes for personality in BIOAGE06. In addition, to improve the measurement quality of the Vineland Scale, five items were replaced.

**BIOAGE06:** In 2008, for personality, the value zero was mistakenly coded -2. This mistake was corrected. This resulted in up to 65 additional valid cases for some traits in the survey year 2008.

**BIOAGE10:** A new questionnaire was introduced for 9-10-year-olds in 2012. The data can be found in this data set and in the new **BIOAGEL** “long” data set.

**\$FAMSTD:** In generating current marital status, current and previous year were switched for some cases in 2011 in v28.

In 2012, the questionnaire provides one-time-only information on the size of the local establishment in addition to the size of the entire company (**BETR\$\$**). The enriched questionnaire revealed that in previous interviews, some individuals mistakenly provided information on the local establishment size instead of the entire company size, especially if their entire company had 2,000 or more employees. Due to the importance of longitudinal consistency, these persons were identified, and their 2012 original value of the entire company size **BETR12** was replaced by their value of the local establishment size. These modifications also affected the variable **ALLBET12**.

The variable **RUEBSTD** (“overtime hours during last month” in 2001) had cases with incorrect non-response missings (-1), since respondents without overtime mistakenly were assigned to this category. In the corrected version, the value for these respondents is correctly coded as zero overtime hours.

With the variable **vh4601** and the equivalent variables in the following years, the label “contributions over 2,500 euros” was used, but actually the

questionnaire asked for “contributions over 500 euros”. The label was corrected.

The variables **ZERWZEIT** and **BAERWZEIT** (“length of time with firm” in 2009 and 2010) had to be corrected for respondents in sample I who did not have their wave 2009 interview and wave 2010 interview in the respective year but at the beginning of the following year (2010 and 2011). Due to the longitudinal consistency check, these individuals mistakenly received an implausible value (-3) for **\$ERWZEIT**. In the corrected version, the non-missing values of these respondents are considered to be valid and not set to missing.

**LOC1989:** In generating the data, persons are now included who never participated. As a result, the -2 means “does not apply, born before 1989” as planned for this variable. Respondents who have never participated and who were unable to gather information from other sources were set to -1 (“no answer”).

The variables **EXPFT\$\$**, **EXPPT\$\$**, and **EXPUE\$\$** (experience in full-time employment, part-time employment, and unemployment) have been improved. The variables reflect now the total length of full-time/part-time/unemployment in the respondent’s career up to the point of the interview in a given year (instead of only up to December of the previous year). Since monthly employment activities are asked retrospectively in the following year, the variables cannot be updated for the most current wave.

The variables **ATATZEIT**, **AVEBZEIT**, **AUEBSTD** and **AERWZEIT** were mixed up in the data distribution v28 and are now corrected in v29:

- The correct values of **ATATZEIT** were found in the variable **AERWZEIT**.
- The correct values of **AVEBZEIT** were found in the variable **ATATZEIT**.
- The correct values of **AUEBSTD** were found in the variable **AVEBZEIT**.
- The correct values of **AERWZEIT** were found in the variable **AERWZEIT** of the data distribution v27.

## New documentation system "DDI on Rails"

In late August, the SOEP team launched the first internal user test for its new metadata portal, SOEPinfo v.2. The system, which is based on the custom developed open-source software "DDI on Rails," will contain documentation on all SOEP studies and also the new data format SOEPlong. A large-scale user test is planned for the end of this year.

Those who would like to take a closer look at the system and help in testing it right away are invited to contact Marcel **Hebing** ([mhebing@diw.de](mailto:mhebing@diw.de)).

# DDI on Rails

## Understanding Data



### Data News from Cornell and Ohio State University



#### Updated SOEP and CNEF data available

We've shipped about 125 disks of the most recent release of the SOEP and CNEF files. The release includes data updated to the 2011 waves of the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey (HILDA), Swiss Household Panel (SHP), and Russia Longitudinal Monitoring Study-Higher School of Economics (RLMS-HSE), and the 2009 wave of the US Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID). As in the past, researchers can analyze the CNEF file of the 2010 wave of the Canadian Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics survey (SLID) through Statistics Canada.

Please send requests for data to  
[CNEF@cornell.edu](mailto:CNEF@cornell.edu)

#### KLIPS-CNEF to be updated

The Korea Labor and Income Panel Study files of the CNEF are going to be updated. Those files were not updated due to a transition in the management of the survey. However, the Korea Labor Institute is once again running the survey and they have gotten authorization to update and again release

KLIPS-CNEF data. They expect to update the KLIPS-CNEF files in 2014 with files for the survey waves since 2008. The plan is to release data for 2009-2012 this coming year. After that, the data should be updated annually.

#### Call for letters of support for CNEF

CNEF needs your help. In July the US National Institutes of Health reviewed a grant proposal that **Dean Lillard** submitted. The proposal seeks funding to create CNEF files using data from panel surveys in China, Israel, and South Africa and funding to incorporate the Understanding Society data into the CNEF files together with the BHPS. Although the NIH review panel gave the



*Dean Lillard, our partner at Ohio State University (OSU)*

application a good score (at the 15th percentile) it is just outside the range of scores that are definitely being funded. Despite that outcome, there is still some chance that NIH will fund CNEF.

To convince NIA, we need to provide them with evidence that the CNEF

data help advance research on aging. So we are calling on all users of CNEF to help.

Please send the following information to [Lillard.13@osu.edu](mailto:Lillard.13@osu.edu):

1. Citations of your **own** published and unpublished papers or government reports that use CNEF data (please highlight those that deal with aging topics)
2. Citations of published and unpublished papers or government reports of **others** that use CNEF data (please highlight those that deal with aging topics)
3. Lists of presentations that use CNEF data
4. Use of CNEF data in classes (highlight classes that deal with aging topics)

Please send letters of support on your institutions letterhead if possible (be sure to list your name, institutions, and please indicate any NIA/NIH funding)

### Letters of support

Specifically mention any research you are doing or plan to undertake with CNEF data that are specifically on aging topics. But please also point out the broader benefits of CNEF.

One concern of NIA is that they already support the Health and Retirement Study, many of the international surveys based on the HRS, and a project run from RAND that harmonizes those data. We need to be able

to argue that CNEF adds something more to the research data infrastructure that is not added by these HRS based projects. So, when you write your letter, please keep in mind that the surveys that generate the data included in CNEF are surveys that sample a broader range of the general population, researchers can use the panel surveys to analyze aging of younger cohorts than the HRS cohorts allow. That broader sample means that, when we investigate aging-related behavior and issues with CNEF data, we can investigate relationships and exchanges that cover a broader portion of the life-span and that involve people of multiple generations more richly. And younger cohorts can act as “control groups” for the older cohorts.

More broadly, it is important to emphasize that the CNEF data **complement** rather than compete with our HRS counterpart. The bottom line should be that the CNEF data enriches the aging research community and represents a tremendous resource for cross-national comparative research on aging.

Please send the above information and letters (pdf, Word) to [Lillard.13@osu.edu](mailto:Lillard.13@osu.edu).

If you want to address it to a person, then please address it to

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## Latest microdata tools for EU-SILC Users

If you are working with EU-SILC microdata, Heike Wirth from GESIS would like to draw your attention to their latest microdata tools: SPSS- and STATA routines which transfer the EU-SILC 2011 csv-data (as well as revised data) to SPSS/Stata-Systemfiles and STATA do-files for computing the EU-SILC Sample design variables.

For more information, see:

<http://www.gesis.org/en/services/data-analysis/official-microdata/european-microdata/eu-silc/eu-silc-tools/>

Tim Goedemé has updated his Stata do-files for computing the EU-SILC Sample design variables. Now these do-files cover the cross-sectional UDBs 2005-2011. A zip-file and the latest papers on this subject can be downloaded from his homepage:

<http://www.ua.ac.be/main.aspx?c=tim.goedeme&n=95420>

For those who might also be interested in exchanging information and engaging in discussions with other users and those responsible for data, you can subscribe to the EU-Microdata mailing list at: <http://www.gesis.org/en/services/data-analysis/official-microdata/european-microdata/eu-mailinglist/>

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## Happy Birthday to LIS!

### We wish the Luxembourg Income Study all the best on its 30th birthday!

LIS was founded in 1983 one year before SOEP went into the field. It is a cross-national data center which serves a global community of researchers, educators, and policy makers. LIS acquires data-

sets with income, wealth, employment, and demographic data from a large number of countries, harmonizes them to enable cross-national comparisons, and makes them available for public use by providing registered users with remote access.

#### New name: LIS

On the occasion of its birthday, LIS introduced a new name, new look, and a new logo. From now on, the official name of the institution is LIS. The databases will retain their original names: the Luxembourg Income Study Database (LIS) and the Luxembourg Wealth Study Database (LWS). These databases contain harmonized microdata from high- and middle-income countries around the world.



#### Development

The development of LIS is impressive: In 1983, LIS contained 7 datasets, 7 countries, 3 staff members, the income database LISSY was not yet designed, the first user was not yet registered, and bi-annual newsletters were still sent out by snail mail. In 2013, LIS contains 47 countries, 250+ datasets, 16 staff members, income and wealth databases, LISSY in the 8th generation, and 4500+ users.

#### More about LIS

**Janet Gornick** has served as the LIS Director since 2006

(<http://www.lisdatacenter.org/about-lis/team/>)



More information about LIS is available under: <http://www.lisdatacenter.org/>

Click here to watch a short documentary about the founding of LIS. The video features interviews with Lee Rainwater, Robert Erikson, Tim Smeeding, Serge Allegrezza, Marc Cigrang, and John Coder: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRrk6Do5NvE&feature=youtu.be>

## Events & Activities



### Report: 30 Years of the SOEP

#### Anniversary Colloquium on Happiness Research

Does life happiness really follow a U-shaped curve? How does poverty affect our well-being? Is satisfaction contagious? How do factors like relationships, work, and social involvement affect our satisfaction with life?

The SOEP celebrated its 30th survey wave with an Anniversary Colloquium on Happiness Research on September 20, 2013. At the conference, renowned international researchers presented findings from the broad field of happiness research obtained primarily from SOEP data.

The Anniversary Colloquium on Happiness Research took place at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin. More than 100 participants attended outstanding presentations by reknown keynote speakers from all over the world—from Australia to Zurich.

Presenters included: Conchita D'Ambrosio (University of Luxembourg), Paul Frijters (University of Queensland/Australia), Bruce W. Headey (University of Melbourne/Australia), Richard E. Lucas (Michigan State University/USA), Andrew Oswald (University of Warwick/UK), Nilam Ram (Penn State University/USA), Rainer Winkelmann (University of Zurich/Switzerland), and David Richter, Jürgen Schupp, and Gert G. Wagner (DIW Berlin/Germany).

A high point of the colloquium was the performance by Nilam Ram, Professor of Psychology at Penn State University. Together with the attendees, he transformed their life histories into a sound collage using objects such as Velcro bands, coins, and matches. (<http://playingthearchive.com/#/pta-wsho/>),

The full program with all the abstracts can be found at: [www.diw.de/soep30](http://www.diw.de/soep30)



Photo: Christine Kurka



Participants of the Anniversary Colloquium



## SOEP respondents honored by Federal President Gauck

Celebration of volunteer and community service at Schloss Bellevue



Photo: Stephan Röhl

Federal President Joachim Gauck and Daniela Schadt greet their guests in the gardens of the presidential residence, Schloss Bellevue.

On August 30, 2013, four SOEP respondents attended a summer celebration hosted by German Federal President Joachim Gauck in honor of volunteer and community service work. The SOEP respondents from the Berlin area have been taking part in the SOEP survey, known among respondents as “Living in Germany”, for many years.



Photo: Stephan Röhl

The “SOEP table” in the gardens at Schloss Bellevue.

The two families were invited by Federal President Gauck to attend the celebration honoring them for their special form of volunteer service to the community on behalf the approximately 30,000 respondents who voluntarily took part in the SOEP study in 2013. Participation in a scientific study over the course of many years is by no means to be taken for granted: rather, the faithfulness of these longtime respondents to the SOEP study should be seen as the expression of community spirit.

The SOEP respondents spent an entertaining and amusing evening in the gardens of Schloss Bellevue, the presidential residence, together with around 4,000 other invited guests who have provided valuable service to the community through various forms of volunteer work.

Before attending the summer celebration, the SOEP respondents stopped at DIW Berlin, where they were welcomed by Jürgen Schupp and



Photo: Stephan Röhl

Mother and Son meet famous television host Dr. Eckart von Hirschhausen.

Gert G. Wagner. SOEP Director Jürgen Schupp told his guests, “when we introduced the SOEP to Federal President Gauck at Schloss Bellevue last year, he personally suggested inviting longtime SOEP respondents to the celebration in honor of volunteer work. We share our respondents’ pride in this special recognition from Joachim Gauck.”



Photo: Stephan Röhl

## Panel Survey Methods Workshop 2014

For non-European users in the US  
20-21 May, 2014 in Ann Arbor/USA

For international users in the US an international panel survey methods workshop takes place 20th and 21st May, 2014, in Ann Arbor/USA. The workshop will be hosted by the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan/ Ann Arbor. The workshop specifically focuses on the Cross-national Equivalent File (CNEF). All international SOEP-users are highly welcomed at this event, which is still in planning stage, yet.

The local organizing committee consists of Mick **Couper**, Mary Beth **Ofstedal**, and Kate **McGonagle**.

The [call for abstracts](#) has been posted. The deadline for abstract submission is December 1st, 2013.

## SOEP data the basis for numerous conference presentations in 2013

The SOEP data set is and remains an invaluable source of interesting current research in numerous disciplines, as testified by the numerous SOEP-based presentations at important conferences in Germany and worldwide over the last year. On our [website](#), we present a list of the conference presentations based on SOEP data.

## Report: SOEP @ ESRA

On July 15-19, 2013, the fifth conference of the European Survey Research Association took place in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The

SOEP was present with an exhibition stand, and ten presentations were held by members of the SOEP and their co-authors. After various short courses on Monday, the conference started on Tuesday with a keynote lecture by William **Saris** about a new program (SQP2.0) that predicts the quality of survey questions in order to correct for measurement errors. That was followed by sessions on different subjects. Members of the SOEP staff gave presentations on the following:

Simone **Bartsch** presented her study with Denise **Saßenroth** on the SOEP panel members who have remained loyal to the study since the beginning (a total of 28 waves) and on the characteristics of these respondents. David **Richter** held a presentation on the implementation of cognitive measurements and the day-reconstruction method in the SOEP Innovation Sample, and gave an overview of first results from 2012. Martin **Kroh** talked about cognitive and affective sources of interviewer effects in face-to-face surveys through informational influences, pressure, of conformity. His second presentation dealt with whether web interviews are as effective as mail interviews among the elderly due to the higher unfamiliarity with the Internet in this group. The experiments conducted were based on data from the Berlin Aging Study II (BASE-II).

Rainer **Siegers** from the study “Familien in Deutschland” (Families in Germany, FiD) discussed the use of stand-alone weights for subpopulations with time-varying characteristics in investigations of specific subpopulations such as low-income families, large families, single parents,



Our SOEP team in front of the SOEP counter at ESRA



SOEP members informing participants at ESRA.



Matthias Schonlau and Jürgen Schupp at ESRA Conference in Ljubljana.

Photos: Christine Kurka

and families with young children when using FiD and SOEP data. Jürgen **Schupp** gave a presentation on the hidden foundations of successful panel survey management, focusing on various means of tracking respondents and improving cooperation that have proven successful in the SOEP. Michael **Weinhardt** talked about factors and mechanisms that influence respondents' consent to record linkage in the German SOEP Establishment Survey 2012, where the SOEP asked employers for permission to link SOEP survey data to the German federal employment agency's administrative records on employers and their employees. The presentation investigates systematic differences between organizations that consented to record linkages and those that did not. Finally, Mathis **Schröder** presented the project that I am focusing on in my internship. In it, we are investigating the influences of additional cash incentives in already established longitudinal samples using the results of an experiment from 2011, where incentives were tested on households that had participated in the SOEP survey for between five and 27 years before cash incentives were offered for the first time. The presentation discussed the influences of cash incentives on response and attrition rates and on sample selection.

The breaks between sessions allowed time to converse with researchers and PhD students and to visit other exhibition stands. At the end of the conference, there was a second keynote lecture by Mick **Couper**: "Is the Sky Falling? New Technology, Changing Media, and the Future of Surveys." In his talk, he presented the challenges facing survey researchers as a result of big data, mobile data collection, the increase of internet surveys, and non-probability sampling in Internet surveys. He emphasized the importance of the current survey research and the possibilities for researchers to apply the experience gained from the work on traditional probability-based sample surveys to the wealth of new data that is being "organically" created by the social media, web search engines, and electronic commerce companies. He also called upon the scientists to publish papers without significant results and confirmed hypothesis.

In the exhibition hall Christine **Kurka** provided information material of SOEP to the participants and visitors of the conference talked to many experienced and future SOEP-users.

John **Körtner** attended the conference as an intern with the SOEP and shared the insights above with us.

presented at  
"Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik"  
September 4-7, 2013, Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf

**B11 HUMAN CAPITAL**  
Vorsitz: Silke Anger

1. Adrian HILLE, DIW Berlin; Jürgen Schupp  
"How Learning a Musical Instrument Affects the Development of Skills"
2. Anica KRAMER, RWI Essen; Lailanie Basilio, Thomas K. Bauer  
"Transferability of Human Capital and Immigrant Assimilation: An Analysis for Germany"
3. Silke ANGER, DIW Berlin; Daniel D. Schnitzlein  
"Like Brother, Like Sister? – The Importance of Family Background for Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills"

*Donnerstag, 5.9.2013*  
Raum: Geb. 25, U1.55  
15.30 - 17.00 Uhr

**E11 SOEP ANALYSIS**  
Vorsitz: Johanna Storck

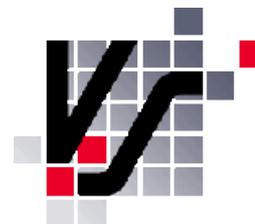
1. Kai-Uwe MUELLER, DIW Berlin; Viktor Steiner  
"Behavioral Effects of a Federal Minimum Wage and Income Inequality in Germany"
2. Marco SUNDER, Universität Leipzig; Frieder Kropfhäuser  
"A Weighty Issue Revisited: The Dynamic Effect of Body Weight on Earnings and Satisfaction in Germany"
3. Daniel KAMHÖFER, Universität Duisburg-Essen; Hendrik Schmitz  
"Does Education Affect Cognitive Abilities?"
4. Johanna STORCK, DIW Berlin; Ronny Freier  
"The Treatment Effect of Attending a High-Quality School and the Influence of Unobservables"

*Freitag, 6.9.2013*  
Raum: Geb. 25, U1.55  
16.15 - 17.45 Uhr

**F7 HEALTH AND THE ECONOMY**  
Vorsitz: Martin Karlsson

1. Peter EIBICH, DIW Berlin; Nicolas Ziebarth  
"Examining the Structure of Spatial Health Effects using Hierarchical Bayes Models"

*Samstag, 7.9.2013*  
Raum: Geb. 25, 00.72  
08.30 - 10.00 Uhr



## Report: SOEP@ VfS Jahrestagung

This year at the annual meeting of VfS (Verein für Socialpolitik) in Düsseldorf, 25 papers on the basis of SOEP data were presented. There was even a special SOEP session chaired by Johanna **Storck**, member of the department Education Policy (which is part of the Public Finances and Living Conditions research cluster at DIW Berlin). This section was called "SOEP Analysis" because SOEP was the only common denominator of the presented papers. The following overview shows a selection of presentations with the use of SOEP data:

## Report: SOEP at the Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association

New York, August, 10-13, 2013

The SOEP participated from August 10-13, 2013 at the conference of the American Sociological Association (ASA) in New York. The **program** included a presentation by SOEP researcher **Anika Rasner** on the accumulation of pension rights among women in Germany and the USA and the role that marital status plays in the two countries.

Together with five other German research infrastructure projects (German Data Forum, SHARE, NEPS, Pairfam, and TwinLife), the SOEP was introduced as part of the initiative “Research in Germany,” promoted and organized by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Many international conference visitors were attracted by the initiatives’ booth at the conference exhibition hall and took the opportunity to learn about the different German longitudinal studies. Members of our team (among them **Jürgen Schupp**, **Anika Rasner** and **Gert G. Wagner**, former head of SOEP and current 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. SOEP Director **Jürgen Schupp** was leading and moderating the Policy & Research Workshop “Innovative Longitudinal Tools for International Research in the Social Sciences and the Field of Inequality” with participants from all research driven longitudinal data-producers.



Photo: ASA, New York, 2013

*Dr. Eva-Maria Streier (DFG), Peter Kerrigan (DAAD), Dr. Eckard Kämper (DFG), Markus Berger (SHARE), Dr. Daniel Fuß (PAIRFAM)*



Photo: ASA, New York, 2013

*Markus Berger (SHARE), Prof. Dr. Bernhard Nauck (PAIRFAM), Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp (SOEP), Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner (German Data Forum), Dr. Jutta von Maurice (NEPS), Prof. Dr. Martin Diewald (TwinLife/SFB 882), Dr. Daniel Fuß (PAIRFAM)*



Photo: Gert G. Wagner

*Prof. Dr. Martin Diewald (TwinLife/SFB 882) and Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp (SOEP).*

## SOEP Brown Bag Seminar

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



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Proposals for special Brown Bag Seminars are welcome.

If you would like to participate, please contact **Alexandra Avdeenko** ([aavdeenko@diw.de](mailto:aavdeenko@diw.de)). If you are

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

Presentations in the last three months—with a long break during summer time—have included:

**Katja Möhring** (University of Cologne): What is the effort for? Employment histories and incomes in later life in Europe. July 10, 2013.

**Laura Langner (Rienecker)** (University of Oxford): The effects of flexible working hours on German couples' wages. September 18, 2013.

Photos: Stephan Rohlf



## People & Papers

### The 2013 SOEP Best Publication Prize

The SOEP Best Publication Prize is awarded on a biennial basis in the year between the international SOEP user conferences. The prize is awarded in three categories: the best scientific publication (first prize: 1,000 euros, second prize: 500 euros), the best scientific publication by a junior researcher (aged 35 or under, 500 euros), and the best media contribution by a journalist (500 euros).

The SOEP prize is funded by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF) and the winners were selected by the SOEP Survey Committee. We are proud to present the 2013 prize winners, selected from the 115 eligible scientific and 80 media contributions registered in our SOEPLIT database 2011 and 2012 (excluding publications by SOEP staff). These publications provide striking testimony to the high level of scholarly research that can be produced using SOEP data. The awards ceremony was held at the Happiness Colloquium on September 20, 2013.

The prize certificates were handed out by Alexander Romanski, a board member of the VdF. This year's winners are:

#### First Prize for the Best Scientific Publication:

This year, the prize for best paper of all the publications listed in the SOEP database goes to a top publication in the field of economics:

**Anke Becker, Thomas Deckers, Thomas Dohmen, Armin Falk, Fabian Kosse:** *“The Relationship between Economic Preferences and Psychological Personality Measures”* (Annual Review of Economics, 2012, 4: 453–78)

In this article, the young team of experimental economists around Leibniz award winner Armin Falk shows that economists would be well advised to expand their research to consider psychological concepts and to integrate these into their models to better understand the mechanisms underlying individual action.

Although both economists and psychologists seek to identify determinants of heterogeneity in behavior, they use different concepts to capture them. In this review, we first analyze the extent to which economic preferences and psychological concepts of personality, such as the Big Five and locus of control, are related. We analyze data from incentivized laboratory experiments and representative samples and find only low degrees of association between economic preferences and personality. We then regress life outcomes (such as labor market success, health status, and life satisfaction) simultaneously on preference and personality measures. The analysis reveals that the two concepts are rather complementary when it comes to explaining heterogeneity in important life outcomes and behavior.

The second prize this year goes to three empirical analyses published in top journals in three different disciplines that are based on the SOEP data.

#### Second Prize for the Best Scientific Publication (3 winners, listed in alphabetical order by first author):

##### Economics

The first Second Prize—this one from the field of economics—goes to two economists whose article explores the question of how voluntary vs. involuntary transitions to retirement affect individual well-being.

**Eric Bonsang, Tobias J. Klein:** *“Retirement and Subjective Well-Being”* (Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 2012, 83(3): 311-29)



The life cycle model predicts that individuals substitute leisure for consumption when they retire. We show that the effect of retirement on various well-being measures available in the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) are compatible with this prediction: the overall effect on life satisfaction is negligible, while satisfaction with the free time increases and satisfaction with household income decreases. The life cycle model also predicts that involuntary retirement is likely to have adverse effects because individuals would actually prefer to work in order to consume more, but are prevented from doing so. They find that indeed, involuntary retirement results in an overall negative effect that can partly be explained by a bigger drop in income satisfaction and a smaller increase in satisfaction with the free time.

### Psychology

The second Second Prize—this one from the field of psychology—goes to a team of two British researchers who completed their study based on the SOEP data during a research stay at the Paris School of Economics. In it, they explore how individual personality traits affect the ability to adjust psychologically following illness or disability and thus to regain previous levels of life satisfaction.

**Christopher J. Boyce, Alex M. Wood:** *“Personality Prior to Disability Determines Adaptation: Agreeable Individuals Recover Lost Life Satisfaction Faster and More Completely”* (*Psychological Science*, 2011, 22(11): 1397-402)

Personality traits prior to the onset of illness or disability may influence how well an individual psychologically adjusts after the illness or disability has occurred. Previous research has shown that after the onset of a disability, people initially experience sharp drops in life satisfaction, and the ability to regain lost life satisfaction is at best partial. However, such research has not investigated the role of individual differences in adaptation to disability. The authors suggest that predisability personality determines the speed and extent of ad-

aptation. The authors analyzed measures of personality traits in a sample of 11,680 individuals, 307 of whom became disabled over a 4-year period in SOEP. The authors show that although becoming disabled has a severe impact on life satisfaction, this effect is significantly moderated by predisability personality. After 4 years of disability, moderately agreeable individuals had levels of life satisfaction 0.32 standard deviations higher than those of moderately disagreeable individuals. Agreeable individuals adapt more quickly and fully to disability; disagreeable individuals may need additional support to adapt. Whereas the approximately 50% who stay loyal to either the CDU or the SPD (or remain independent) are the stabilizing base of the party system, the 50% who are unstable partisans may be the crucial element in elections and in determining periods where one major party will be dominant over the other.

### Political Science

The third Second Prize—this one from the field of political science—goes to a team of three political scientists. In their article, they examine partisan identification over a 24-year period. They use mixed latent Markov models to identify change and stability in individual-level attachment or identification voters have with political parties. Their focus is on the voters who report long-term partisan identification with the German parties SPD and CDU.

**Anja Neundorff, Daniel Stegmüller, Thomas Scotto:** *“The Individual-Level Dynamics of Bounded Partisanship”* (*Public Opinion Quarterly*, 2011, 75(3): 458-82)

Over the past half century, scholars have utilized a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches to study the attachment or identification voters have with political parties. However, models of partisan (in)stability ignore its bounded character. Making use of Mixed Latent Markov Models, the authors measure the change and stability of individual-level West German partisan identifica-

tion captured over a 24-year period via the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP). Results suggest that distinctive subpopulations exist that follow different patterns of partisan stability. One party's loss is not necessarily another party's gain.

And, as in the past years, the SOEP again is awarding prizes for talented junior researchers. As with the Second Prizes for Best Paper, our jury also chose winners in three disciplines.

### Best Scientific Publication by a Junior Researcher (3 winners, listed in alphabetical order by first author):

The first Junior Prize—for a study in the field of economics—goes to Christina **Felfe** from the Swiss Institute for Empirical Economic Research (SEW) at the University of St. Gallen.

*Christina Felfe: "The motherhood wage gap: What about job amenities?" (Labour Economics, 2011, 19(1): 59-67)*

Women with children tend to earn lower hourly wages than women without children — a shortfall known as the 'motherhood wage gap'. While many studies provide evidence for this empirical fact and explore several hypotheses about its causes, the impact of motherhood on job dimensions other than wages has scarcely been investigated. In order to assess changes in women's jobs around motherhood, Christina Felfe uses data from the German Socio-Economic Panel and employs a first difference analysis. The results reveal that women when having children accommodate at their original employer primarily through adjustments in working hours. Yet, when changing the employer women adjust their jobs in several dimensions, such as different aspects of the work schedule (working hours, work at night or according to a flexible schedule) as well as the level of stress. Further analysis provides some limited support for the motherhood wage gap being explained by adjustments in the work conditions.

The second Junior Prize—for a study in the field of family sociology—goes to two sociologists for their SOEP-based publication in the renowned *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

*Michael Kühhirt, Volker Ludwig: "Domestic Work and the Wage Penalty for Motherhood in West Germany" (Journal of Marriage and Family, 2012, 74(1): 186-200)*

Previous research suggests that household tasks prohibit women from unfolding their full earning potential by depleting their work effort and limiting their time flexibility. The present study investigated whether this relationship can explain the wage gap between mothers and nonmothers in West Germany. The empirical analysis applied fixed-effects models and used self-reported information on time use and earnings as well as monthly family and work histories from the German Socio-Economic Panel. The findings revealed that variation in reported time spent on child care and housework on a typical weekday explains part of the motherhood wage penalty, in particular for mothers of very young children. Furthermore, housework time incurred a significant wage penalty, but only for mothers. The authors concluded that policies designed to lighten women's domestic workload may aid mothers in following rewarding careers.

The third Junior Prize—for a publication in the field of psychology—goes to the research team headed by Jule **Specht**, who is now a Junior Professor at the Free University Berlin.

*Jule Specht, Boris Egloff, Stefan C. Schmukle: "Stability and Change of Personality Across the Life Course: The Impact of Age and Major Life Events on Mean-Level and Rank-Order Stability of the Big Five" (Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 2011, 101(4): 862-82)*

Does personality change across the entire life course, and are those changes due to intrinsic maturation or major life experiences? This longitudinal study investigated changes in the mean levels and rank order of the Big Five personality traits in a heterogeneous sample of 14,718 Germans across all of adulthood. Latent change and latent moderated regression models provided four main findings: First, age had a complex curvilinear influence on mean levels of personality. Second, the rank-order stability of Emotional Stability, Extraversion, Openness, and Agreeableness all followed an inverted U-shaped function, reaching a peak between the ages of 40 and 60, and decreasing afterwards, whereas Conscientiousness showed a continuously increasing rank-order stability across adulthood. Third, personality predicted the occurrence of several objective major life events (selection effects) and changed in reaction to experiencing these events (socialization effects), suggesting that personality can change due to factors other than intrinsic maturation. Fourth, when events were clustered according to their valence,

as is commonly done, effects of the environment on changes in personality were either overlooked or overgeneralized. In sum, the analyses show that personality changes throughout the life span, but with more pronounced changes in young and old ages, and that this change is partly attributable to social demands and experiences.

### Best Media Contribution:

The SOEP Award for the Best Media Contribution in 2012 goes to journalist Barbara **Leitner** for her radio program on “Lebensläufe in Zahlen” (figures on the life course), which was broadcast on Deutschlandfunk on July 5, 2012.

Barbara *Leitner*: “Lebensläufe in Zahlen – Studien auf der Basis des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels” (*Deutschlandfunk*, Studiozeit: Aus Kultur- und Sozialwissenschaften, July 5, 2012)

In her radio program, Barbara Leitner covers research findings based on SOEP data presented at the SOEP User Conference in 2012. The main theme of her program is the unequal distribution of educational opportunity and of the resulting opportunities at social advancement. In it, Barbara Leitner discusses the importance of factors including parental wealth, peer effects, and personality traits. Her program is thoroughly researched and reports SOEP findings from a broad multidisciplinary perspective while at the same time capturing the atmosphere of the conference. Barbara Leitner also succeeds in explaining SOEP research methods in terms that are clear and comprehensible to non-scientists. In sum, Leitner’s program exemplifies journalistic excellence in the coverage of SOEP-based scientific findings.



Photo: Stephan Röhl

Photo from left: Gert G. Wagner, Tobias J. Klein, Fabian Kosse, Volker Ludwig, Jule Specht, Jürgen Schupp, Alex M. Wood.

## Personnel



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Silke **Anger** left the SOEP on August 31, 2013, to accept a leadership position at the Institute for Labor Market Research (IAB) in Nuremberg. As of September 1, 2013, she will be heading the research area “Education and Employment over the Life Course” in the research area “Life Opportunities and Social Inequality.” Silke will also get an appointment as University Professor (W3) of Economics, with a focus on educational economics, which was established jointly with the IAB, in the Faculty for Social Sciences, Economics, and Business Administration at the University of Bamberg. Silke Anger was member of the SOEP team since November 2005, where she conducted research on the labor market, education, and health. In 2013, she completed her Habilitation in Economics at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin with a study on “Cognitive and non-cognitive skill formation and labor market outcomes.” Silke turned down a (W3) professorship in the Department of Economics at the Freie Universität Berlin in “economics, with a focus on empirical economic research” offered in conjunction with a position as Head of Applied Panel Analysis in the SOEP at DIW Berlin. We are sad to see Silke Anger go and wish her continued success in her new position!



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Elke **Holst**, has been appointed as a member to the Horizon 2020 Advisory Group for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions by the European Commission, Education & Culture. Horizon 2020 is the European Union’s new funding program for research and innovation for the period 2014–2020 and represents a clear break from the past by bringing together all existing Union research and innovation funding into one single framework program. Horizon 2020 will be implemented by work programs. To ensure effective implementation, it is important that the Commission receives high quality external advice to help assess, enrich, and keep up to date its reflections and ideas for the development of these work programs. A number of advisory groups are therefore being set up to offer advice on objectives and scientific, technological, and innovation priorities. The groups will also be used as focal points for processing inputs from a wider range of relevant research and innovation communities. More information on Horizon 2020 can be found [here](#).



Martin **Kroh** was offered an appointment as Professor of Political Sociology at the Zepelin University in Friedrichshafen. Martin Kroh is currently Deputy Director of the SOEP, Head of Survey Methodology, and holds a joint position as Professor for Social Research Methods, in particular Survey Methodology, at the Institute for Social Sciences of Humboldt-University Berlin.



Christian **Schmitt** will be serving as Substitute Professor (W3 Lehrstuhlvertretung) of Sociology – Research Methods in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Economics at the University of Bamberg for Winter Semester 2013/2014.



Paul **Schmelzer** has intensified his work as a post-doc in the SOEP team since September 2013. As part of his post-doctoral work in the social sciences, Paul will work on generating various retrospective biographical and spell data in the SOEP.



Mathis **Schröder**, research associate and SOEP project manager in charge of the project “Families in Germany” (FiD) has become new head of the DIW Department of Research Infrastructure. Because of the FiD project, 25 percent of his working time will be spent in his new post up to March 2014. After being a student in the SOEP group Mathis became a doctoral student of Economics at Cornell University and then he received his PhD. He has already gained valuable experience as research manager. He is taking up a position of strategic importance for the DIW Berlin: the department functions as an interface between science and research management.



Jürgen **Schupp**, Director of the Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP), is the new Professor of Empirical Social Research at Freie Universität Berlin. The professorship is a joint appointment by the university and the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin). Schupp was already an Honorary Professor of Sociology at Freie Universität. He has led the

Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) research infrastructure at DIW Berlin since the beginning of 2011, initially as Interim Director, and then, since February 2013, as Director.



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In September 2013, Carolin **Stolpe** began a three-year program to become a Specialist in Market and Social Research (FAMS) as part of the German dual system of vocational training, with her practical training taking place in the SOEP at DIW Berlin. Carolin will be the SOEP's fourth vocational trainee. By supporting vocational training, the SOEP is working to contribute to the Leibniz Association's goal of significantly increasing the number of vocational trainees in Leibniz member institutes.

## 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

Christian **Schmitt** and Pia **Schober**: Bargaining power and preference reconciliation in couples. International User Conference of the German Family Panel – pairfam, October 9–10, 2013, Munich/Germany.

Ingrid **Tucci**: Inégalités de parcours scolaires et expériences des inégalités: analyse comparée France-Allemagne de la situation des descendants d'immigrés. Workshop "Les descendants d'immigrés à l'école: où en est la recherche?", Genf University, November 29, 2013, Geneva/Switzerland.

### Paper presentations in the last three months

Silke **Anger** and Daniel **Schnitzlein**: Like Brother, Like Sister?—The Importance of Family Background for Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills. (1) *Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik*, September 4–7, 2013, Düsseldorf/Germany. (2) *25th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists*, September 19–21, 2013, Turin/Italy

Alexandra **Avdeenko** and Thomas **Siedler**: Intergenerational Transmissions and Sibling Correlations in Ex-

treme Right-wing Party Affinity and Attitudes towards Immigration. 28th European Economic Association meeting (2013EEA|ESEM), August 26–30, 2013, Gothenburg/Sweden.

Simone **Bartsch** and Denise **Sassenroth**: 30 Waves of Participation: The most loyal panel members. 5th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 15–19, 2013, Ljubljana/Slovenia.

Anne **Busch** and Elke **Holst**: Occupational Sex Segregation and Management-Level Wages in Germany: What Role Does Firm Size Play? *22nd IAFFE Annual Conference*, July 12–14, 2013, Palo Alto/California, .

Peter **Eibich** and Nicolas R. **Ziebarth**: Examining the structure of spatial health effects using Hierarchical Bayes Models. (1) *Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik*, September 4–7, 2013, Düsseldorf/Germany. (2) 7th World Conference of the Spatial Econometrics Association, July 10–12, 2013, Washington D.C./USA.

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(July – December 2013)

Markus M. **Grabka**: Ungleichheit in Deutschland – Langfristige Trends, Wendepunkte. *Jahrestagung der Gesellschaft für Sozialen Fortschritt e.V.*, „Ungleiche Ungleichheit – Einkommensverteilung in Deutschland im internationalen Vergleich“, September 19, 2013, Lohr/Germany.

Ingrid **Tucci**: Migration und demographischer Wandel: Chancen und Herausforderungen von Vielfalt. *Interkulturelle Akademie Augsburg*. November 6, 2013, Augsburg/Germany.

Anika **Rasner**: Ist Altersarmut weiblich? Was hat meine Arbeit von heute mit meiner Rente von Morgen zu tun? *WeiberWirtschaft eG*. August 29, 2013, Berlin/Germany.

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Marco **Giesselmann**: Panelmodelle für kontinuierliche und kategoriale abhängige Variablen. Seminar. Universität Bielefeld.

Martin **Kroh**: Advanced Quantitative Methods: Cross-Sectional Data Analysis. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Christian **Schmitt**: Quantitative Verfahren I: Analyseverfahren für kategoriale Variablen. Seminar. Universität Bamberg.

Christian **Schmitt**: Einführung in die Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung Teil I. Vorlesung. Universität Bamberg.

Christian **Schmitt**: Soziologisches Forschungspraktikum Teil I. Seminar. Universität Bamberg.

Daniel D. **Schnitzlein**: Decomposition Methods in Labour Economics, Lecture, Economics Department, University Hamburg

Jürgen **Schupp**: Zur Vermessung der Sozialstruktur Europas. Seminar. Institut für Soziologie der Freien Universität Berlin.

## Short-term special courses (July – December 2013)

Marco **Giesselmann**: Modul "Quantitative Längsschnittstudien". DGfE Summer School, August 29-31, 2013, Erkner (bei Berlin)/Germany.

Marco **Giesselmann** and Jan **Goebel**: Einführung in das Cross-National Equivalent File. SOEPcampus@uni-köln. November 21-22, 2013, Cologne/Germany.

Marco **Giesselmann** and Daniel **Schnitzlein**: Introduction to Work with the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP). International User Workshop, University of Bamberg, September 17-18, 2013, Bamberg/Germany.

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David **Richter**, Marco **Giesselmann**, Mila **Staneva**: Einführung in die Arbeit mit dem Sozio-Oekonomischen Panel. Workshop Zentrum für Quantitative Empirische Sozialforschung, Universität Leipzig, July 25-26, 2013, Leipzig/Germany.

Michael **Weinhardt**: Analysepotentiale sozialwissenschaftlicher Forschungsdaten. Workshop und Vorstellung der SOEP-Betriebsbefragung im Rahmen des datalab2013, Universität Bielefeld, September 23-27, 2013, Bielefeld/Germany.

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

Baier, Tina, University of Bielefeld/Germany  
 Baumann, Anne Luise, BGSS, Bremen/Germany  
 Kottwitz, Anita, International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE), Berlin/Germany  
 Lancee, Bram, Social Science Research Center (WZB), Berlin/Germany  
 Liechti, Lena, University of Fribourg/Switzerland  
 Möhring, Katja, University of Cologne/Germany  
 Oppermann, Anja, University of Cologne/Germany  
 Schaeffer, Merlin, Social Science Research Center (WZB), Berlin/Germany  
 Schulz, Wiebke, University of Bielefeld/Germany  
 Werneburg, Juliana, Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology/Germany

### Short visits (past, current, and in the near future)

Anger, Silke, Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nürnberg, and Bamberg University, Bamberg/Germany  
 Engeman, Cassandra, University of California/USA  
 Hahnen, Maren, Humboldt University Berlin/Germany  
 Hammerschmid, Anna, University of Mannheim/Germany  
 Headey, Bruce, University of Melbourne/Australia  
 Hense, Andrea, University of Bielefeld/Germany  
 Hoherz, Stefanie, ISER - University of Essex/UK  
 Illy, Annette, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg/Germany  
 Keil, Roman, TU Berlin/Germany  
 Knies, Gundi, University of Essex/UK  
 Kopmann, Angela, Institut für Weltwirtschaft, Kiel/Germany  
 Langner, Laura, Nuffield College, Oxford/UK  
 Laß, Inga, University of Bielefeld/Germany  
 Muffels, Ruud, Tilburg University/Netherlands  
 Okon, Michael, TU Berlin/Germany  
 Schoch, Johannes, University of Mannheim/Germany  
 Tutt, Jascha, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg/Germany  
 Walliczek, Katharina, University of Mannheim/Germany  
 Weynandt, Michele, University of Mannheim/Germany

### Interns (in the past three months and near future)

Böger, Daniel, University of Bielefeld/Germany  
 Körtner, John, University of Konstanz/Germany  
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Nonresponse Bias in Dual-Frame Ansätzen am Beispiel von Telefonbefragungen

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