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Dear Colleagues:

SOEP is constantly increasing its power for analyses. For research on family issues, we provide new data from our "Mother and Child" questionnaire covering currently information for more than 500 babies. The complete datasets can be ordered from the SOEP Hotline: soepmail@diw.de. For more information, see page 2 of this NEWSLETTER.

The new 1984-2004 dataset will be released soon, and can already be ordered using the attached order form (also available at our website). With wave 21, SOEP again offers users a unique collection of data to users from many disciplines. In 2003 and 2004, SOEP also collected extensive psychological data, which is of increasing importance in a wide range of fields including economics. Further psychological data can be found in the pretest datasets. Please note that all pretest information is available only in German. For more information, see page 2. The pretest questionnaires can be found at:

<http://www.diw.de/english/sop/service/fragen/index.html>.

Finally, please remember to send us all your publications based on SOEP data. Each of your publications helps us show that SOEP data is used in diverse and interesting studies worldwide. This is an essential argument for SOEP's continued existence. Please send a hard copy or pdf-file to Uta Rahmann:

urahmann@diw.de. Thank you!

With best regards,

Elke Holst

NEU: SOEP-Daten 1984-2004

- Jetzt bestellen -

Der neue SOEP Datensatz 1984-2004 kann ab sofort bestellt werden. Bitte nutzen Sie den beigefügten Bestellschein oder das Bestellformular auf unserer Homepage.

Ausführliche Informationen über *Neuerungen und Änderungen* in der aktuellen Datenlieferung erhalten Sie auf unserer Homepage unter der Rubrik der häufig gestellten Fragen (FAQ):

<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/sop/faq/>

Hier finden Sie auch AnsprechpartnerInnen aus der SOEP-Gruppe, die Ihnen zur Beantwortung weiterer Fragen gerne zur Verfügung stehen. Weiterhin erhalten Sie unter dem obigen Link Informationen zu den Nutzungsbedingungen, zu Vertragsangelegenheiten sowie wichtige Hinweise zu Auswertungen mit dem SOEP.

Auch in diesem Jahr gilt wieder unser *special offer*: Sollten Sie als VertragsnehmerIn zusätzliche CDs benötigen, so können Sie diese zum Vorzugspreis von € 5 zuzüglich Versandkosten bestellen. Dieser Preis gilt nur für Duplikate. Für die erste CD-Rom müssen wir € 30 berechnen (zuzüglich Versandkosten). Dieser gegenüber dem Vorjahr leicht erhöhte Preis resultiert aus den Produktionskosten für eine dritte CD-Rom, mit der Sie nun den kompletten Datenbestand des SOEP in der 100% Version auch mit englischsprachigen Labels (in Stata, SAS, SPSS) erhalten. Das Vorzugsangebot gilt solange der Vorrat reicht.

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Informationen zur neuen SOEP Daten-Lieferung 1984-2004 (A-U)

Mit der Datenweitergabe 2005 (Daten 1984-2004) werden für das Beobachtungsjahr 2004 die üblichen wellenspezifischen Dateien UPBRUTTO, UP, UPKAL, UPGEN, UHBRUTTO, UH, UHGEN, UKIND und TPLUECKE sowie die aktualisierten Dateien mit Längsschnittbezug (Biographie-Daten, Spell-Daten und Hochrechnungsfaktoren) weitergegeben.

Die Daten der ersten CD-ROM enthalten wie gewohnt alle SOEP-Daten mit deutschsprachigen Variablen- und Werte-Labels. Die Daten CD-Rom Nr. 2 enthält alle SOEP-Daten mit englischsprachigen Variablen und Werte-Labels (inklusive der Daten der Vermögensbilanz 1988 in der Datei EV).

Darüber hinaus gibt es folgende Erweiterungen bzw. Modifikationen:

► PPFAD (neue Variable)

Die zentralen demographischen Informationen in PPFAD wurden um den Wohnort im Jahr 1989 erweitert (Wo lebte eine Person zur Zeit des Mauerfalls? Variable LOC1989). Unterschieden werden die Kategorien „Ostdeutschland“, „Westdeutschland“ und „Ausland“. Die Information ist für alle Befragten und Kinder vorhanden (für weitere Informationen siehe [BIO.PDF](#)).

Kontakt: *Joachim R. Frick* (jfrick@diw.de).

► \$PGEN (neue Variablen)

Es wurden neue Variablen für alle Wellen (A-U) generiert, die den monatlichen Brutto- und Nettoarbeitslohn (LABGRO\$\$ und LABNET\$\$) beinhalten - durchgehend in EURO. Fehlende Werte auf Grund von Item-Nonresponse wurden imputiert und können mit Hilfe der zugehörigen Zeiger-Variablen IMPGRO\$\$ und IMPNET\$\$ identifiziert werden (für zusätzliche Informationen, siehe [PGEN.PDF](#)).

Kontakt: *Markus M. Grabka* (mgrabka@diw.de).

► \$HGEN (neue Variablen)

\$HGEN beinhaltet nun auch das direkt erfragte monatliche Netto-Haushalts-

einkommen (HINC\$\$) - durchgehend in EURO für alle Wellen (A-U).

Eine weitere Variable wurde für die Wellen L-U (1995-2004) generiert ebenfalls mit der Information zum monatlichen Netto-Haushaltseinkommen (in EURO), allerdings korrigiert für eine mögliche Unterschätzung durch die Auskunft gebende Person (AHINC\$\$). Eine derartige Unterschätzung wurde mit Hilfe der aktuellen persönlichen Einkünfte aller Personen im Haushalt korrigiert (zusätzliche Informationen finden Sie in [HGEN.PDF](#)).

Kontakt: *Jan Goebel* (jgoebel@diw.de) oder *Peter Krause* (pkrause@diw.de).

► \$PEQUIV oder SOEP-CNEF (neue Variablen)

Die \$PEQUIV-Dateien der Wellen A-U beinhalten nun auch international harmonisierte Variablen zur Gesundheit (M11101\$\$-M11127\$\$). Für zusätzliche Informationen siehe die Datei [CNEF-SOEP2004.PDF](#).

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Ergebnisdaten der SOEP Pretests verfügbar

In den Jahren 2002 bis 2004 wurden für das SOEP Pretests mit einer relativ großen Fallzahl durchgeführt, die eine inhaltliche Auswertung möglich machen. Getestet wurden vor allem psychologisch basierte Indikatoren. Einige von ihnen gingen in die Haupterhebungen 2003 bis 2005 ein.

NutzerInnen mit einem SOEP-Datenweitergabevertrag stehen jetzt die kompletten Pretestdaten – also auch jene, die nicht in die Haupterhebung eingingen – kostenlos zur Verfügung. Bei allen SOEP Pretests handelt es sich um Personen- und nicht um Haushaltsbefragungen.

Beim Pretest 2004 handelt es sich um Informationen zu den Schwerpunktthemen „Mutter und Kind“ sowie „Persönlichkeit und Politik“. Sie sind einfach auszuwerten. Die Daten zum Schwerpunkt „Persönlichkeit und Politik“ umfassen 772 Fälle. *Nur zu diesem*

großen Pretest, der viele, nicht in die Haupterhebung des SOEP aufgenommene Variablen enthält, liegt eine ausführliche Dokumentation vor.

Die Fragebögen für die Pretests aus dem Jahr 2004 stehen Ihnen auf unserer Homepage (ausschließlich) in deutscher Sprache zur Verfügung:

<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/sop/serve/fragen/fr2005/pretest_mutterkind.pdf> (Schwerpunkt „Mutter und Kind“) sowie unter:

<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/sop/serve/fragen/fr2005/pretest_experiment.pdf> (Schwerpunkt „Persönlichkeit und Politik“).

Die Pretest-Daten aus den Jahren 2002 und 2003 werden Ihnen ebenfalls auf Anfrage zugesendet. Für diese Datensätze stehen keine ausführlichen Dokumentationen zur Verfügung, sie sind aber recht einfach auszuwerten. Informationen zu den Inhalten der Pretests (für die jeweils im darauffolgenden Jahr stattfindende Haupterhebung) finden Sie in den jeweiligen Fragebögen auf unserer Homepage unter der URL:

<<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/sop/serve/fragen/index.html>>

Bitte schauen Sie an das Ende der Listen unter die Überschrift „Pretests“.

Bei Interesse an den Datensätzen schicken Sie bitte eine Mail mit Ihren Wünschen an die *SOEP-Hotline*: <soepmail@diw.de>. Bei inhaltlichen Fragen zu den Pretests steht Ihnen *Jürgen Schupp* gerne zur Verfügung (Tel.: -238, jschupp@diw.de).

Nachrichtlich: Vor 2001 gab es keine Pretests mit nennenswerten Fallzahlen. Diese auf Quoten beruhenden Umfragen sind inhaltlich nicht auswertbar.

Attention International Users

NEWS from Cornell

Number of International Users quickly growing

The number of international users of the SOEP and CNEF data is growing quickly. In 2005 we mailed 175 CDs – a

40 percent increase over the 125 disks mailed last year.

Introduction to the SOEP Data: Register for Workshop at Cornell University

There is still time for researchers using the SOEP and CNEF data files to register for the Workshop for Users of the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) to be held September 9-10, 2005 at Cornell University. The workshop will be led by SOEP director *Prof. Gert Wagner*, *Dr. Joachim Frick*, *Dr. Markus Grabka*, and *Jan Goebel* of the DIW, *Adam Wronski* of Statistics Canada, *Annette Jackle* of the BHPS, and *Dr. Dean Lillard* of Cornell. If you have a graduate student who will use the SOEP or CNEF data this is an excellent opportunity to introduce them to the data. More information can be found at:

<<http://www.human.cornell.edu/pam/gsoep/>>

Personnel

DIW Research Affiliate *Dr. Dean Lillard* will present a paper at the upcoming BHPS/ECHP data users conference titled, "You Can't Always Get What You Want: Observations on Self-Reported Satisfaction, Consumption, and Underlying Utility." The paper uses data on life-satisfaction and smoking behavior to investigate more carefully the causal relationship between consumption of cigarettes and measured satisfaction.

News about the 2005 Data Distribution (1984-2004, Waves A-U)

The 100% SOEP data version is distributed this year on three CD-ROMs covering the years 1984-2004. For the survey year 2004, it includes the usual wave-specific data UPBRUTTO, UP, UPKAL, UPGEN, UHBRUTTO, UH, UHGEN, UKIND, and TPLUECKE as well as updated versions of all datasets with a longitudinal component (spell data, biographical data and weights).

The data on CD-ROM no. 2 contains all SOEP data with variable labels and value labels in English (including the data from the 1988 financial statement in file EV).

In addition, we have made the following additions and changes:

► PPFAD (new variable)

The basic demographic information in PPFAD has been expanded to include location of residence in 1989, i.e., where an individual lived when the Berlin wall fell (variable LOC1989). This information is differentiated into the categories "East Germany", "West Germany", and "Abroad" and is available for all respondents (adults and children, see further documentation in [BIO.PDF](#)).

Contact: *Joachim R. Frick*
(jfrick@diw.de).

► \$PGEN (new variables)

New variables have been generated for all waves (A-U) providing information on monthly gross and net labor income (LABGRO\$\$ and LABNET\$\$), consistently declared in euro. Missing values in case of item non-response are imputed as indicated by the corresponding imputation flag variables IMPGRO\$\$ and IMPNET\$\$ respectively (see also additional documentation in [PGEN.PDF](#)).

Contact: *Markus M. Grabka*
(mgrabka@diw.de).

► \$HGEN (new variables)

\$HGEN now includes the monthly net household income consistently named (HINC\$\$) and declared in euro over all waves (A-U).

A new variable has been generated for waves L-U (1995-2004) providing information on monthly net household income adjusted for possible underreporting (AHINC\$\$), also consistently declared in euro. Possible underreporting is checked with the help of the current individual incomes of all household members (see also additional documentation in [HGEN.PDF](#)).

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(jgoebel@diw.de) or *Peter Krause*
(pkrause@diw.de).

► \$PEQUIV or SOEP-CNEF (new variables)

The files \$PEQUIV now also include a set of cross-nationally harmonized health-related variables M11101\$\$-M11127\$\$ (see also the additional documentation in file [CNEF-SOEP2004.PDF](#)).

Contact: *Markus Grabka*
(mgrabka@diw.de).

SOEP Prizes 2005 for best publications in 2003 and 2004 awarded on May 11, 2005

The [SOEP Prize](#) is awarded every two years between the international SOEP conferences and honors the best scientific publication, the best scientific publication by a junior researcher (35 years old and younger), and the best policy paper (articles in popular media and essays written by journalists). This year's prize winners were honored on May 11, 2005 in Berlin at the annual meeting of the sponsoring organization, the [Society of Friends of the DIW Berlin \(VdF\)](#).

The prize winners were chosen by members of the SOEP Scientific User Committee: *Prof. Dr. Gisela Trommsdorff* (Chair), University of Constance, *Prof. Dr. Stephen Jenkins* (Vice Chair), Essex University, and SOEP Director *Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner*.

Out of more than 500 eligible scientific publications from the years 2003 and 2004, 25 received nominations and six received an award.

► For the *best publications*, one first prize (1000 euro) and two second prizes (600 euro) were awarded. All of these publications represent excellent examples of basic scientific research based on SOEP data.

The first prize for the best SOEP publication from the years 2003 and 2004 was awarded to the US-Australian team of *Thomas DiPrete* and *Henriette Engelhardt* for their study "Estimating Causal Effects with Matching Methods in the Presence and Absence of Bias Cancellation", which appeared in the journal "Sociological Methods & Research". This methodological

investigation offers important insights that can be used, i.a., in evaluating labor market and educational policy.

A second prize was awarded to two Americans, *Amelie Constant*, who is currently conducting research at IZA Bonn, and *Douglas S. Massey*, Princeton University, for their paper "Return Migration by German Guestworkers: Neoclassical versus New Economic Theories" which appeared in the journal "International Migration". In it, they show that immigrants who maintain strong bonds to their home country (approximately one-quarter of those in Germany) have a much higher probability of returning home than those who have put down roots in Germany.

Another second prize was awarded to the US team of *John A. Bishop*, *Victor K. Chow* and *Lester A. Zeager* for their essay "Decomposing Lorenz and concentration Curves" published in the "International Economic Review". This paper presents basic research dealing with the income distribution.

► The first prize awarded for research by a young scholar (*Junior Prize*, 1000 euro) went to the international team of *Paul Frijters*, *John Haisken-DeNew* and *Michael Shields* for their paper "Investigating the Patterns and Determinants of Life Satisfaction in Germany Following Reunification" which appeared in the "Journal of Human Resources". In it, they present a methodologically rigorous demonstration that only slightly more than ten percent of the increased life satisfaction in East Germany can be traced back to the increase in earnings. Ninety percent is attributable to the increase in personal freedoms since reunification.

The second Junior Prize was awarded in equal parts to two authors (600 euro each):

Markus Gangl, a sociologist from Mannheim, was recognized for his paper "Welfare States and the Scar Effects of Unemployment: A Comparative Analysis of the United States and West Germany" which appeared in the "American Journal of Sociology". He formulates a number of interesting research questions to be

addressed using SOEP data in the near future.

Philippe Van Kerm, a young Belgian economist working at CEPS in Luxemburg, was recognized for his paper "What Lies Behind Income Mobility? Reranking and Distributional Change in Belgium, Western Germany and the USA", which appeared recently in the British journal "Economica". As a piece of true basic research, this paper offers insights that will make it possible to understand the dynamics of the income distribution better in the future.

► Out of an almost inconceivable number of *journalistic* articles, seven were nominated and two received prizes. Each paper was awarded 300 euro.

Claudia Borchard-Tuch was honored for her article "Unzufrieden ohne Job" (dissatisfied without a job), which appeared in the science section of the Berlin newspaper "taz" in 2004. The article presents not only an accurate portrayal of the psychological pain that unemployment causes, but also a clear explanation of the SOEP survey to readers.

Dirk Horstkötter and *Rainer Hübner* received the award for their article "Verteilter Wohlstand" (distributed prosperity), which appeared in the magazine "Capital" in 2004. On the basis of longitudinal SOEP data, the authors chart the development of inequality and poverty in Germany in precise terms. Their interpretation anticipates central findings from the German federal government's Poverty and Wealth Report.

The SOEP team congratulates all of the prize winners on their outstanding contributions! We wish all other SOEP users success in their papers and publications and the best of luck for the next SOEP prize in 2007. The SOEP NEWSLETTER will keep you informed about the rules for nomination.

NEW: SOEPmenu

Former SOEP team member *Dr. John P. Haisken-DeNew* (now at RWI Essen and a Research Affiliate of DIW Berlin) has developed SOEPmenu, an application of the statistics software STATA/SE,

which makes working with SOEP data significantly easier.

SOEPmenu is a collection of STATA/SE Add-Ons. The commands make it possible to choose variables, observations, etc. directly and to produce automatic data enquiries on the computer. Further information on SOEPmenu is available via: <www.soepmenu.de> or on the STATA homepage <www.stata.de>. SOEPmenu users are required to sign a user contract and make a contribution of at least 10 euro per license and year directly to UNICEF.

Information can also be obtained directly from *John P. Haisken-DeNew* <jhaiskendenew@rwi-essen.de>.

1,000th SOEP User Conducting Research in Canada

The SOEP has been making its data on the social situation in Germany available to a large and growing research community. More than 300 SOEP data CD-ROMs are distributed annually to universities and research centers in 33 countries. In May, we celebrated the registry of our 1,000th active user: *Dr. Blair Wheaton* of the University of Toronto, Canada. Dr. Wheaton uses SOEP data in the framework of his research project "Adolescents' future occupational plans: What are the intervening processes that matter?".

SOEP data is used by a network of researchers worldwide representing diverse disciplines in the social sciences including economics and psychology. SOEP director *Gert G. Wagner*, commented: "The Socio-Economic Panel is an observatory for studying the social cosmos. Just as telescope observation data are used by astronomers worldwide, SOEP data are used around the globe not just for observing developments within Germany, but as an extremely valuable basis for testing scientific theories."

Activities of the SOEP Staff

Here we list *selected* presentations by SOEP staff members at conferences in order to give you an impression of our ongoing work. For downloads and links, please see:

<<http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/abteilungen/ldm/aktuelles/index.html>>.

In alphabetical order:

Conchita D'Ambrosio and Joachim R. Frick: Subjective Well-Being and Relative Deprivation: An Empirical Link, (1) 2nd International Conference of Panel Data Users in Switzerland, 25-26 February 2005, Neuchâtel/ Switzerland. (2) International Conference on Capabilities and Happiness, June 16-18, 2005, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan/Italy.

Charlotte Büchner and Jean-Yves Gerlitz: Influences on Socio-economic Status in Germany: Reproduction of Social Structure or Modes of Individual Acting? International Sociological Association (ISA). Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), August 18-21, 2005, Los Angeles/USA.

Thomas Dohmen, Armin Falk, David Huffman, Uwe Sunde, Jürgen Schupp, and Gert G. Wagner: Six Facts About Risk Attitudes: Evidence from a Large, Representative, Experimentally Validated Survey. Presented at (1) Econometric Society World Congress 2005; August 19-24, 2005, University College London; (2) European Economic Association (EEA) Congress, August 24-27, 2005, Universiteit van Amsterdam/Netherlands; (3) European Society of Population Economics (ESPE), June 16-18, 2005, Cité Universitaire, Paris/France.

Joachim R. Frick, Jan Goebel, Edna Schechtman, Gert G. Wagner, and Shlomo Yitzhaki: Using Analysis of Gini (ANoGi) for detecting whether two sub-samples represent the same universe: The SOEP experience, Econometric Society World Congress 2005, August 19-24, 2005, University College London/Great Britain.

Joachim R. Frick, Jan Goebel, and Gert G. Wagner: Regional Income Stratification in Unified Germany using a Gini Decomposition Approach. (1) First meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), July 20-22, 2005, Palma de Mallorca/Spain. (2) Meeting of the Research Committee 28 (RC28) on Social Stratification and Mobility, May 5-8, 2005, Oslo/Norway.

Markus M. Grabka und Joachim R. Frick: Imputation fehlender Werte – Das Beispiel des SOEP: Methodische Grundlagen und der Einfluss der Imputation auf die Einkommensverteilung und Einkommensmobilität (The imputation of missing values – the SOEP experience. Basic methodology and the influence of imputation on the income distribution and income mobility). Lecture in an upper-level university seminar on practical aspects of survey research, in the Department of Empirical Social and Economic Research, University of Cologne, June 13, 2005.

Olaf Jürgens: Social security and social justice. European welfare states, conceptions of social justice and their distributive consequences. Conference on Social Justice in a Changing World, March 10-12, 2005, Graduate School for Social Science (GSSS), Bremen/Germany.

Olaf Jürgens: Social justice preferences and welfare state performance. Conference on Welfare States and Social Inequality, International Sociological Association, Research Committee 28 (RC28), May 5-8, 2005, University of Oslo/Norway.

Olaf Jürgens: Social Inequality, Social Justice and the Life Dimensions Approach. EPUNet 2005, June 30-July 2, 2005, University of Colchester, Essex/Great Britain.

Olaf Jürgens: Social inequality and social justice. First meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), July 20-22, 2005, Universität de les Illes Balears, Palma de Mallorca/Spain.

Peter Krause: Einkommen und Armut in Deutschland – Empirische Entwicklungen und ausgewählte Probleme (income and poverty in Germany – empirical developments and selected problems). Presented at the 2004/2005 annual meeting of the Austrian Sociological Society's (ÖSG) methodological and research design section: "Zu ebener Erde und im ersten Stock" - Armut und Reichtum in postindustriellen Gesellschaften. Das Problem ihrer validen und reliablen empirischen Messung" (On the ground

floor. Poverty and wealth in post-industrial societies. The problem of their valid and reliable empirical measurement). March 3-4, 2005, University of Salzburg/ Austria.

Martin Kroh: Measuring Subjective Well-Being: The Choice of Response Format and Mode of Data Collection. European Association for Survey Research (EASR) Conference, July 18-22, 2005, Barcelona/Spain.

Martin Kroh and Peter Selb: Partisanship Inheritance: Parental Political Socialisation or Social Status Stability? European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) - General Conference, September 8-10, 2005, Budapest/Hungary.

Christian Schmitt: Labour market integration and fertility decisions – a comparison of Germany and the UK. (1) BHPS 2005 - Conference, June 30 - July 2, 2005, Colchester/UK. (2) International Sociological Association (ISA). Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), August 18-21, 2005, Los Angeles/USA.

Christian Schmitt: Gender-Specific Effects of Unemployment on Family Formation – Evidence from a Cross National View. XXV International Population Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), July 18-23, 2005, Tours/France.

Thorsten Schneider: Does the effect of social origins on educational participation change over the life course? Meeting of Research Committee 28 (RC28) on Social Stratification and Mobility, May 5-8, 2005, Oslo/Norway.

Jürgen Schupp, Jan Göbel, and Peter Krause: Armut trotz Erwerbstätigkeit oder Armut wegen fehlender Erwerbstätigkeit? (Poverty despite employment, or poverty due to a lack of employment?) Annual meeting of the section on social indicators "Steigende Armut, Polarisierung, Re-Stratifizierung: Eine Trendwende der Ungleichheitsentwicklung in Deutschland?" (Increasing poverty, polarization, restratification: a change in the inequality trend in Germany?) June 2-3, 2005, Berlin.

Jürgen Schupp and Stefan Liebig: Unintended Consequences of High Income Inequalities. GSSS Conference "Social Justice in a Changing World", March 10-12, 2005, Bremen.

Jürgen Schupp: Die Längsschnittstudie Sozio-oekonomisches Panel (SOEP) – ein Instrument zur Dauerbeobachtung und Analyse sozialen Wandels in Deutschland (The longitudinal study SOEP – an instrument for long-term observation and analysis of social change in Germany). Colloquium of the Mannheim Center for European Social Research (MZES), May 3, 2006, Mannheim.

Jürgen Schupp: Quantitative Verbreitung von Erwerbstätigkeit in privaten Haushalten (The quantitative extension of employment in private households). Workshop of the working group on services and marketization of the household of the Institute for Work and Technology (IAT), June 9-10, 2005, Gelsenkirchen.

Ingrid Tucci: Poverty and social disqualification among immigrants and their children: Evidence from Germany. (1) International Sociological Association (ISA). Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), August 18-21, 2005, Los Angeles/USA, (2) Mid-Congress Symposium on inequalities in populations (ISA), September 15-16, 2005, Malta.

Gert G. Wagner: European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructure (ESFRI) II: Recommendations to the humanities based on the work of the subgroup "Humanities and Social Sciences", Villa Vigoni/Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft in cooperation with the Italian Foreign Ministry: *Die Geisteswissenschaften im Europäischen Forschungsraum* (The humanities within the European research landscape), June 12-14, 2005, Villa Vigoni/Italien.

Personnel

Andrea Schäfer was awarded a three-year fellowship in the Graduate School of Social Sciences Ph.D. program at the University of Bremen, where she will start in October 2005.

On June 24, 2005, Prof. *Uwe H. Engel* (University of Bremen), Prof. *Rainer Schnell* (University of Constance) and Prof. *Gert G. Wagner* (SOEP) hold a DFG roundtable talk on the subject of "Survey Methodology and Statistics". The results of this discussion will be published in the next issue of the SOEP NEWSLETTER.

Dr. *Markus Pannenberg* - a member of the Socio-Economic Panel up to March of this year and now a DIW Berlin Research Professor - attained his Habilitation (post-doctoral university lecturing qualification) on June 15, 2005, in the Department of Economics and Management at the Berlin University of Technology. His Habilitation thesis is based on six essays that previously appeared in major international journals (listed in SSCI) on labor economics issues. The evaluators were Prof. *Dr. Christof Helberger* and Prof. *Dr. Gert G. Wagner*. Pannenberg's Habilitation lecture was entitled "Verhandlungen im Schatten des Rechts" (negotiations in the shadow of the law). It deals with severance pay received by employees upon dismissal. Based on SOEP data, Pannenberg shows that in total, only approximately 10% of dismissed employees receive severance pay. The majority of these cases were the result of private negotiations, while only 4% of all dismissals were taken before a labor court that ordered the issuance of severance pay.

SOEP/DIW Research Professor and Vice Chair of the SOEP Scientific User Committee *Prof. Dr. Stephen P. Jenkins* from the University of Essex will be visiting the SOEP department for approximately three months starting in October 2005.

New SOEP Publications

Literatur-Neuerscheinungen

The complete list of all German SOEP-based articles is available on 'SOEPlit' as a database program or Excel file. Both can be downloaded directly from our homepage:

< <http://www.diw.de/soep-publications> >.

You can also conduct interactive searches of SOEP/GSOEP publications (in English and German) at:

< <http://panel.gsoep.de/soeplit> >.

Please note that you can download recent publications (marked with an asterisk (*) in the following list) from our homepage:

< <http://www.diw.de/soep-publications> >.

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Publications in English

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