



Dear Colleagues,

The last few months have brought a number of visible changes in the SOEP. You have probably already noticed the first of these: the picture of Elke Holst that appeared on the front page of this newsletter for many years is no longer here. In the future, Elke will be focusing on the field of gender studies in her research and public policy work and has therefore handed over a number of her previous responsibilities, including her work as editor of the SOEPnewsletter, to others. In the future—with the exception of Elke—the newsletter production team will remain largely the same. I will be coordinating newsletter production together with Michaela Engelmann, Christine Kurka, and Deborah Anne Bowen. I hope that we will be able to continue Elke's success in delivering a high quality newsletter punctually and reliably at the beginning of each quarter, each page of it packed with interesting news about the SOEP study and the team behind it. On behalf of the entire SOEP team, I would like to thank Elke for her many years of hard work and dedication to the SOEPnewsletter and to wish her continued success in her new responsibilities. **She reports on her future work in the Comment on page 2.**

Our active data users have probably already encountered another change: We have now succeeded in implementing an online interface that allows users in EEA countries to download the SOEP data for free from the Internet. The expensive insured mailing of SOEP data DVDs has thus been replaced by a user-friendly download procedure that is in full conformity with German data protection legislation. The key provisions of this legislation require us to ensure compliance with several new rules in the future. Michaela Engelmann and Jan Goebel report on these changes on [page 5](#).

You have been seeing changes in the SOEP's personnel structure for some time now. Our many new and interesting projects would have been impossible to handle without additional staff. We are currently seeking to fill another limited-term position. Please see the [attached job posting](#) (in German) for more details.

SOEPlong was not previously contained in the regular SOEP data distribution, but has now been released—for the first time with English labels. We hope that both SOEPlong and the documentation on these data in our new SOEPinfo system v2 will make it substantially easier to work with the SOEP. See the report on [page 6](#) for more.

And don't forget: Our biennial SOEP User Conference will be taking place from June 30 to July 1, 2014. Save the date and submit your abstracts! Further information can be found on [page 12](#) and on the conference's website at: www.diw.de/soep2014.

With best regards,

Uta Rahmann | Editor



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Comment

Dear SOEPnewsletter Reader,

As the longtime editor of the SOEPnewsletter, I am now saying farewell to a job that has grown very close to my heart. Since 1989, I have had the enjoyable task of informing you about the latest developments in the SOEP. I am grateful to all the SOEP users who have provided me with feedback and suggestions for the newsletter over the years—you have made an indispensable contribution to the success of this SOEPnewsletter.

Research Director for Gender Studies as part of the DIW Berlin Department of the Executive Board

Although I am sad to be leaving the SOEP, I look forward to interesting and important new challenges at DIW Berlin as Research Director for Gender Studies, a position that is closely linked to my research work. DIW Berlin is making an effort to focus more strongly on gender issues and to increase the visibility of this research for the broader public. Since November 2013, I have been working full-time in my new position as part of the Department of the Executive Board. Since DIW Berlin is building and expanding this research area, a post-doc position in this area has already been announced.

Gender studies research area: a unique feature of DIW Berlin

Up to now, there was no other major economic research institute in the Leibniz Association in Germany with a gender studies research area comparable to the one that has now been created at DIW Berlin. An important aim of the new gender studies research area is to raise awareness of gender issues in the field of economic research. As a creative think tank for gender-relevant economic and socio-economic questions, it will not shy away from innovative ideas and approaches. It wants to set a precedent by becoming a dynamic research area that brings together academic research and policy advice in a fruitful working relationship.

Solid research – sound policy advice

One of my new tasks will be to enhance and intensify DIW Berlin's policy advice on gender issues. I will be working to ensure that the DIW's outstanding gender-relevant research findings receive more attention from policy makers and take on increased relevance in public policy. The first DIW Gender Studies Conference in October 2012 was a resounding success and will be followed by the second such conference on September 25, 2014. The

concept for these conferences is to present gender research findings in a way that makes their political relevance clear and allows researchers, policy makers, government administrators, and members of the business community to participate in a productive in-depth discussion of them. In addition, the gender studies research area plans to organize additional events with both a national and an international focus.

Expanding networks and collaboration

Further plans include enlarging the DIW's gender studies network to support exchange and discussion of gender-related social science research findings and to promote joint activities. In addition, research cooperation is under consideration with gender studies departments at universities and other research in Germany and abroad. We also want to intensify exchange between junior and senior researchers.

If you are a SOEP user with research interests in the area of gender issues, I would like to invite you to join our gender studies network now and become part of our further development. If interested, please send me an email (eholst@diw.de) and I will be happy to include you in our gender studies mailing list. We plan to provide you with current gender-related research findings from DIW Berlin.

Good-bye – and hello!

Although I have taken on new tasks, I will be maintaining a close relationship with the SOEP and will continue my research using this exceptional database. It is good to know that after 96 issues, the SOEPnewsletter will remain in expert hands. With the exception of me, the old team is the new team: Uta Rahmann, Michaela Engelmann, Deborah Anne Bowen, and Christine Kurka. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to them for their great work over the years. You can count on them to continue their outstanding job of providing you with the latest news from the SOEP.

And with that, I would like to say good-bye as editor of the SOEPnewsletter and hello to you in my new function!

Best wishes,

Elke Holst

Research Director
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German Section



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 unseren traditionellen deutschsprachigen Einführungskurs zur Aufbereitung und Analyse der SOEP-Daten am DIW Berlin. Neben einleitenden Plenarveranstaltungen mit Vorträgen zu Inhalten und Struktur der SOEP-Daten, Stichprobenentwicklung und Gewichtung sowie Analysemethoden für Paneldaten 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. Das Angebot richtet sich nicht nur an SOEP-Anfänger, sondern auch an fortgeschrittene Nutzerinnen und Nutzer, die im Rahmen der Kleingruppen themenbezogen spezifische Datenaspekte behandeln können.

Anmeldung

Die Anmeldung für den Workshop ist ab dem 6. Januar 2014 auf der [Website des DIW](http://www.diw.de/soepcampus) möglich:

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

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

Die Erfahrung der letzten Jahre lehrt, dass die maximale Zahl der Teilnehmer_innen von rund 30 Personen schnell erreicht ist. Wir empfehlen daher den Anmeldetermin vorzumerken. Die Teilnahme am Workshop ist abgesehen von einer Verpflegungspauschale gebührenfrei. Die Reisekosten müssen jedoch selbst übernommen werden.

Vorausgesetzte Kenntnisse

Eine unverzichtbare Voraussetzung sind Kenntnisse einer Analyse-Software: Der Workshop gibt eine Einführung in die Analyse der SOEP-Daten,

vermittelt jedoch nicht grundlegende Kenntnisse der Software-Pakete wie Stata oder SPSS.

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

SOEP an „soeb 3“ beteiligt

Start der 3. Phase der Sozioökonomischen Berichterstattung (soeb) unter Beteiligung des SOEP

Welche Bedeutung haben Haushalts- und Familienstrukturen für den zeitlichen Verlauf von prekären Beschäftigungsverhältnissen? Kann unsere „Gesellschaft im Umbruch“ die Menschen „mitnehmen“ oder bleiben viele auf der Strecke? Seit Herbst 2013 arbeitet der Forschungsverbund Sozioökonomische Berichterstattung (soeb) an seinem dritten Bericht über aktuelle gesellschaftliche Entwicklungen in Deutschland.

In diesem Verbund kooperiert erstmals auch das Forschungsdatenzentrum des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels (SOEP) mit den Forschungsdatenzentren der Bundesagentur für Arbeit und der Rentenversicherung sowie mit Sozial- und Wirtschaftswissenschaftler_innen mehrerer Universitäten und außeruniversitärer Forschungseinrichtungen. „Für den Forschungsverbund soeb 3 wurde eine völlig neue virtuelle Forschungsumgebung entwickelt, in der die verschiedenen Forschergruppen zusammenarbeiten werden“, sagt Jan Goebel, Leiter des FDZ SOEP. „Wir sind gespannt und freuen uns auf die Zusammenarbeit“.

soeb wird vom Soziologischen Forschungsinstitut (SOFI) an der Universität in Göttingen koordiniert und vom Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) mit rund 3,3 Mio. Euro gefördert.

Projekt „Virtuelle Forschungsumgebung“ (VFU)

Abschlussstagung am 24. Januar in Berlin

Unter dem Titel „Das Portal, die Daten und wir – Eine Virtuelle Forschungsumgebung für die digitale Infrastruktur“ findet am 24. Januar 2014 in Berlin die Abschlussstagung des Verbundprojekts „Virtuelle Forschungsumgebung“ (VFU) statt. Die Teilnahme ist kostenlos, das Programm mit den Anmeldungshinweisen finden Sie [im Anhang](#) dieses SOEPnewsletters.



Das vom Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) von Juni 2012 bis Februar 2014 geförderte Projekt soll die Zusammenarbeit räumlich verteilter wissenschaftlicher Einrichtungen, insbesondere bei der kollaborativen Nutzung sozialwissenschaftlicher Mikrodaten, durch eine virtuelle Forschungsumgebung unterstützen. Das oben erwähnte Verbundprojekt „Berichterstattung zur sozioökonomischen Entwicklung Deutschlands“ (soeb 3) dient für die forschungsnahe Entwicklung der VFU als Anwendungsfall.

Datenreport 2013 erschienen

Ende November ist ein neuer Datenreport erschienen. Seit den 1970er Jahren stellen alle zwei bis drei Jahre Statistiker_innen und Sozialforscher_innen darin Zahlen und Befunde zu wichtigen Lebensbereichen in Deutschland zusammen.

Der aktuelle Datenreport wird herausgegeben vom Statistischen Bundesamt, der Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, dem Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB) und dem Sozio-ökonomischen Panel (SOEP) am DIW Berlin.

Insbesondere die Kapitel, die sich mit Einkommensentwicklung und Mobilität, zur Lebenssituation von Migrant_innen, aber auch zur persönlichen Einstellungen zu Gesundheit oder Kriminalität beschäftigen, beruhen auf den Daten des SOEP.

Nähere Informationen in der [Pressemitteilung des WZB](#).



Datenreport 2013. Ein Sozialbericht für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Data & Service

Just released: SOEP data 1984–2012(v29)

DOI: [10.5684/soep.v29](https://doi.org/10.5684/soep.v29)

As announced in the last SOEPnewsletter (102/2013), we are now offering the SOEP data to all users in EEA countries for downloading—free of charge.

We are delighted to provide our users this new possibility to download the SOEP data. We ensure the highest standards of data protection in transferring the SOEP data to you through use of the program Cryptshare, 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, this also allows us to provide the SOEP data **free of charge** for the foreseeable future of the SOEP. Please note that DIW Berlin is currently providing the SOEP data to users in EEA countries only. Other international users will receive the data from Cornell University in the USA.

Initial experiences and procedures

Many users took advantage of the opportunity to pre-order the data (as announced in the last SOEPnewsletter). We have now provided downloads to around 100 users. The new procedure has worked very smoothly, with just a few isolated exceptions. We would like to thank our users for their patience and cooperation in this process.

The data downloads so far have not included the SOEPlong data (see article on SOEPlong on [page 6](#) for the improvements). We have kept a record of these orders and will provide the SOEPlong data within the next few weeks.

Data documentation

None of the additional documentation that was previously included on our DVD is included in the download. However, all these documents are available on the website of our Research Data Center. A zip file of the complete data documentation can be downloaded by clicking [here](#). You will also find separate files of the documentation available for downloading at: [Research Data Center SOEP](#) → [Documentation](#) → [Documents](#) → [Generated Variables](#).

We're still taking orders from EEA countries!

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

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

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

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

In addition to the new developments covered in the last SOEPnewsletter, further changes have now been made. A complete overview can be found on our website under [Changes in the Dataset](#).

How to download the SOEP data:



Step 1: Order the data using our [order form](#) and tick which data format you need (STATA, SAS, SPSS, or ASCII) and whether you need German and/or English labels.

Attention Stata users:

Use the Stata command **label language EN** to switch to the English labels.



Step 2: Before you receive the link for your personal download, you will receive a letter by postal service containing two passwords: one to initiate your personal download, the other to unzip the downloaded archive (zip file).



Step 3: After receiving the letter by snail mail, you will receive your individual download link by e-mail. The link will work for a limited time only. In the e-mail, you will find instructions for starting the download.

Revision of the weighting and estimation procedure

In version SOEP v29 of the SOEP data, the weights for the subsamples J and K (first collected in 2011 and 2012, respectively) have been adjusted to the German Microcensus for the number of employed people in households of different sizes as well as for the number of private households receiving Unemployment Benefit II (ALG II). This correction prevents an overestimation of the number of households receiving ALG II in the unweighted samples J and K.

Also, for all newly drawn samples since 1998, a minor adjustment has been made to the definition of households containing foreign nationals. The criterion is no longer the household head but the presence of at least one person of foreign nationality in the household. The revision was made due to a slightly increasing discrepancy between the reference person chosen in the German Microcensus and the household head in the SOEP.

Improvements

To differentiate between biological child and step-child, adoptive child, etc. the \$STELL codes (Relationship to the head of household) have been revised. For details please look at our website under [Changes in the Dataset](#).

New datasets / variables

COGNIT: For the short cognitive tests implemented in the survey year 2006 we can now provide the first repeat, including an additional word knowledge test. The name of the dataset changed from COGNIT06 to COGNIT, because both survey years are now included in long format. A detailed documentation of the first test can be found in German in Schupp et al. (2008) "Erfassung kognitiver Leistungspotentiale Erwachsener im Sozio-oekonomischen Panel (SOEP)," DIW Berlin, [Data Documentation 32](#).

INTVIEW: Last year, we already provided the interviewer data with a new variable, INTID, which is unified across all waves and takes the place of the respective file-specific variables (\$INTNR). The new variable was determined through one-time generation of a random number; it is therefore fixed and remains consistent in an integrated master file (not contained in the data distribution) for SOEPCore as well as for FiD (Families in Germany) and SOEP-IS (innovation panel). In addition to generating the INTIDs and updating the interviewer characteristics in INTVIEW, we have also made the following revisions:

1. The dataset INTVIEW no longer contains just the interviewer with interviewer characteristics but also all available interviewer numbers. To provide this information, we extracted all interviewer numbers from all available datasets. Flag variables in INTVIEW show whether other interviewer characteristics are available for this particular INTID or not.
2. A total of 181 INTIDs were newly assigned in the updated data, allowing these to be directly linked with the respective interviewer characteristics. This is due to the assignment of numbers by Infratest in East Germany from 1990 to 1995, when there were still some independent interviewers (IBB numbers) for the East sample whose numbers were assigned according to a different system. These had to be harmonized with the interviewer numbers that were merged later.

Distribution of SOEPLong

Documentation at: <https://data.soep.de>

With this year's data distribution, SOEP v29, the data again are being provided in both the normal and "long" format (SOEP v29). "SOEPLong" is a highly compressed, easily analyzed version of the SOEP data that, according to numerous enthusiastic users, is much simpler to handle than the usual version. The data are no longer provided as wave-specific individual files but rather pooled across all available years (in "long" format). In some cases, variables are harmonized to ensure that they are defined consistently over time.

For example, the income information provided up to 2001 is given in euros, and categories are modified over time when versions of the questionnaire have been changed. All these modifications are clearly documented and described for ease of understanding. In the case of recoding or integration of data (for example, datasets specific to East German or foreign populations), documentation is generated automatically and all modified variables are provided in their original form as well.

SOEPLong thus provides a well-documented compilation of all variables and data that is consistent over time. It thereby significantly reduces both the number of datasets and the number of variables. Our main structural tracking files \$PFAD and \$PHRF are also provided in a merged "long" form—in other words, **weighting factors are al-**

ready integrated into PPFADL and HPFADL. And for the first time, a beta version of so-called “enumerated weights” [PHRFE] is provided in PPFADL, particularly for the analysis of household characteristics on the individual level.

Further variables included in the “long” format of the PFAD dataset are:

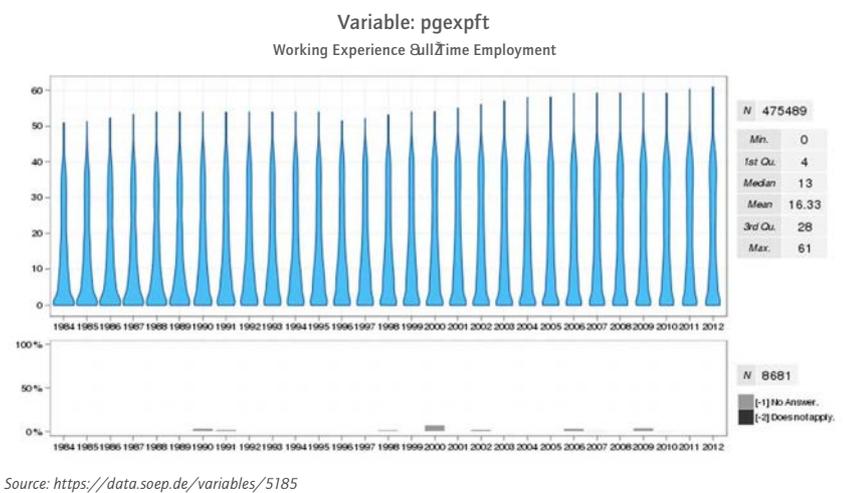
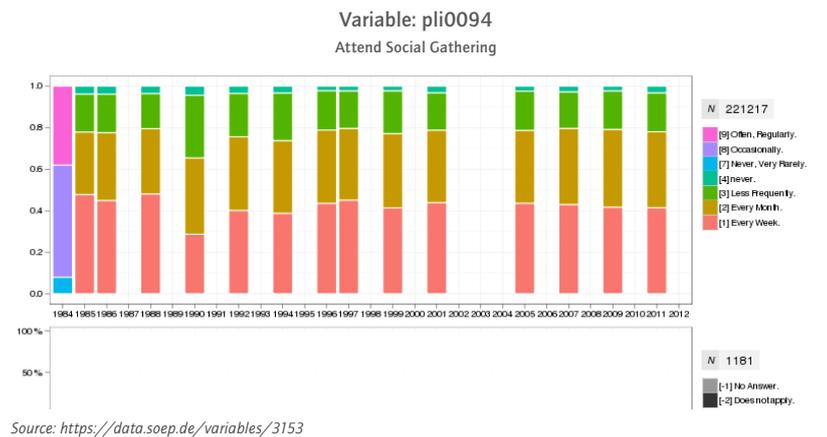
- The variable IYEAR (interview year)—which corresponds to the variable DATUMY in HBRUTTO—to mark the actual interview year, supplementing the variable SYEAR (survey year, referring to the reference year for the survey instrument).
- In addition, the generated partner IDs (PARID, PARTNER) are also included in PPFADL (to supplement the corresponding PGEN variables, allowing partners to be identified in households where one partner could not be interviewed).

A further addition to the “long” format of the SOEP data are the cumulative original data from the biographical questionnaire from the BIO dataset.

Preparation of the SOEPlong format also includes all datasets that are provided regularly as cross-sectional files. In generating the individual and household data in the SOEPlong format from the original survey data, comprehensive information is also generated from the cross-sectional variables documenting the long variables over time. This allows users to see what adaptations had to be made in variables over time and verify the variables’ comparability.

The “long” data are being provided, as in previous years, for users of different data formats: Stata, SPSS, and SAS (and in the unlabeled ASCII format). In addition, this year an English version of all datasets is being made available.

The first complete documentation on the SOEPlong format is the first content being made available in the new version SOEPinfo, which is currently under development (see “DDI on Rails” in [SOEPnewsletter 102](#)). It also is provided there in graphic form (see figures above for examples). These figures show all years in which a given variable was collected and provide information on changes in distributions over time. In addition, the distribution of missings is presented in the lower part of each figure. These figures are provided for all “long” variables; for categorical variables the distributions are presented using bar plots, and for metric variables using violin plots. <https://data.soep.de>



“Families in Germany” (FiD)

New version available

This November, version 3.1 of the SOEP-related study “Familien in Deutschland” (FiD, Families in Germany) became available, allowing for joint analysis of the FiD and SOEP data for 2010–2012. Obtaining the data has also become easier: all SOEP users with a valid contract can order the FiD data through the usual channels (SOEPHotline, website) without needing to sign any additional data distribution contracts.

The FiD households were surveyed for the fourth time from April to September, 2013. Initial results show that the high quality of the data (with regard to retention rate and questionnaire completeness) was successfully maintained. Financing through the German Federal Ministry of Family Affairs (BMFSFJ) will come to an end, as planned, after the fourth wave of the survey.



Last year, the decision was made to make the FiD households a permanent part of the SOEP survey. In order not to lose households that are willing to participate—and to strengthen the SOEP in the long term through the addition of new households with children—the FiD households will be included in the regular SOEP survey as of 2014. Part of this sample will be used to introduce online interviews into the SOEP on a large scale, building in part on very promising tests carried out in the framework of the SOEP Innovation Sample.

IAB-SOEP Migration Sample 2013

In the last few months, in cooperation with the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) in Nuremberg, the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) has carried out the largest expansion in the number of respondents with a migration background in its 30-year history. Between May and November 2013, around 2,700 households were surveyed, each containing at least one person who had either immigrated to Germany since 1994 or whose parents had done so. The sample was drawn from the IAB “Integrated Employment Biographies” sample, a database comprising all employees, unemployed persons, and participants in government initiatives to promote employment in Germany. The first wave of the IAB-SOEP Migration Sample is expected to become available for research purposes and secondary analysis at the end of 2014 as part of the SOEP v30 data distribution, integrated with the other respondents from the core SOEP sample.

The IAB-SOEP Migration Sample is funded by the Federal Labor Ministry and the Federal Employment Agency. The research directors of the project are Herbert **Brücker** (IAB) and Jürgen **Schupp** (SOEP).

The questionnaire, which is given to all adult household members, includes all core questions from the main SOEP questionnaires. In addition, the questionnaire addresses specific aspects of the respondent’s immigration history, educational degrees obtained in Germany and other countries, employment history, and numerous aspects of individual living environment and cultural contexts that are relevant for the social integration of immigrants.

Certain nationalities are a special focus of the IAB-SOEP Migration Sample. The study contains a higher proportion of households containing mi-

grants from Poland, Romania, the CIS countries, Turkey, the former Yugoslavia, Italy, Spain, and Greece, as well as predominantly Arab or Muslim countries.

SOEP-REC-LINK project

For a randomized sample of the households, respondents’ permission was obtained to link the survey data with the information from the IAB Integrated Employment Biographies. First results from the fieldwork, which is still ongoing, suggest that around 50 percent of the persons who were asked for permission to link these records agreed. Another randomized portion of the migrant sample will be asked for permission in the second wave, in 2014, and we hope to achieve significantly higher agreement rates with them.

In this way, a unique new database is being created—under strict adherence to data protection legislation—by linking comprehensive information from a household survey with the precise labor market information available to the federal social security system. This additional project using innovative survey methodologies will be funded for three years through the Leibniz Competition. The head of the SOEP-REC-LINK project is Martin **Kroh** (SOEP).

New study: PIACC-L

Cooperative project for a new longitudinal study

The Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIACC) studies, carried out on behalf of the OECD, examines the basic skills that are necessary for adults to participate successfully in society and working life. Findings from the 2011/2012 wave of the PIACC study were released in October 2013. See <http://www.gesis.org/piaac>

Around 98% of the approximately 5,400 PIAAC survey respondents in Germany agreed to participate in further surveys. PIAAC-L is a cooperative project of GESIS, the National Educational Panel Survey (NEPS) at the Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories (LifBi), and the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) at DIW Berlin, whose aim is to convert the PIAAC study into a longitudinal study with three waves. This will create one of the world’s first internationally comparable longitudinal studies on competencies and their significance across the life course.

The project is planned to consist of three survey waves (in 2014, 2015, 2016) with different focal points. This will involve use of the SOEP core survey instruments (both individual and household questionnaires), PIAAC instruments (competency measurement and background questionnaire), and competency tests from NEPS and SOEP. In the first survey wave, only the SOEP survey instruments will be used (household and individual questionnaires). The third wave will focus on measuring the competencies of all household members based on the short scales used in the SOEP in 2006 and 2012 on basic cognitive skills. The surveys are aimed at comparative methodological analysis of the competency indicators used in PIAAC, NEPS, and SOEP and innovative analysis of labor market, education, and socio-political issues.

By the end of the project, findings will be released on the influence of competencies on educational and professional careers in the form of research publications, and the data from all waves will have been made available to the research community together with supporting documentation. According to current plans, the analyses of competency-related issues will make use of the longitudinal character of the new dataset and will be designed for comparison with the SOEP.

It is also planned that as of 2018, participants from PIAAC-L who are willing to join a permanent, institutionalized longitudinal study will be transferred into either the recently launched SOEP Innovation Sample or the NEPS adult cohort.

New study: SOEP-ECEC Quality

Early childhood education and care quality in the Socio-Economic Panel

Are some parents more likely to choose high-quality early childhood education and care for their children than others—whether because they lack the necessary information or because they simply have different preferences? Are mothers whose children are in high-quality education and care settings more satisfied with their lives and more likely to be employed? These are just some of the questions addressed by the project “Early childhood education and care quality in the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP-ECEC Quality): Direct and indirect effects on child development, socio-economic selection, and information asymmetries.”

The three-year project is coordinated by Pia S. **Schober** and C. Katharina **Spieß**. It was launched in September 2013 and is funded by the Jacobs Foundation. Together with project partners Yvonne **Anders** (FU Berlin), and David **Richter** (SOEP) and their research team, they aim at 1) investigating effects of ECEC quality on the socio-emotional development of children, in particular disadvantaged children, 2) examining socio-economic selectivity in parental choices of ECEC quality, 3) assessing information asymmetries between mothers and ECEC providers, and 4) exploring how ECEC quality directly affects maternal employment and wellbeing and indirectly affects child development.

The project has already begun to collect new data on the quality of ECEC institutions attended by children below school age who are sample members in the SOEP, an annual household panel study that is representative of the entire population of Germany.

In a first step, the project surveyed parents of all SOEP children below school age to investigate the parental decision-making process and the parents’ subjective evaluations of the quality of ECEC institutions attended by their children. In a second step, over the next few months, the project will be collecting indicators of ECEC quality from directors and teachers at these institutions to assess the quality of interactions between children and staff, the activities conducted, learning environments, and teacher orientations. By combining institutional information on the educational context with individual and household data collected in the SOEP, this new dataset will allow research on associations between these factors and child development—first during early childhood and the first years of school and subsequently throughout school up to adulthood.

In the context of the recent expansion of early childhood education and care (ECEC) institutions for children under three years of age and the increased provision of full-day care for children over three in Germany, the project is designed to provide important evidence on how regulating structural quality can promote the wellbeing of children and parents and improve access to high quality ECEC.

The data from the SOEP-ECEC Quality project will be released to the SOEP users after the end of the project in 2017.

New German Research Foundation (DFG) project

“Transition to adulthood among the children of Turkish immigrants. A mixed-methods study based on the SOEP”

Under the direction of Ingrid **Tucci** (SOEP/DIW Berlin) and Olaf **Groh-Samberg** (BIGSSS, University of Bremen) a new German Research Foundation (DFG) project will be starting at the SOEP in spring 2014 and running for two years. It relates to the research work carried out in the context of the German-French DFG–ANR (French National Research Agency) project “Professional strategies and status transitions of young adults with a migration background in German-French comparison” (in cooperation with the Centre Marc Bloch in Berlin).

The new project will analyze the life courses of young people with a Turkish ethnic background. A unique feature of this study is the integrated analysis of quantitative and qualitative data using a mixed-method design. To this end, qualitative interviews will be carried out with 30 selected longtime respondents to the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP).

The research project has five key goals:

- First, it aims at facilitating interpretation of the life course patterns of children of Turkish migrants identified in quantitative analyses in order to better understand their life decisions, individual experiences, strategies of action, and ways of dealing with the conditions imposed by personal contexts and social environments.
- Second, it will investigate whether and to what extent biographical turning points can be identified in the life course. Turning points are defined here as changes of orientation in strategies of action. These either correspond to specific status transitions or occur in response to important life events.
- Third, the project will evaluate interviews to test and refine existing theories about the conditions for social ascent.
- Fourth, the project will examine how different life course patterns are associated with different orientations or different degrees of ethnic and cultural integration.
- As a fifth and final goal, the project will explore the potentials, problems, limitations, and particularly the importance of the meth-

odological triangulation for panel surveys as well as possible survey effects in subsequent waves. Qualitative interviews will also be used to evaluate and further develop the instruments used in SOEP to measure migration biographies and individual orientations towards home and host countries.

This new enterprise is the third project that combines quantitative and qualitative research methods based on the SOEP.



News from Cornell and Ohio State University



Research news

DIW Research Professor Richard **Burkhauser** published a paper, with co-authors Gulgun **Bayaz-Ozturk** and Kenneth **Couch**, that uses PSID-CNEF and SOEP-CNEF data. That paper, titled “Consolidating the Evidence on Income Mobility in the Western States of Germany and the U.S. from 1984–2006,” will appear in the January 2014 issue of *Economic Inquiry*.

DIW Research Professor Dean **Lillard** presented a paper using CNEF data at the Department of Economics at the University of Kentucky. The paper, titled, “Does Early-Life Income Inequality Predict Self-Reported Health In Later Life? Evidence From the US And Great Britain,” is co-authored with DIW Research Professor Richard **Burkhauser** of Cornell and Markus **Hahn** and Roger **Wilkins** of the Melbourne Institute at the University of Melbourne.

Update on CNEF funding effort

The attempt to get CNEF funded got derailed by the US government shutdown. But Dean Lillard will resubmit the proposal. He received many letters of support that he will include in the new application. However, more letters would be helpful. If you wanted to send a letter but didn't manage to do so, he would appreciate getting one from you. If you can, please send the letter by January 5th.

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 with the BHPS.

Also please send the following information to Lillard.13@osu.edu:

1. Citations of your own published and unpublished papers or government reports that use CNEF data (highlight those that deal with aging topics)
2. Citations of published and unpublished papers or government reports of others that use CNEF data (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)

5. Letters of support on your institution's letterhead if possible (be sure to list your name, institutions, and 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. 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.

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 enrich the aging research community and represent a tremendous resource for cross-national comparative research on aging.

Send the above information and letters (pdf, Word) to Lillard.13@osu.edu. If you want to address it to a person, then please address it to

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Events & Activities

SOEP2014 Call for Papers

11th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference: June 30–July 1, 2014, in Berlin

The 11th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2014) will be held in Berlin from June 30 to July 1, 2014, at DIW Berlin and the Hertie School of Governance. The conference provides researchers who use the SOEP with the opportunity to present and discuss their work with other researchers familiar with SOEP data. Researchers from **all disciplines** (e.g., economics, demography, geography, political science, public health, psychology, and sociology) who use the SOEP or the SOEP part of the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) are invited to submit an abstract. We especially encourage submissions of papers using the **longitudinal features** of the SOEP as well as **cross-national comparative analysis**.

Keynote speakers

We are happy to announce as keynote speakers:

Patricia **McManus**, Indiana University, Bloomington/USA

Jacques **Silber**, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan/Israel

Scientific committee

Johannes **Giesecke**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Marco **Giesselmann**, DIW Berlin

John **Haisken-DeNew**, University of Melbourne

Anika **Rasner**, DIW Berlin

Jule **Specht**, Freie Universität Berlin

Carsten **Schröder**, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel

Deadline for submission of abstracts: February 28, 2014

Please submit electronic versions of abstracts (up to 300 words) no later than February 28, 2014, to: soep2014@diw.de. Submitters will be notified on the acceptance of their papers by April 17, 2014.

Proceedings

Shorter versions of selected conference papers will be published in a volume of conference proceedings (Journal of Applied Social Science Studies [Schmollers Jahrbuch], 2/2015) with the understanding that a full version of the paper may be submitted to another professional journal.

Prize for best paper

The Society of Friends of the DIW Berlin will honor the best three papers and the best poster at the conference with the Joachim R. Frick Memorial Prize. The SOEP2014 program committee will act as a jury and will present the award at the end of the conference.

Financial support

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

Local organizers

Anika **Rasner**, Marco **Giesselmann**, and Christine **Kurka**

If you have any further questions concerning the submissions of papers, please contact the local organizers at: soep2014@diw.de.

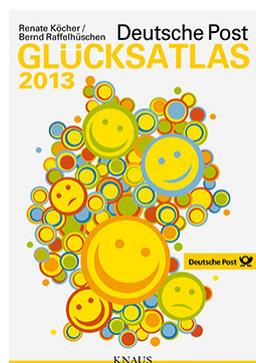
Also see the conference website at <http://www.diw.de/soep2014>

SOEP activities in 2013: Special focus on happiness research

Colloquium on Happiness Research followed by a "Happiness Week" in the German media

In its 30th survey wave, the SOEP's public relations activities focused on presenting the SOEP as a long-term longitudinal study dealing with subjective wellbeing and how life satisfaction is measured across the life course. The SOEP offers an important database for the now internationally established field of happiness research in economics, psychology, and sociology—there are only a few representative panel studies covering such a long time period with data on objective indicators and subjective wellbeing, both individually and within households.

After our successful Colloquium on Happiness Research in September, when we celebrated the SOEP's 30-year anniversary (see report in [SOEPnewsletter 102](#)), the topic of happiness continued to occupy us in the following weeks. In early November, we published "Wellbeing and Happiness – A Compilation of SOEP Based Articles" listing the over 450 journal articles and discussion papers on the topic that have been published over the history of the SOEP. The 600th SOEP paper, co-authored by UK economist Richard Layard, also deals with the topic of life satisfaction and uses an internationally comparative analysis of British, Australian, and German longitudinal data to test the thesis that people with psychological illnesses are less satisfied with their lives than those with physical illnesses. Layard and his co-authors conclude that policy makers would be well advised to invest substantially more in improving care and treatment of people with psychological illnesses.



In early November, the "Glücksatlas 2013" (happiness atlas) was published by the Deutsche Post (German Postal System) based primarily on the SOEP data.

Then in mid-November, the German public television and radio broadcaster ARD held its annual "Themenwoche," a week of special programming focusing on a topic of current interest—this year on the topic of "happiness." During that week,

Gert G. Wagner and Jürgen Schupp were guests on seven radio and three television broadcasts, where they presented results and findings based on the SOEP data.

An [interview](#) and a live chat with Jürgen Schupp were also published on the ARD website, and three feature articles appeared in German newspapers reporting in detail on SOEP-based research on subjective wellbeing.



During the ARD's week of special programming on happiness, a [DIW-Wochenbericht](#) was released containing current estimates of the level of life satisfaction in Germany. In it, a new procedure was introduced for estimating survey effects based on descriptive time series on life satisfaction.

(Photo: ARD; "Zum Glück mit Hirschhausen"; Eckart von Hirschhausen and Jürgen Schupp)

Announcement: SOEP Symposium

10th International Young Scholar SOEP Symposium March 20-21, 2014, in Delmenhorst

The 10th anniversary "International Young Scholar German Socio-Economic Panel Symposium" will be taking place on March 20-21, 2014, in Delmenhorst.

The symposium provides an opportunity for doctoral students and young postdoctoral researchers in economics, demography, psychology, sociology, public health, geography, and other disciplines to present empirical research in progress using panel data (especially the SOEP). All accepted papers are discussed by a leading senior researcher, which gives participants the unique opportunity to receive thorough and individual feedback on their research project. The Joachim Frick Memorial Prize

is also awarded to the author of the most innovative, best written, and best presented symposium paper and comes with a €200 prize.

The symposium is organized by the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) of the University of Bremen, the Jacobs University, and the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) in collaboration with the Hanse Institute for Advanced Study (HWK).

Report: CIDER workshop at DIW Berlin

From October 21 to 25, the fall workshop of the College for Interdisciplinary Educational Research (CIDER) took place at DIW Berlin. The workshop dealt with research questions and datasets in education research. Various datasets were introduced, most prominently the SOEP: David **Richter** introduced the SOEP as a dataset for educational research to the 30 international postdoctoral fellows from various disciplines (including psychology, economics, education science, sociology) on one day of this weeklong workshop. Additionally, former members of the SOEP team who are all now CIDER fellows—Jan **Marcus**, Frauke **Peter**, and Bettina **Sonnenberg**—organized hands-on sessions in which educational researchers were able to gain practical experience working with the SOEP data.

The workshop was organized by Jan **Marcus**, Frauke **Peter**, and C. Katharina **Spieß** from DIW's Education & Family Department. Several internationally renowned educational researchers contributed to the success of the workshop as external speakers, including Lucinda **Platt** (Sociology, Institute of Education, University of London), Pedro **Carneiro** (Economics, University College London), and Petra **Stanat** (Education Science, IQB Berlin). Further information about the CIDER network and the workshop can be found at <http://www.ciderweb.org>

SOEP "Brown Bag" seminar

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



Photo: Alfred Gutzler

If you would like to participate, please contact Alexandra **Avdeenko** (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 have included:

Stefanie **Hoherz-Graf** (ISER): Maternity Leave in the Context of Couples. October 2, 2013.

Peter **Eibich** (DIW): Stress inducing or relieving? Retirement's causal effect on health. October 16, 2013.

Bram **Lancee** & Merlin **Schaeffer** (WZB): Moving to diversity: residential mobility, changes in ethnic diversity and concerns about immigration. October 30, 2013.

Clemens **Hetschko** (Free University) (joint with A. **Knabe** und R. **Schöb**): Looking Back in Anger? Retirement and Unemployment Scarring, November 27, 2013.

Thorsten **Schneider** (University of Leipzig): Zur Bedeutung von Konfession und Kirchengang für Bildungserfolg in Westdeutschland, December 11, 2013.

The following presentation was cancelled due to illness: Cassandra Engeman (University of California Unions): Policy, and Family Values: How unions influence state-level leave policy in the United States, November 13, 2013.

People & Papers

Changes in the SOEP Survey Committee

Committee enters a new appointment period

The SOEP Survey Committee (SSC) finished its current appointment period at the end of 2013 after commencing its work in 2010. We would like to again express our thanks to all of the committee members for their work on behalf of the SOEP. The Board of Trustees of DIW Berlin has formally approved the majority of previous members for a further appointment period in consultation with the DIW Executive Board and the SOEP director and has also appointed two new members.

Karin **Gottschall** (Sociology and Social Policy, University Bremen) has declined to continue as a member of the SSC. She also served as a member of the previous SOEP Advisory Board. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her again for her nine years of involvement in these advisory bodies in support of the SOEP study. To cover her research area, Dalton **Conley** (Sociology, Public Health) will join the committee. He is a Professor at New York University, where he works in the Department of Sociology at the School of Medicine and the Wagner School of Public Service. His research focuses on the determinants of economic possibilities within and across multiple generations. His work deals in particular with differences in socio-economic success between siblings, inequalities resulting from ethnic background, and with the question of how health and biology affect (and are influenced by) social position. In the 2013/14 academic year, he will be doing research as a Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation.

Some time ago, Ian **Deary** (Department of Psychology at the University of Edinburgh) resigned early due to time constraints. Jutta **Heckhausen** (life-span developmental psychology) has now been recruited to take his place. She is a Professor of Psychology and Social Behavior at the University of California in Irvine. Her expertise will expand the range of research topics covered by the SSC to include the field of psychology, which has taken on substantially increased importance for the SOEP in recent years. Her research focuses on the psychology of the life course, motivational psychology, psychological influences on health,

and developmental regulation across the life span. Her current research deals with the role of the individual as an active participant in important and challenging life events.

The DIW Board of Trustees has also extended the appointments of members of the SSC who began their work in 2010 (see page 33). Their terms of appointment will end at staggered times in order to guarantee smooth transition to a new generation of SSC members in the years to come and to achieve a long-term balance between experienced and new members.

SOEP Survey Papers

Spotlight on two recent publications

Among the most recent SOEP Survey Papers, there are two of particular interest. The first of these is the **SOEP Scales Manual**, which provides a brief theoretical background of every scale used in the SOEP and a description of its development. The manual also includes the most important references from the literature as well as the wording of all of the items and answer options in the scales (including both the German original and the English translation). An added value of this manual lies in the table accompanying each scale, which gives the wave-specific variable name for each item. This enables users to quickly find and aggregate the items in the scale (**SOEP Survey Paper 138: SOEP Scales Manual**).

The other especially noteworthy recent Survey Paper documents the SOEP **consumption module**, which was first used in the SOEP household questionnaire in 2010. The paper thoroughly describes the process of editing, imputing, and smoothing the data (**SOEP Survey Paper 145: SOEP 2010—Preparation of data from the new SOEP consumption module: Editing, imputation, and smoothing**).

The SOEP Survey Papers series was launched in 2011 with the aim of publishing all documentation of the SOEP's development, implementation, and data preparation. It is comprised of seven subseries (A-G). The papers in Series C, Data Documentation—to which the two papers mentioned above belong—focus on the documentation of questionnaire development, survey methods, and data preparation.

All SOEP Survey Papers at <http://www.diw.de/soepsurveypapers>

1,000th SOEP-based publication in an (S)SCI Journal

As announced in the last SOEPnewsletter: in late August, we counted our 1,000th article based on SOEP data, published in a refereed journal that is listed in the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) or Science Citation Index (SCI).

The anniversary article was written by longtime SOEP user Prof. Dr. Bernd Fitzenberger together with two colleagues. The authors focus on a topic of current interest: They examine, first, how the timing of first birth affects future maternal employment, and second, how the duration of absence from the labor market correlates with the mother's level of education. The findings: after childbirth, mothers do not work as much as they did previously, and their absence from the labor market often has an enduring negative effect on their future employment and income. Even women who worked for many years prior to childbirth—in particular women with an intermediate level of education—are found on the labor market less frequently than their childless peers. This finding, which may sound trivial at first, contradicts a basic theory: the human capital loss that occurs when exiting the labor market is higher for those who have worked for a long period of time and therefore does not pay off. Standard models would lead one to expect a shorter period of maternity leave. The authors also studied the employment effects of childbirth over the course of time. Their analyses reveal that the “loss of employment” is no longer as great in the maternal cohorts since 2003 as it was ten years before.

SOEP-SSCI-Journal article no. 1,000:

Fitzenberger, Bernd, Sommerfeld, Katrin, and Steffes, Susanne. 2013. “Causal effects on employment after first birth—A dynamic treatment approach.” *Labour Economics*, 25: December 2013, pp. 49-62. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2013.05.003> (Pre-published version: [ROA-RM-2013/10](http://www.roa.nl/ROA-RM-2013/10). Maastricht: Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market (ROA)).

Personnel



Peter Krause was appointed to the advisory board of the project “Energiearmut als neues soziales Risiko?” (energy poverty as a new social risk). The project is based at the University of Siegen and is funded by the

Hans Böckler Foundation.



Martin Kroh declined an appointment to a professorship at the University of Friedrichshafen. DIW Berlin and the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin are working to expand and intensify their cooperation in the framework of a

joint appointment as “Professor of Empirical Social Research, with a Focus on Survey Research” (S-Professur) at the Humboldt, a position to which Kroh was appointed in 2010, in conjunction with his position as head of the Survey Methodology area in the SOEP.



Carsten Schröder has been offered an appointment (W3-Professur) in the Department of Economics at the Freie Universität Berlin as “Professor of Economics, with a focus on Empirical Economic

Research” in conjunction with a position as Head of the Applied Panel Analysis area in the SOEP at DIW Berlin. Carsten obtained his doctorate at the Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel. His doctoral thesis on “Variable Income Equivalence Scales” deals with the question how material needs change with household composition. Carsten worked as a Post Doc Researcher at the Freie Universität Berlin (2005-7), before he became a Junior Professor at Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel in 2007. During his Professorship, he spent research semesters at the DIW Berlin, the Institute for the World Economy in Kiel, and the Max-Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock. Carsten's research interests lie in the broad area of public economics, with focus on distributional economics, resource, and pension economics. His work has been published in outlets such as the *Journal of Public Economics*, the *Journal of Economic Inequality*, and the *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*. We hope that he will accept the appointment and that we will soon be able to welcome him to the SOEP team.



Jürgen Schupp was appointed to the international project advisory board of “TwinLife: a genetically informative, longitudinal study of the life course and individual development.” The study has received an initial three years of funding in a German Research Foundation (DFG) funding program that can be extended for up to a total of 12 years. It is managed by three professors at the University of Bielefeld and Saarland University.



Gert G. Wagner has been appointed a new member of Germany’s National Academy of Science and Engineering (**acatech**) by its general assembly upon nomination by its executive board. Acatech is a “working academy” with currently around 400 members from the scientific community and more than 100 senators from the business community. It supports policy-makers and society, providing qualified technical evaluations and forward looking recommendations. Acatech’s funding comes from the federal government and the German Länder.

Since mid-November, **Florin Winter** has been temporarily replacing Denise Saßenroth in the BASE II project during her maternity leave. He completed his master’s degree in social sciences at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin this summer. In his master’s thesis “Möglichkeiten und Beiträge kollektiver gesellschaftlicher Akteure zum Schutz der Umwelt: Auswirkungen auf individuelles Umweltverhalten” (opportunities and contributions of social actors to protect the environment: effects on individual environmental behavior), he explored the effects of self-efficacy on individually environmentally responsible behavior using data from SOEP-IS.

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 last three months

Sarah **Dahmann** and Silke **Anger**: The Impact of Education on Personality—Evidence from a German High School Reform. (1) **NIW Research Seminar**, October

29, 2013, Hannover/Germany, (2) Seminar on Labor Research (**BeNA**), November 13, 2013, Berlin/Germany.

Peter **Eibich**: Stress inducing or relieving? Retirement’s causal effect on health. Seminar at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, November 7, 2013, Edinburgh/United Kingdom.

Markus M. **Grabka**, Jan **Markus** and Eva **Siermiska**: Wealth distribution within couples and financial decision making. **Jahrestagung** des Ausschusses für Sozialpolitik des Vereins für Socialpolitik, October 10-11, 2013, Eichstätt/Germany.

Marcel **Hebing**: An update from the SOEP—new studies, data formats, and further developments. Melbourne Institute seminars, November 29, 2013, Melbourne/Australia.

Marcel **Hebing**: DDI on Rails. EDDI13. **5th Annual European DDI User Conference**, December 3-4, 2013, Paris/France.

Peter **Krause** and Tanja **Kraus**: Determinanten der Kinderarmut – Aktuelle Entwicklungen in Deutschland und Baden-Württemberg. Wege aus der Kinderarmut. Konferenz zum Ersten Armuts- und Reichtumsbericht Baden-Württemberg, December 9, 2013, Stuttgart/Germany.

Anika **Rasner**: Bestimmungsfaktoren geschlechtsspezifischer Unterschiede in der Alterssicherung von aktuellen und zukünftigen Rentnergenerationen. Prekärer Ruhestand: Arbeit und Lebensführung von Frauen im Alter. Interdisziplinärer Workshop an der Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, October 10-11, 2013, Munich/Germany.

Anika **Rasner**: Der demografische Wandel in Deutschland und seine Folgen für Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft. Besucherprogramm des Auswärtigen Amtes für eine südkoreanische Delegation, organisiert vom Goethe Institut Berlin, November 25, 2013, Berlin/Germany.

David **Schiller**, Ingo **Barkow**, and Marcel **Hebing**: Harmonizing Between Different Agencies Using DDI Profiles. EDDI14. **5th Annual European DDI User Conference**, December 3-4, 2013, Paris/France.

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.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Varieties of Low-Wage Research in Germany—Perspectives from a Provider of Longitudi-

nal Household Panel Data (keynote). *Dynamics of Low Wage, Low Pay and Transfer Receipt*. LASER-IAB International Workshop, November 15-16, 2013, Nuremberg/Germany.

Wendy **Thomas** and Marcel **Hebing**: Data and Metadata Management Using DDI. Tutorials before ED-DI13. *5th Annual European DDI User Conference*, December 2, 2013, Paris/France.

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

Presentations at Policy Forums (October–December 2013)

Adrian **Hille**: Bildungsort Musikschule: Neue Möglichkeiten oder Missbrauch der Kultur? Mitgliederversammlung des Landesverbands der Musikschulen NRW, November 29, 2013, Haan/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Entgeltgleichheit. Fachgespräch der AG Entgeltgleichheit der Konferenz der Gleichstellungs- und Frauenministerinnen und -minister, -senatorinnen und -senatoren der Länder (GFKM), November 28-29, 2013, Berlin/Germany.

Anika **Rasner**: Diskussion der Handlungsempfehlungen der Kommission „Sozialpolitische Innovation – Demografie“ der Heinrich-Böll Stiftung. Wie geht es weiter mit der Rente? Sicherheit und Fairness in der alternden Gesellschaft. Konferenz der Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, November 20, 2013, Berlin/Germany.

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

University teaching (WS 2013/2014)

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 (October–December 2013)

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

SOEP Visitors

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

Baier, Tina, University of Bielefeld/Germany
Baumann, Anne Luise, BIGSSS, Bremen/Germany
Keie, Roman, TU Berlin/Germany
Liechti, Lena, University of Fribourg/Switzerland
Okon, Michael, TU Berlin/Germany
Oppermann, Anja , University of Cologne/Germany
Schneider, Thorsten, University of Leipzig/Germany
Schulz, Wiebke, University of Bielefeld/Germany
Bettina Sonnenberg, University of Tübingen/Germany
Weinhardt, Michael, University of Bielefeld/Germany

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

Engemann, Cassandra, University of California at Santa Barbara, CA/USA
Hammerschmid, Anna, University of Mannheim/Germany
Hense, Andrea, University of Bielefeld/Germany
Hoherz, Stefanie, ISER - University of Essex/UK
Illy, Annette, Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg/Germany
Kopmann, Angela, Institut für Weltwirtschaft, Kiel/Germany
Krell, Kristina, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim/Germany
Laß, Inga, University of Bielefeld/Germany
Schoch, Johannes, University of Mannheim/Germany
Walliczek, Katharina, University of Mannheim/Germany
Weynandt, Michele, University of Mannheim/Germany
Ziebarth, Nicolas, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY/USA
Zoch, Gundula, University of Leipzig/Germany

SOEP Publications

Please send your recent publications based on SOEP data to SOEPlit@diw.de

in English

SSCI/SCI journals

Agache, Alexandru, Birgit Leyendecker, Esther Schäfermeier, and Axel Schölmerich. 2013. Paternal involvement elevates trajectories of life satisfaction during transition to parenthood. *European Journal of Developmental Psychology* (online first). (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17405629.2013.851025>).

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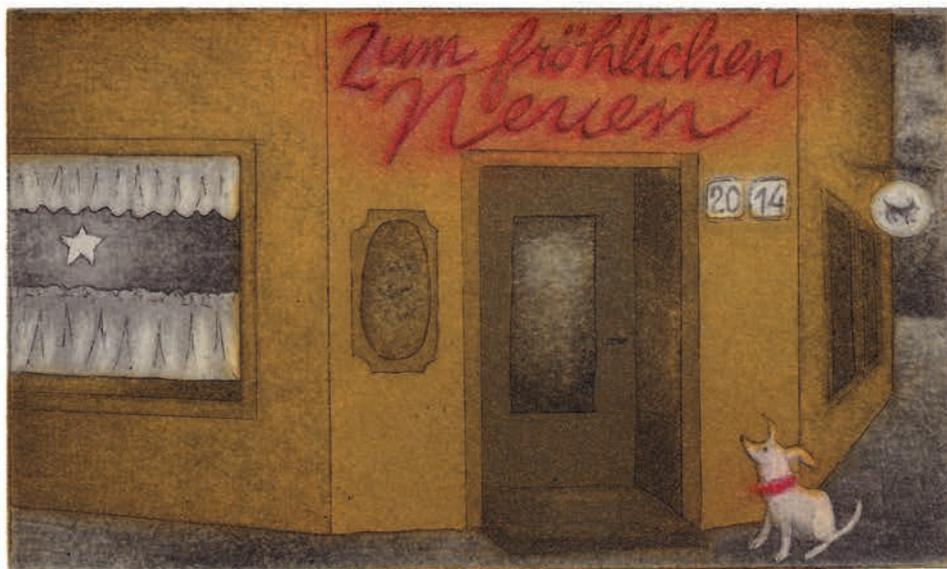
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Das am DIW Berlin seit 2013 angesiedelte Projekt PIAAC-L verfolgt das Ziel, die im Auftrag der OECD in 2011/2012 durchgeführte Studie PIAAC (Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies) in eine Längsschnittstudie zu überführen. Es handelt sich dabei um ein Kooperationsprojekt, das gemeinsam mit dem Leibniz-Institut für Sozialwissenschaft GESIS und dem Nationalen Bildungspanel (NEPS) beim Leibniz-Institut für Bildungsverläufe (LifBi) durchgeführt wird.

Die im DIW Berlin angesiedelte forschungsbasierte Infrastruktureinrichtung „Sozio-oekonomisches Panel“ (SOEP) sucht für ihr Team ab 1. März 2014 eine(n)

(hoch-)qualifizierte(n) Mitarbeiter(in) für das Drittmittelprojekt PIAAC-L im Bereich des Surveymanagement (als Schwangerschafts-/Elternzeitvertretung für 15 Monate in Vollzeit)

Aufgaben:

- Monitoring der dann im Feld befindlichen ersten Wiederholungsbefragung von PIAAC-L, insbesondere Kommunikation mit dem Feldinstitut und den anderen Kooperationspartnern
- Mitarbeit bei der Erstellung und Bereitstellung des Scientific use files der Daten der ersten Wiederbefragung
- Datenanalyse der PIAAC-Welle 1 und der ersten Wiederbefragung, Vorbereitung erster inhaltlicher Publikationen gemeinsam mit den anderen Kooperationspartnern
- Mitarbeit am technical report der ersten Wiederbefragung
- Vorbereitung der zweiten Wiederholungsbefragung in 2015 gemeinsam mit den Kooperationspartnern
- Unterstützung des SOEP-Surveymanagementteams bei der methodischen sowie inhaltlichen Vorbereitung sämtlicher für die Folgewelle geplanter Teilprojekte
- Unterstützung bei der Fragebogenentwicklung
- Unterstützung bei der Erstellung weiterer Feldinstrumente (Anschreiben, Broschüren, Interviewerhandbücher etc.)
- Eigenständige survey-methodische Analysen

Anforderungen:

- Abgeschlossenes Studium der Soziologie oder Psychologie mit Schwerpunkt empirischer Sozialforschung oder einer angrenzenden sozialwissenschaftlichen Disziplin (Master-, Diplomabschluss)
- Sie haben großes Interesse an Survey-Methoden und/oder empirischer Bildungsforschung sowie sozialwissenschaftlichen Anwendungen
- Idealerweise haben Sie sowohl Praktika in Umfrageinstituten absolviert als auch einige Zeit im Ausland wissenschaftlich gearbeitet und beherrschen die englische Sprache in Wort und Schrift

Erwünscht:

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- Sehr gute Statistikkenntnisse sowie Erfahrung mit der Analyse von Paneldaten (SOEP oder anderen Panelstudien)
- Interesse an der Zusammenarbeit mit Umfrageinstituten
- Kommunikationstalent
- Mehrere Jahre Berufserfahrung in einem wissenschaftlichen Umfeld sowie im Bereich quantitativer Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung
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(UN-)STABLE, (UN-)EQUAL and (UN-)PREDICTABLE?

The Link Between Social Stratification and the Welfare State

→ <http://www.bigsss-bremen.de/conferences/bigsss-international-conference-2014.html>

Keynote addresses by Professors Conchita D'Ambrosio (University of Luxembourg), Wim van Oorschot (University of Leuven, Belgium), Sonja Drobnič and Steffen Mau (both BIGSSS Bremen, Germany).

Call for Papers: This conference aims to identify the linkages between research on social stratification and mobility with social policy and welfare states. It looks for questions and answers that lie at the intersection of stratification and policy. For example: Does social policy enable or inhibit social mobility? Do welfare states change in response to increasing social inequality? It brings together the stratification focus of the ECSR and the policy focus of ESPAnet into a common framework in order to broaden both associations' themes and illuminate the social inequality and political process nexus.

For paper submissions we seek abstracts of no more than 300 words. The conference is open to all academics, and we hope for a good mix of PhD students, postdocs, lecturers and professors. The conference welcomes those from any discipline germane to stratification and social policy; i.e. sociology, political science, economics, demography, and social psychology. It welcomes research on any geographic states or regions. Please see the [conference website](#) for specific session themes and details on submission of abstracts.

Deadline for Abstracts: 15 February 2014, per email to sssp2014@bigsss-bremen.de

Conference partners: European Network for Social Policy Analysis ([ESPAnet](#)), European Consortium for Sociological Research ([ECSR](#)), Centre for Social Policy Research / Zentrum für Sozialpolitik ([ZeS](#))

Organizers: Nate Breznau, Alexi Gugushvili, Katja Möhring and Nadine Schöneck-Voß

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Call for Papers

Die Familiensektion der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS) veranstaltet in Kooperation mit dem Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB) am 24. und 25. April 2014 eine Tagung

„Aktuelle Entwicklungen in der Familiensoziologie: Theorien, Methoden, Befunde“

Veranstaltungsort ist das WZB in Berlin.

In den vergangenen Jahren waren die Tagungen der Familiensektion häufig in thematischer oder methodischer Hinsicht stark fokussiert. Viele Sektionsmitglieder, die aufgrund des jeweiligen Tagungsthemas ihre Arbeiten nicht präsentieren konnten, haben den Wunsch nach einer offen gehaltenen Sektionstagung geäußert.

Um diesem Wunsch zu entsprechen, veranstaltet die Sektion Familiensoziologie gemeinsam mit dem WZB eine thematisch und methodisch offene Tagung. Erwünscht sind sowohl theoretisch als auch empirisch-qualitativ und -quantitativ gehaltene Vortragsangebote. Selbstverständlich können auch interdisziplinäre Arbeiten, die im Schnittfeld zwischen der Familiensoziologie und benachbarten Disziplinen angesiedelt sind, vorgestellt werden.

Wir freuen uns besonders, dass wir Herrn Prof. Johannes Huinink für eine Keynote Lecture zum Stand der Familiensoziologie in Deutschland gewinnen konnten.

Für den Besuch dieser Tagung werden zwei Reisestipendien (Fahrt- und Übernachtungskosten) vergeben. Gefördert werden Doktorand/innen bzw.

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Panel 4

Gesucht, gefunden – Metadaten zur Nutzung von Forschungsdaten

15:30 Einführung in das Metadatenschema der VFU soeb 3

Uwe Jensen, GESIS – Leibniz-Institut für
Sozialwissenschaften

16:00 Discussant: Dr. Johanna Vompras – Universität Bielefeld SFB 882, Teilprojekt Informations- und Dateninfrastruktur

16:15 Kaffeepause

Panel 5

Weitergedacht – Remote Data Access in der Virtuellen Forschungsumgebung

16:30 Proof of concept

David Schiller – FDZ IAB, Nürnberg

Perspektiven des Datenzugangs

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Rendtel – Freie Universität Berlin /
Arbeitsgruppe Future Data Access (RatSWD)

Datenschutzbelange von Remote Data Access N.N.

Bilanz und Ausblick

17:30 Stefan Bender – Forschungsdatenzentrum der BA im IAB / RatSWD

18:00 Ende der Tagung

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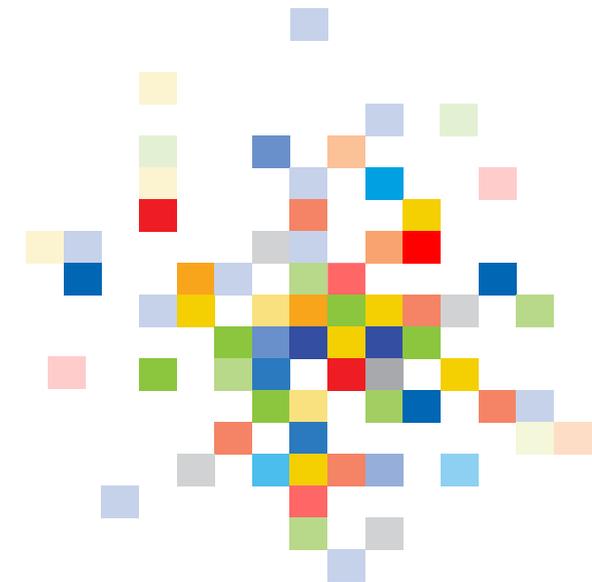
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Das Portal, die Daten und wir

Eine Virtuelle Forschungsumgebung für die Dateninfrastruktur

Fachtagung
Berlin, 24. Januar 2014



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Das Portal, die Daten und wir

In vielen Wissenschaftsdisziplinen werden virtuelle Forschungsumgebungen (VFU) Teil der Informationsinfrastruktur. Eine VFU soll Forschenden insbesondere in großen Verbundvorhaben ein web-basiertes Portal bieten, auf dem sie von unterschiedlichen Orten aus über den gesamten Forschungsprozess hinweg – von der Diskussion der Forschungskonzepte über die Datenanalyse bis zur gemeinsamen Publikation und Dokumentation – kooperieren können. Seit Juni 2012 fördert das Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) die Entwicklung des Prototyps einer VFU zur kooperativen Nutzung insbesondere sozial- und wirtschaftswissenschaftlicher Mikrodaten, die von Forschungsdatenzentren bereitgestellt werden. Um eine forschungsnaher Entwicklung zu ermöglichen, wird die VFU dem Forschungsverbund „Dritter Bericht zur sozioökonomischen Entwicklung in Deutschland (soeb 3)“ (2013 bis 2016) als Infrastruktur zur Verfügung gestellt und dort projektbegleitend erprobt. Ziel ist jedoch, mit der VFU soeb 3 den ersten Entwicklungsschritt zu einem IT-Portal zu tun, das typische Anwendungsfälle unterstützt und den Fachgemeinschaften der Sozial- und Wirtschaftswissenschaften zur Nutzung angeboten werden kann. Eine erste operativ genutzte Version der VFU soll mit der Fachtagung einer breiteren Fachöffentlichkeit präsentiert und zur Diskussion gestellt werden.

Programm

10:30 Begrüßung und Einführung
 Projektleitung – Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut Göttingen (SOFI)
 Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) / Projektträger im DLR – Umwelt, Kultur, Nachhaltigkeit (PT-DLR)

Panel 1 Diskutiert – Virtuelle Forschungsumgebungen in der Informationsinfrastruktur

11:00 Moderation: Prof. Dr. Uwe Schwiegelshohn – D-Grid gGmbH, Dortmund
 N.N. – Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten, Berlin (RatSWD)
 Prof. Dr. Ramin Yahyapour – Gesellschaft für wissenschaftliche Datenverarbeitung Göttingen (GWDG)
 Dr. Sigrun Eckelmann – Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) / Allianz-Initiative
 Dr. Harry Enke – Astrophysikalisches Institut Potsdam (AIP) / Projekt RADIESCHEN

Panel 2 Vorgeführt – VFU soeb 3 (Version 1.0)

12:00 Die Architektur der Virtuellen Forschungsumgebung
 Stephan Hilker – Gesellschaft für wissenschaftliche Datenverarbeitung Göttingen (GWDG)
12:15 Demonstration einzelner Funktionen in Kleingruppen
13:00 Mittagspause

Panel 3 Erprobt – Nutzungserfahrungen und Forschungspraxis

14:00 Ergebnisse aus zwei Nutzungsstudien
 Dr. Tanja Schmidt, Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut Göttingen (SOFI)
14:15 Feedback von Anwender/inne/n
14:30 Erfahrungsaustausch mit anderen VFU-Projekten
 Moderation: Dr. Jan Goebel – Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW), Berlin
 Prof. Dr. Stefan Liebig – Universität Bielefeld, SFB 882, Teilprojekt Informations- und Dateninfrastruktur
 Dr. Peter Birke – Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut Göttingen (SOFI), Projektverbund „Gute Arbeit“ nach dem Boom. Pilotprojekt zur Längsschnittanalyse arbeitssoziologischer Betriebsfallstudien mit neuen e-Humanities-Werkzeugen
 Dr. Karsten Stephan – Deutsches Zentrum für Hochschul- und Wissenschaftsforschung (DZHW)
 Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stefan Jablonski – Universität Bayreuth

