

SOEP newsletter

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A note on ...

SOEP-Core

The SOEP longitudinal study has grown substantially in scope and complexity over recent years. That's nothing new to most SOEP users, who are well aware that more than 2,000 new variables in over 15 new files are updated with each new survey wave and data distribution. In this process, the core SOEP sample (SOEP-Core)—as a prospective longitudinal study—grows annually in both the periodic and the biographical dimension.

In spite of declining response rates—an issue confronting all sophisticated randomized population surveys—the number of respondents in the SOEP has been maintained through the addition of new subsamples and has even been increasing for several years now. The number of immigrants and their children in the SOEP study has increased in particular through the addition of 2,700 new households last year as part of the newly drawn IAB-SOEP Migration Sample.

A special area of both quantitative and qualitative growth in the SOEP is in the related studies that are linked with the SOEP data. Six such studies are already listed on our updated Internet page “SOEP Related Studies” (SOEP-RS). Some of these studies have been running for some time (such as BASE II, the Berlin Aging Study II, in which the first survey with SOEP components was carried out in 2008), while some have just begun and are about to start fieldwork this year (e.g., PIAAC-L).

What all these studies have in common is that they either incorporate a substantial part of the SOEP questionnaire into their own questionnaires or are conducted as subsequent surveys, following up on information provided by SOEP respondents (e.g., on their employers or childcare facilities). The SOEP Research Data Center (RDC) is responsible for preparation and documentation of the SOEP Related Studies listed on our website, thereby facilitating integrated joint analysis with the SOEP data. The unique feature of the related studies is that they all contain a set of questions dealing with a specific topic within the “SOEP Universe.”

The SOEP has also been expanding for several years in another area as well. With our SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS), we now have a longitudinal study constructed in parallel to the SOEP that

is available for new questions and new survey and analytical methods suggested to us by the SOEP user community. Comparability with the SOEP-Core is limited slightly by the shortening of the SOEP questionnaire to leave room for the innovations. Nevertheless, the key SOEP topics are still addressed in the longitudinal SOEP-IS dataset. At present, the selection process is underway on approximately 40 proposals submitted to us by SOEP users up to the end of last year. We will be able to use between five and eight out of these 40 proposals in the SOEP-IS this fall.

In order to provide comprehensive—as well as user-friendly—documentation of the SOEP's growth and increased diversity over these last several years, we have been working to develop a new documentation system: [DDI on Rails](#). The system was conceptualized specifically to incorporate further longitudinal studies that are closely or more broadly related to the SOEP. See more on the current development of [SOEPinfo v.2](#) in this issue.

While we remain committed to these ongoing efforts at innovation, we of course have not forgotten the original SOEP study. We want to maintain the high quality, size, and the care involved in preparation and documentation of the SOEP study far beyond the current thirtieth survey wave and make the SOEP even more convenient for analysis. The US panel study that served as our model—the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)—has provided impressive evidence of the unique analytical value that emerges from a household panel study after many years, when the microdata on multiple generations become available for analysis.

For us, the original SOEP study with all its subsamples and refresher samples—which aim at providing a representative picture of all private households in Germany from both a cross-sectional and longitudinal perspective—is the core of our work. This is reflected in the name we began using for it informally: SOEP-Core. The name has now become “official” with the inclusion of SOEP-Core in our new overarching documentation system [SOEPinfo v.2](#). For SOEP-Core, we have developed a new data format (SOEPlong) that incorporates all survey waves in a user-friendly way and that will also be accompanied by comprehensive documentation.

Jürgen Schupp

Director of SOEP



German Section

Symposium „Wie sehr regieren uns Indikatoren?“

Am 25. April veranstalten die Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Statistik (DAGStat) und das SOEP gemeinsam ein Symposium im DIW Berlin. Mitorganisator und Ansprechpartner am DIW Berlin ist Marco **Giesselmann** (mgiesselmann@diw.de).

Immer mehr Daten werden erhoben und zu statistischen Kennzahlen, sogenannten Indikatoren, zusammengefasst, mit denen Politiker_innen und andere Führungskräfte Entscheidungen treffen und Ratingagenturen Einschätzungen über die Solvenz eines Staates fällen. Vielfach lösen Indikatoren unmittelbare Reaktionen aus, und die Frage, wie sicher diese Indikatoren die Wirklichkeit widerspiegeln, wird gar nicht gestellt.

Unter dem Titel „Wie sehr regieren uns Indikatoren? – Staatsschulden, Wohlstand und Statistik“ beschäftigt sich das Symposium insbesondere mit der Frage, wie die statistischen Indikatoren zu Verschuldung, Solvenz und Wohlstand eines Staates zustande kommen und welche (wirtschafts-)politische Bedeutung ihnen zukommt. Wir laden Sie ein, sich über dieses Thema zu informieren und mit bekannten Expert_innen zu diskutieren.

Weitere Informationen inkl. der Anmeldeseite finden Sie unter

<http://www.dagstat.de/aktivitaeten/symposium/indikatoren/>

Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften

SOEP am 10. Mai in Berlin dabei

Zum vierten Mal wird das SOEP an der Berliner „Langen Nacht der Wissenschaften“ teilnehmen und sich zusammen mit den Kolleg_innen von TNS Infratest Sozialforschung in der Lounge des DIW Berlin vorstellen. Wir geben den Besucher_innen einen Einblick in die Entstehung des SOEP, z.B. in die Produktion der Fragebögen und die Durchführung der Erhebung. Es werden Analysemöglichkeiten und Analyseergebnisse präsentiert und, wer möchte, kann selbst den Fragebogen beantworten, bei einem Verhaltensexperiment mitmachen oder seine Greifkraft testen. Auch werden unsere Aus-



zubildenden Fachangestellten für Markt- und Sozialforschung (FAMS) mit einem Stand vertreten sein und ihren Ausbildungsberuf vorstellen.

SOEP-Mitarbeiter Markus Grabka hält um 18 Uhr einen Vortrag über „Die Entwicklung der Einkommens- und Vermögensungleichheit in Deutschland“ und Stefan Bach referiert etwas später auf Grundlage der SOEP-Daten über „ParteiAnhänger: Unterschiede zwischen Arm und Reich?“.

Zeit: 10. Mai 2014, 17:00 Uhr – 24:00 Uhr
Ort: DIW Berlin, Joan Robinson-Lounge

Link: [Programm des DIW Berlin bei der Langen Nacht der Wissenschaften](#)



Bericht: SOEpcampus@DIW Berlin

Am 24. und 25. Februar 2014 veranstalteten wir unseren jährlichen deutschsprachigen Workshop zur Einführung in die Analyse der SOEP-Daten.

*Plenarveranstaltung
SOEpcampus@DIW Berlin*





Hands-on-Session mit Daniel Schnitzlein
SOEPcampus@DIW Berlin

Knapp 30 Teilnehmer_innen aus ganz Deutschland besuchten den Workshop, der im DIW Berlin stattfand.

Im Rahmen von Plenarveranstaltungen wurden die User über Inhalt, Struktur und Nutzungsmöglichkeiten der SOEP-Daten, das umfassende Dokumentationsmaterial, den User-Support, über die SOEP-Website sowie die Verwendung der Hochrechnungs- und Gewichtungsfaktoren informiert. Im weiteren Verlauf der Veranstaltung standen die Hands-on-Sessions im Vordergrund, in denen in software- und disziplinspezifischen Arbeitsgruppen der Umgang mit den SOEP-Daten auf der Basis von STATA oder SPSS geübt werden konnte.

Das abendliche ‚Get-together‘ bot Gelegenheit zur Netzwerkpflge von Datenproduzent_innen und -nutzer_innen. Bei Wein und Brezeln konnten sich alle besser kennen lernen und dabei auch von der Multidisziplinarität der Teilnehmer_innen aus Soziologie, Ökonomie, Politikwissenschaften, Psychologie und Erziehungswissenschaften profitieren.

Wir freuen uns, dass die Schulung wiederholt eine positive Resonanz unter den Teilnehmer_innen hervorrief, was sich auch in der abschließenden anonymen schriftlichen Befragung spiegelte. Die dabei gegebenen wertvollen Anregungen werden wir bei der Vorbereitung des SOEP-User-Workshops 2015 berücksichtigen.

Photos von der 6|KSWD (von links): Ingrid Tucci, Anika Rasner, Konferenzteilnehmerin im Gespräch mit Jan Goebel



Bericht: 6|KSWD

Daten nutzen. Wissen schaffen.

Am 20. und 21. Februar fand in Berlin die 6. Konferenz für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten (6|KSWD), veranstaltet vom Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten (RatSWD), statt. Die Konferenz diente dem Austausch von Dateninteressierten aus Wissenschaft, Politik, Journalismus und Datenproduktion. Gert G. **Wagner** hielt als Vorsitzender des RatSWD einen Eingangsvortrag über „Forschungsdaten im Spannungsfeld von Verlässlichkeit, Innovation und planmäßiger Bereitstellung“ und gab später in seiner Rolle als ehemaliger Vorsitzender der Zensuskommission einen Ausblick auf den Zensus 2020/21. Im Forum „Wissenschaft trifft Datenjournalismus“ erläuterte Anika **Rasner**, „Warum der Journalismus nicht Wissenschaft spielen sollte“.

Ingrid **Tucci** leitete das Forum über die (gemeinsame) Nutzung von qualitativen und quantitativen Daten und stellte darin die Erfahrungen und Überlegungen vor, die es bis jetzt beim SOEP dazu gibt (Link zur [Präsentation](#)).

Christine **Kurka** betreute den Stand des SOEP, auf dem sich viele Interessierte über das Daten-Angebot des SOEP informierten und sich hier insbesondere nach den Analysemöglichkeiten mit Hilfe der Regionaldaten erkundigten.

Auf großes Interesse stieß außerdem das von Marcel Hebing neu entwickelte Dokumentationsprogramm DDI on Rails (siehe <https://data.soep.de>), das in einer Testversion auf einem Tablet demonstriert wurde.

Data & Service

SOEP 1984–2012 data (v29 and v29.1)

SOEP-Core, DOI: [10.5684/soep.v29](https://doi.org/10.5684/soep.v29)

As announced in the last SOEPnewsletter (103/2014), 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 will also allow 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.

Data documentation



www.diw.de/soeprdc

documentation can be downloaded with this [zip file](#).

You also will find the documentation as separate files under “generated variables” on the website of the [Research Data Center SOEP](#).

We also offer [codebooks](#) for downloading and scripts for compiling the comprehensive SOEP teaching dataset (see: [SOEP in the College Classroom](#)).

We’re still taking orders from EEA countries!

You’ll find an online order form on our [Internet page](#) (under RDC SOEP/data/access/forms). To obtain the data, please let us know whether you’re

working with German or/and English labels in STATA, SAS, SPSS, or ASCII.

The SOEP hotline staff will be happy to take your order, either by e-mail at soepmail@diw.de 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>

Corrected bugs and update version of the 1984–2012 SOEP data release (v29.1)

Update HGEN

Errors in the imputation of electricity, heating, and additional expenses for tenants in the current data distribution resulted in values that were too high. These errors also affected the generation of rent including maintenance but excluding heating. The variables affected are: `electr$$`, `heat$$`, `util$$`, `rent$$`, and `frent$$` for the years 2008 to 2012. The variables `typ1hh12` and `typ2hh12` changed for two households.

Update BCPKAL

Also in the 2012 survey year, after the suspension of compulsory military service in Germany, the related calendar information in the individual questionnaire was revised. This revision was made in the original individual data for 2012 but not in the corresponding calendar data—these have now been updated retrospectively for the data distribution v29.

Both errors were corrected and an update is now available for downloading upon request from the SOEP hotline (soepmail@diw.de). If you would like to use this updated version in your work, please cite the version number, SOEP v29.1 (or better, doi: [10.5684/soep.v29.1](https://doi.org/10.5684/soep.v29.1)) in publications using these data.

SOEPmonitor

To give SOEP users a benchmark for their own studies, we publish SOEPmonitors for each data distribution. The key figures contained in the SOEPmonitor offer you an important reference point to evaluate the results of your research.

[SOEPmonitor Household 2012](#) (coming soon)
[SOEPmonitor Person 2012](#)

New datasets

SOEP-IS

The data from the 2012 survey of the SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS) are ready for distribution and can be ordered by SOEP users by April 22, 2014. The data will be provided via secure download. Simultaneously with this data distribution, we will be providing the data from the 2011 innovation modules.

The SOEP-IS contained the following innovation modules in 2011:

- Implicit Association Test (IAT) and corresponding explicit questions measuring gender stereotypes.
- The measurement of the four facets of sensitivity to injustice (victim sensitivity, observer sensitivity, beneficiary sensitivity, perpetrator sensitivity).
- Questions about private, public, and company pensions.

The data from the 2012 SOEP-IS innovation modules will be provided exclusively to the researchers who proposed the respective ideas for a period of 12 months, and will be released to the SOEP user community in Spring 2015.

Related Studies

SOEP-LEE

The anonymized data from the Linked Employer-Employee Survey of the SOEP (SOEP-LEE) are now available for analysis.

The survey was part of a project funded by the Leibniz Association. All SOEP respondents in dependent employment at the time of their interview in 2012 were asked to provide contact information to the local unit of the company or establishment they worked for in 2011. These data provided the basis for a special, standardized establishment survey conducted independently of the SOEP. It contained questions on:

- Structure and activities of the establishment
- Staff structure, staff costs or wage and salary structure, career opportunities, working hours
- Financial situation of the establishment (business volume, customers)
- Establishment structure

The information collected about the establishments linked to the SOEP individual and household data are now available for analysis at secure

work stations in the Research Data Center of the SOEP in Berlin and at DSZ-BO in Bielefeld. If you would like to use the data, please contact the SOEPHotline (soepmail@diw.de).

More information can be found on the [project homepage](#).

Base II

The data collected in the framework of BASE II, some of which use modified and expanded SOEP questionnaires from 2008 to 2012, have been available for scholarly research for some time and are being distributed to users via Cryptshare. To receive the data, users must submit an application for approval by the BASE PIs and must also have signed an expanded SOEP data distribution contract with DIW Berlin.

For questions about the content of the study and the procedure to apply for the data, please contact Peter Eibich (peibich@diw.de).

Further information can be found on the website of the [BASE II](#).

FiD

The fourth wave of the study Families in Germany (Familien in Deutschland, FiD), surveyed in 2013, is complete, and data are available upon request (please also include a project proposal for approval by the funding agency). We assume that the procedure for the fourth wave will be simplified over the second half of the year: users of the SOEP data will then be able to request the complete FiD data (from 2010-2013) as an additional dataset for downloading (as described in SOEPnewsletter [103/2014](#)).

SOEPinfo v.2

Complete SOEP documentation at <https://data.soep.de>

Our new information system, [SOEPinfo v.2](#), which is based on the open source software [DDI on Rails](#) and is designed as a modern web interface, includes not only SOEPlong but also the documentation on SOEP-Core and the Related Study BASE II. The SOEP-IS, most of the SOEP pretests, and the documentation on the FiD data will also be made available soon. With it, users will be able to trace related survey concepts and variables not only over years but also across various studies.

Documentation SOEP-IS

Documentation on the 2011 and 2012 surveys of the SOEP Innovation Sample will be available by April 22, 2014. The metadata on the innovation modules from the 2012 survey will then publicly available, although the data themselves are provided to the researchers who proposed the ideas for their exclusive use for a period of 12 months—up to spring 2015.

SOEPinfo v.2 enables a user-friendly linkage between the actual survey instrument and the dataset provided. In contrast to SOEP-Core, the SOEP-IS data are only provided in “long” format. Extremely high demands are placed on the documentation to guarantee simple and intuitive use of the data. Furthermore, all questions in SOEP-IS that were taken from SOEP-Core will be linked with the corresponding questions in SOEP-Core.

Documentation pretests

The SOEP pretest surveys from 2001 to 2011, which are cross-sectional surveys, will soon be completely integrated into the new SOEPinfo v.2. As with SOEP-IS, all pretest questions that either come from SOEP-Core or that were included in it after thorough testing will be linked with the corresponding SOEP-Core questions.

The datasets from the pretests will soon be ready for distribution to SOEP users via secure download. If you are interested in obtaining these data, please contact the SOEPHotline (soepmail@diw.de).

Integration of SOEPlit

The SOEPlit database, which contains all known publications based on SOEP data that have been reported to us, has been incorporated into this new documentation system. It can be found under the menu item “publications.”

When you enter a word into the search function, all text fields are searched and a list of all publications that meet the search criterion is displayed. Each item in the list is accompanied by a link to the full bibliographic information and—if the paper is available online—a link to the PDF document of the publication.

We plan to include further filter options as well as a direct link via “Topics” to the question concepts used in the SOEP survey.

Since SOEPinfo v.2 is still a test version, the old [SOEPinfo](#) is still available, with all its standard



DDI on Rails
Understanding Data

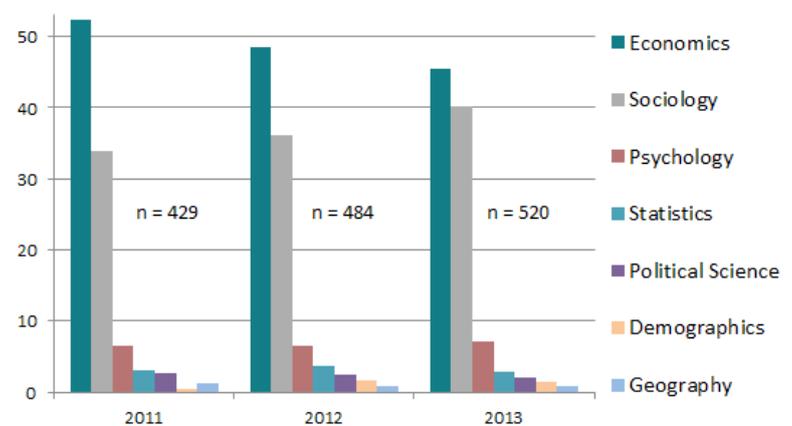


functions (word search, browsing by topics, item correspondence, and script generator) for SOEP-Core.

2013 SOEP User Survey

A sincere thanks goes out to the 603 participants in our 2013 SOEP User Survey, which will continue to play an important role in improving our service. We would like to give you an initial overview of the results of this survey.

SOEP User Survey participants' disciplines (in percent)



The rise in use of SOEP data among psychologists, an emerging trend in recent years, continued in 2013. The percentage of economists using the SOEP decreased, whereas the total number of economists remained approximately the same. Psychology is again in third place (6.5%) in the distribution of disciplines behind economics (43%) and sociology (36%).

For the SOEP as a panel study, it is especially important to know the extent to which users are taking advantage of the longitudinal potential of the data in their analyses. Of the users surveyed in 2013, 84% used the data from a longitudinal perspective, and 77% (also) used a cross-sectional perspective. The majority (97%) used the individual level rather than the household level (57%).

With regard to the newly developed SOEPinfo, we asked users about the data formats being used for analysis. The majority of users with longitudinal research questions compiled their dataset either exclusively with the "long" data format (55%) or

in combination with a "wide" data format (25%) whereas only 12% used only a "wide" data format. The SOEPLong format that we have developed and provide especially for longitudinal analysis is used by 35% of our longitudinal users.



News from Cornell and Ohio State University



Japan to join CNEF

In 2014 CNEF data for two Japanese household panels will become available. A team of researchers at Keio University including Yoshio Higuchi, and Colin McKenzie will create a CNEF version of the ongoing Keio Household Panel Survey (KHPS) and the Japan Household Panel Survey (JHPS).

The first data for the 2009 and 2011 waves of the JHPS data should become available later in 2014. This research is undertaken as part of project entitled "Multi-Dimensional Dynamic Analysis of Gender Equality and the Role of the Family in Internationally Comparable Data" which is carried out by Keio University with funding from the Japan So-

ciety for the Promotion of Science's Topic-Setting Program to Advance Cutting-Edge Humanities and Social Sciences Research.

Readers will find more information online about the KHPS <http://www.pdrc.keio.ac.jp/en/open/about-panel.html> respectively and

JHPS surveys at <http://www.pdrc.keio.ac.jp/en/open/outline-khps.html>

With the addition of the KHPS-CNEF and JHPS-CNEF files CNEF will include data for nine countries.

Events & Activities

SOEP2014 Conference

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

The 11th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2014) will be held in Berlin from June 30 to July 1, 2014, at the DIW Berlin and the Hertie School of Governance. The conference provides researchers who use the SOEP the opportunity to present and discuss their work with other researchers who know SOEP data.

Keynote speakers

We are happy to announce as keynote speakers:

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

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

Scientific committee

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

Marco **Giesselmann**, DIW Berlin/Germany

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

Anika **Rasner**, DIW Berlin/Germany

Carsten **Schröder**, DIW Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin/Germany

Jule **Specht**, Freie Universität Berlin/Germany

Program

The scientific committee is currently in the process of developing an interesting and diverse program around the 112 submissions received. We will soon be publishing the program on our conference website: <http://diw.de/soep2014>.

Registration

Participation is open to all interested researchers, even those who are not presenting a paper or a poster. Registration is required and will open soon on our website.



Berlin on June 30 and July 1, 2014

The registration fee is 105 euros (50 euros for (PhD) students).

Local organizers

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

We very much appreciate the generous funding of the conference by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

ISQOLS 2014 Call for Papers and Sessions

**The Quality of Life Conference—
Sustaining Quality of Life across the
Globe: September 15–18, 2014, in Berlin**

The Quality of Life Conference “Sustaining Quality of Life across the Globe,” ISQOLS 2014, will take place at the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, from September 15 to 18, 2014. The conference brings together researchers from all disciplines with policy makers and practitioners interested in the pursuit of quality of life studies and their application.

This interdisciplinary ISQOLS (International Quality of Life Studies) conference will be hosted in conjunction with the departments of psychology, sociology, and economics of the Freie Universität Berlin and in cooperation with the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin). More details about the topics, sessions, fees, and publication opportunities are available at www.isqols.org/berlin2014.

ISQOLS is a multidisciplinary society encouraging the pursuit of quality of life studies and their application. This international group convenes regularly to share ideas and findings, and actively supports the dissemination of findings and thoughts via its journal and newsletter, Applied Research in Quality of Life, and Social Indicators Network News (see www.isqols.org/resources/publications). We encourage all disciplines and perspectives to join us to promote quality of life globally via research, policy, and partnerships. Come explore new horizons in quality of life with us.

Local Organizing Committee

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Denis **Huschka**, RatSWD/ISQOLS, Berlin [advisor]

Peter **Krause**, DIW Berlin (SOEP)/ISQOLS

Jessica **Ordemann**, Universität Hamburg [coordinator]

Ronnie **Schöb**, Freie Universität Berlin

Jürgen **Schupp**, Freie Universität Berlin/ DIW Berlin (SOEP)

Deadline for submissions of papers and abstracts: May 1, 2014

For further information on topics and sessions, please refer to the attached call for papers. If you have further questions concerning the submissions of papers or sessions, please contact us at berlin2014@isqols.org.

For the most recent news, please visit our website at www.isqols.org/berlin2014/ or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/ISQOLS2014 or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/isqols2014>.

Other important dates

Conference Date: September 15–18, 2014
in the Henry Ford Building of
the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Announcement of Acceptance: May 30, 2014

Registration: June 1—August 31, 2014

Late Registration: From September 1, 2014, (late registration fee)

Join us for THE QUALITY OF LIFE CONFERENCE, ISQOLS 2014!

SOEP Brown Bag Seminars



Photo: Alfred Gutzler

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.

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:

Markus **Tepe** (University of Oldenburg): Taking Social Policy Personally. Personality Traits and Welfare Attitudes across Contexts of Social Need and Regime Socialization. January 7, 2014.

Michael **Bahrs** (University of Hamburg): The Impact of Tuition Fees on Educational Inequality. January 22, 2014.

Marcel **Hebing** (DIW Berlin): SOEPinfo v.2: Stand der Entwicklung. February 5, 2014.

Rui **Mata** (Max Planck Institute for Human Development and University of Basel): Age Differences in Risk Taking. February 19, 2014.

Sebastian **Beil** (University of Bochum): Die kurzfristigen beruflichen Folgen von Arbeitslosigkeit. March 5, 2014.

Katja **Scharenberg** (TREE/University of Basel): Wie geht es weiter nach der Schule? – Ergebnisse der Schweizer PISA-Folgestudie TREE. March 13, 2014.

People & Papers

Personnel



Anita **Kottwitz** began working as a research associate on the project “Household and Family Structures as a Context for Employment Trajectories” (**Project AP11** in the soeb3 research association) in mid-February.

Anita is a doctoral student at the international Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE) and will complete her doctoral studies this summer.



Simon **Kühne** joined the SOEP as a doctoral student in mid-February and is working in the area of survey research on the SAW project “SOEP-RECLINK” with the IAB-SOEP migration sample. Simon Kühne studied sociology and completed his master’s degree in survey methodology in January at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

Alongside his studies, Simon Kühne worked in the Chair of Empirical Social Research and in the German Record Linkage Center at the University of Duisburg-Essen and at “infas Institute for Applied Social Sciences” in Bonn.



Maria **Metzling** has been working on a project as part of the SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS) as a doctoral student since mid-January. Before this, she worked at DIW Berlin for one year as a student assistant in the SOEP-IS.

In December, she completed her master’s degree in economics at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Her master’s thesis, “Have the New Fathers Arrived Yet? German Parental Leave Regulation and Its Effects on Paternal Childcare Time,” uses SOEP data to study the amount of parental leave taken by fathers to care for their children and to investigate related issues.



Katharina **Poschmann** started working in the SOEP in mid-March. She will be covering for Simone Bartsch during her maternity leave as of May. Katharina studied sociology at the University of Bremen and

worked for several years at Prognos AG as a research associate.



Daniel **Schnitzlein** received an appointment to a junior professorship in economics, in particular education economics, at the University of Hannover starting in summer semester 2014. Daniel has accepted

the appointment, but will continue to work at the SOEP on a part-time basis. He has held a guest professorship in the Department of Economics at the University of Hamburg since 2013. Daniel joined the SOEP team as a research associate in 2011 with research focusing on labor market economics, educational economics, population economics, and intergenerational mobility.



Carsten **Schröder** became the new Head of the division Applied Panel Analysis at the SOEP on March 1. He is one of three Deputy Directors of the SOEP. Schroeder was jointly appointed to a position as Professor of Empirical Economic Research (W3) by

DIW Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin.

Before starting work at the SOEP, he was an assistant professor at the University of Kiel. His main field of research is finance, especially distributional economics, econometric policy evaluations and survey methods.

Carsten Schröder’s research results have been published in numerous international professional journals including the Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics and Journal of Economic Inequality. He is also the Managing Editor of the Journal of Income Distribution.



At the proposal of the Presidium of the Leopoldina and of the Standing Committee of **Leopoldina**, **acatech**, and the **Union of the German Academies of Sciences and Humanities**, Gert G. **Wagner** was appointed as a member of the Leopoldina’s Working Group “Scientific and Socio-Political Importance of Population-Based Longitudinal Studies.”

Furthermore, Gert G. Wagner is the new Chair of the Social Advisory Council to the German federal government. He was appointed to the 12-member

advisory body by the Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Andrea Nahles, following a decision of the federal government. Wagner was elected Chair of the Council by the members. The Council's primary task is to advise the German government and its legislative bodies on questions of pension policy and old-age security in general. The Social Advisory Council not only comments on the federal government's Pension Insurance Report (Rentenversicherungsbericht) but also on developments in old-age security in general.



Michael Weinhardt left the SOEP on January 1, 2014. He is now working as a research associate at the University of Bielefeld on the German contribution to the European Social Survey, which is under the charge of Stefan Liebig. Michael submitted his doctoral thesis on “The influence of values on occupational choice and the intergenerational transmission of inequality” and will be defending it soon. At the SOEP, Michael worked on the project SOEP-LEE – Linked Employer-Employee Survey of the Socio-Economic Panel Study and completed the project punctually and successfully at the end of 2013.



Knut Wenzig has been working on the data and metadata management team in the Research Data Center SOEP since February. Knut has a Diplom degree in social sciences and worked previously in the National Educational Panel Survey (NEPS, University of Bamberg), where he was responsible for documentation and jointly responsible for development of a metadata system. His main field of interest is in metadata-driven data processing and structured documentation based on the “DDI Life-cycle” standard.

Anniversary in the SOEPteam

Peter Krause celebrates 25 years at the SOEP

On March 15, 2014, SOEP data manager and social scientist Peter **Krause** marked his 25-year anniversary in the SOEP group at DIW Berlin. At a department meeting, SOEP Director Jürgen Schupp paid tribute to Peter's achievements as part of the Research Infrastructure SOEP, retracing Peter's path from the Mannheim-based research project “Welfare Production” headed by Sociology Professor Wolfgang Zapf (in the German Science Foundation [DFG] Collaborative Research Center 3 that also gave rise to the SOEP) to the SOEP project, which was also funded at that time by the



DFG. When Peter came to the SOEP, it had just a few dozen users—today, around 1,000. Back then in the 1980s, the SOEP data were distributed on magnetic tape; today they can be obtained via secure download from the Internet, which did not even exist in 1989. Peter Krause's work in data management over the last 25 years—now as part of a large team of colleagues—reflects this rapid and dynamic development in the SOEP.

Several years ago, Peter Krause conceptualized a new data storage format to improve and simplify use of the SOEP and transferred the SOEP data into “SOEPlong,” which is enjoying increasing popularity among a growing number of data users.

The focus of Peter Krause's research for many years now has been on questions of welfare distribution, especially the analysis of poverty trends in Germany since reunification and new concepts of poverty measurement (capability approach).

Peter Krause is currently planning the 2014 International ISQOLS Conference (www.isqols.org/berlin2014) together with Jessica Ordemann.

SOEP staff activities

To give you an impression of our ongoing work, we list selected presentations by SOEP staff members at conferences.

Paper presentations in the next three months

Alexandra **Avdeenko**: The Freedom of Others. **28th ESPE Annual Conference**. European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), University of Minho, June 18-21, 2014, Braga/Portugal.

Elisabeth **Bügelmayer**, Daniel **Schnitzlein**: Is it the family or the neighborhood? A comparison of family and neighborhood effects in youth education and health. **28th ESPE Annual Conference**. European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), June 18-21, 2014, Braga/Portugal.

Sarah **Dahmann**, Silke **Anger**: The Impact of Education on Personality—Evidence from a German High School Reform. [2014 SES Annual Conference](#), April 28–30, 2014, Perth/UK.

Peter **Eibich**: Understanding the effect of retirement on health using regression discontinuity design. *Health & Healthcare in America: From Economics to Policy*. [5th Biennial Conference of the American Society for Health Economists \(ASHecon\)](#), June 22–26, 2014, Los Angeles/USA.

Marco **Giesselmann**: Differences in the patterns of in-work poverty in Germany and the UK. [Joint Empirical Social Science \(JESS\) Seminar](#), June 11, 2014, Colchester/UK.

Jan **Goebel**, Christian **Krekel**, Tim **Tiefenbach**, Nicolas R. **Ziebarth**: Natural Disaster, Policy Action, and Mental Well-Being: The Case of Fukushima. [2014 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society](#), April 3–6, 2014, Cambridge/UK.

Jens **Kolbe**, Christian **Krekel**, Henry **Wüstemann**: The Greener, The Happier? The Effects of Urban Green and Abandoned Areas on Residential Well-Being. [III Scientific Conference on Spatial Econometrics and Regional Economic Analysis](#), June 9–10, 2014, Lodz/Poland.

Christian **Krekel**, Marie L. **Poprawe**: Murder, Smoke, and Shadows? The Effects of Local Area Crime on Residential Well-Being. [2014 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society](#), April 3–6, 2014, Cambridge/UK.

Christian **Krekel**: Home Alone? The Effects of Children Leaving and Returning Home on Parental Well-Being. (1) *Aktuelle Entwicklungen in der Familiensoziologie: Theorien, Methoden, Befunde*. [Gemeinsame Tagung der Sektion Familiensoziologie der DGS und des WZB](#), April 24–25, 2014, Berlin/Germany. (2) [Workshop on Lone Parenthood in a Life Course Perspective](#), April 6–7, 2014, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Constanze **Lejeune**, Peter **Krause**: Armut und Depri- vation älterer Menschen: ein mehrdimensionaler Ansatz unter Einbeziehung sozialer Beziehung als Armutsdimension. [Workshop ‚Soziale Beziehungen und Soziales Kapital in kritischen Lebensphasen‘](#), June 20–21, 2014, Hamburg/Germany.

Nina **Neubecker**, Ingrid **Tucci**: Die Arbeitsmarktpo- sition von hochqualifizierten Migranten in Deutsch- land: erste Ergebnisse auf Basis der neuen IAB-SOEP- Migrationsstichprobe. [Conference on ‚Beschäftigung ausländischer Hochschulabsolventen,‘](#) May 15, 2014, Nuremberg/Germany.

Doreen **Triebe**: Women at Work? The Impact of Co- habiting and Married Partners' Earnings on Work Hours (poster presentation). [Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference \(SOLE 2014\)](#), May 2–4, 2014, Arlington, VA/USA.

Doreen **Triebe**: Is there an Added Worker Effect in Germany?—Evidence from Involuntary Job Loss. [28th ESPE Annual Conference](#). [European Society for Popu- lation Economics \(ESPE\)](#), University of Minho, June 18–21, 2014, Braga/Portugal.

Paper presentations in the last three months

Sarah **Dahmann**, Silke **Anger**: The Impact of Educa- tion on Personality—Evidence from a German High School Reform. (1) [AMCIS Conference 2014](#), February 13–14, 2014, Amsterdam/Netherlands. (2) [3rd Pots- dam PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics](#), March 24–26, 2014, Potsdam/Germany.

Peter **Eibich**: Understanding the effect of retirement on health using regression discontinuity design. (1) [Ökonomie und Management von Krankheiten. Jah- restagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Gesund- heitsökonomie 2014](#), March 17 – 18, 2014, Munich/ Germany. (2) [10th International Young Scholar Ger- man Socio-Economic Panel Symposium](#), March 20–21, 2014, Delmenhorst/Germany.

Jan **Goebel**, Christian **Krekel**, Tim **Tiefenbach**, Nicolas R. **Ziebarth**: Natural Disaster, Policy Action, and Men- tal Well-Being: The Case of Fukushima. [7th RGS Doc- toral Conference in Economics](#), February 26–28, 2014, Dortmund/Germany.

Marcel **Hebing**: DDI—more than just an XML-metada- ta-standard. [NADDI 2014](#). [North American DDI User Conference](#), March 31–April 2, 2014, Vancouver/ Canada.

Marcel **Hebing**: Konzeption und Implementierung des Metadatenportals ‚DDI on Rails‘ für längsschnitt- liche Forschungsdaten. [Leibniz Research Network science 2.0 PhD Spring School 2014](#), March 24–25, 2014, Hamburg/Germany.

Marcel **Hebing**: DDI on Rails Update. [8. Workshop der Panelsurveys in Deutschland](#), January 13, 2014, Bielefeld/Germany.

Christian **Krekel**: Home Alone? The Effects of Chil- dren Leaving and Returning Home on Parental Well- Being. [10th International Young Scholar Ger- man Socio-Economic Panel Symposium](#), March 20–21, 2014, Delmenhorst/Germany.

Christian **Krekel**, Nicolas R. **Ziebarth**: Overview of 'Going for Gold' Evidence: Medal Wins, National Pride, and Life Satisfaction. Workshop on Visions for the Future of Behavioural and Happiness Research, March 27-28, 2014, London/UK.

Anika **Rasner**: Datenjournalismus und seine Grenzen – Warum der Journalismus nicht Wissenschaft spielen sollte. Daten Nutzen. Wissen schaffen. 6. Konferenz für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten, February 20-21, 2014, Berlin/Germany.

Ingrid **Tucci**: Designing and conducting mixed-methods research projects: Initial experiences with the SOEP data. Daten Nutzen. Wissen schaffen. 6. Konferenz für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten, February 20-21, 2014, Berlin/Germany.

Presentations at Policy Forums (November 2013–April 2014)

Markus **Grabka**: Aktuelle Entwicklung der Armut und sozialen Ungleichheit in Deutschland. Gesundheit nachhaltig fördern: langfristig – ganzheitlich – gerecht. Kongress Armut und Gesundheit, March 13, 2014, Berlin/Germany.

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

Anika **Rasner**: Gender Pension Gap in Deutschland – Eine Lebenslaufperspektive. Clubabend des Business and Professional Women Club Berlin, February 2, 2014, Berlin/Germany.

Anika **Rasner**: Wie sicher sind unsere Renten? Akademie Berlin der Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, March 18, 2014, Berlin/Germany.

Anika **Rasner**: Lebenslauf und Bilanzierung (Workshopleitung). Eigene Existenzsicherung von Frauen. Fachtag der Gleichstellungsbeauftragten der Stadt Salzgitter, March 22, 2014, Salzgitter/Germany.

Anika **Rasner**: Kommentar im Forum 2 "Ausgestaltung von Übergängen im Erwerbsverlauf". Demokratisierung von Gesellschaft und Arbeitswelt – Impulse für eine soziale Rechtspolitik. Rechtspolitischer Kongress von Hans-Böckler-Stiftung, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung und DGB, March 25-26, 2014, Berlin/Germany.

Anika **Rasner**: Rückkehr der Altersarmut - Alterssicherung aus der Lebenslaufperspektive. Rente im Fokus - Kontroversen in der Rentenpolitik. Tagung der Evangelischen Akademie Bad Boll in Kooperation mit dem Fritz-Erler Forum der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung und dem Kirchlichen Dienst in der Arbeitswelt, April 4-5, 2014, Bad Boll/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Gemeinsam für Gerechtigkeit. Impulsvortrag im Fachforum beim Zukunftskongress der SPD-Landtagsfraktion im Sächsischen Landtag. January 25, 2014, Dresden/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Traditionelle Formen der Datengenerierung am Beispiel der Langzeitstudie SOEP. Soziale Entwicklungen und Trends. Social Learning Space 14 im Martin-Gropius Bau, February 27, 2014, Berlin/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Wandel in Deutschland! – Wer wir sind und wie wir uns verändern. Öffentlicher Vortrag der Reihe „Lauffen will es wissen“, March 13, 2014, Lauffen/Germany.

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

University teaching (Summer Term 2014)

Marco **Giesselmann**: Statistics 2. Hertie School of Governance (with Michaela Kreyenfeld).

Marco **Giesselmann**, Alexandra **Avdeenko**, Doreen **Triebe**: Längsschnittanalysen mit dem Sozio-Oekonomischen Panel, Universität Mannheim.

Jan **Goebel**, Markus **Grabka**, Elke **Holst**, and Gert G. **Wagner**: Einführung in die VWL für Nichtökonomien, Vorlesung, TU Berlin.

Martin **Kroh**: Advanced Quantitative Methods: Multi-level and Longitudinal Data Analysis. Lektüreseminar BGSS. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Christian **Schmitt**: Soziologisches Forschungspraktikum Teil II. Einkommensungleichheit und soziale Gerechtigkeit. Universität Bamberg.

Christian **Schmitt**: Fortgeschrittene multivariate Verfahren. Analyse von Längsschnitt- und Paneldaten. Seminar. Universität Bamberg.

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

Carsten **Schroeder**: Ungleichheitsmessung. Vorlesung. Freie Universität Berlin.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Kultur und subjektives Wohlbefinden. Seminar Master. Freie Universität Berlin.

Thomas **Siedler**: Angewandte Ökonometrie II Vorlesung und Übungen. Universität Hamburg.

Thomas **Siedler**: Empirical Labour Economics and the SOEP. Seminar Master. Universität Hamburg.

Thomas **Siedler**: Advanced Health Economics. Seminar Master. Universität Hamburg.

Thomas **Siedler**: Empirische Arbeitsmarkt- und Sozialforschung. Workshop. Universität Hamburg.

Short-term special courses (January – March 2014)

Marco **Giesselmann**: Online-Support und Dokumentationen des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels (SOEP). SOEPcampus@DIW Berlin 2014, Workshop zur Nutzung des SOEP. February 24–25, 2014, Berlin/Germany.

Jan **Goebel**: Einführung in das SOEP. SOEPcampus@DIW Berlin 2014, Workshop zur Nutzung des SOEP. February 24–25, 2014, Berlin/Germany.

Martin **Kroh**: Stichprobenziehung, Non-Response und Gewichtung im SOEP. SOEPcampus@DIW Berlin 2014, Workshop zur Nutzung des SOEP. February 24–25, 2014, Berlin/Germany.

Anika **Rasner**: Demographic Developments and Their Implications for the Welfare State: A Forecast on the Development of the German Welfare State. Executive Training Program, Hertie School of Governance, February 14, 2014, Berlin/Germany.

Anika **Rasner**: Social Security in Aging Societies. MaxNetAging Lecture. February 26, 2014, Rostock/Germany.

SOEP visitors

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

Baumann, Anne Luise, BIGSSS, Bremen/Germany
 Di Paolo, Angelo, University of Barcelona/Spain
 Lejeune, Constanze, Deutsches Zentrum für Altersfragen, Berlin/Germany
 Liechti, Lena, University of Fribourg/Switzerland
 Mai, Alexander, FU Berlin/Germany
 Oppermann, Anja, University of Cologne/Germany
 Schneider, Thorsten, University of Leipzig/Germany
 Sonnenberg, Bettina, University of Tübingen/Germany
 Weinhardt, Michael, University of Bielefeld/Germany
 Wüstemann, Henry, TU Berlin/Germany
 Zwysen, Wouter, University of Essex (ISER)/UK

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

Hülle, Sebastian, University of Bielefeld/Germany
 Illy, Annette, University of Halle/Germany
 Kopmann, Angela, Institut für Weltwirtschaft, Kiel/Germany
 Krell, Kristina, GESIS, Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim/Germany
 Keil, Roman, TU Berlin/Germany
 Lorenz, Olga, University of Trier/Germany
 Okon, Michael, TU Berlin/Germany
 Tutt, Jascha, Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg/Germany
 Zoch, Gundula, University of Leipzig/Germany

Interns

Moench, Maximilian, University of Hamburg/Germany
 Reitzig, Leonie, University of Goettingen/Germany

New data users

Daniel **Avdic**: Empirische Forschung im Bereich Gesundheitsökonomie. Universität Duisburg-Essen, CINCH Gesundheitsökonomisches Forschungszentrum, Essen/Germany.

Prof. Francesco C. **Billari**: Symbolic Capital and Consumption as Mechanisms of Health Inequalities. University of Oxford, Oxford/UK.

Prof. Jenny **Bourne**: The Effects of Personality on Wages in Germany. Carleton College, Department of Economics, Minneapolis, MN/USA.

Prof. Steven B. **Caudill**: Partially adaptive estimation of a dichotomous choice model. Rhodes College, Economics, Memphis, TN/USA.

Dr. Heejung **Chung**: Labour market segmentation in Germany. University of Kent at Canterbury, SSPSSR School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, Canterbury, Kent/UK.

Prof. Daniel **Cohen**: Poverty and Time Inconsistency. Paris School of Economics, Paris/France.

Dr. Daniel **Danner**: Faktorielle Struktur von Akquieszenz. GESIS – Leibniz-Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Datenerhebung & Survey Methodology, Mannheim/Germany.

Dr. Maïke **Debus**: Arbeitsplatzunsicherheit und Überqualifizierung auf individueller Ebene und im Paar- und Familienkontext. University of Zurich, Lehrstuhl für Arbeits- und Organisationspsychologie, Zurich/Switzerland.

Prof. Dr. Pia **Dovern-Pinger**: Bildungsentscheidungen und Humankapital in Deutschland. Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Institut für angewandte Mikroökonomik, Bonn/Germany.

Prof. Paolo **Garella**: Decomposing Wage Distributions. Università degli Studi di Milano, Facoltà di Economia, Lombardy Advanced School of Economic Research (LASER), Milan/Italy.

Prof. Dr. Michael **Gebel**: Die sozialen Folgen von atypischer Beschäftigung und Arbeitslosigkeit. Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Oldenburg/Germany.

Dr. Katrin **Golsch**: Geschlechtsspezifische Chancendisparitäten im Erwerbsverlauf. Universität Bielefeld, Fakultät für Soziologie, SFB 882, Bielefeld/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Peter **Graeff**: Roots of trust and corruption in Germany and Denmark. Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Kiel/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Alexander **Grasse**: Empirische Operationalisierung des Capability-Ansatzes. Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen, FB 03 Sozial- und Kulturwissenschaften, Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Gießen/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Peter **Grösche**: Verteilungswirkungen einer alternativen EEG-Finanzierung. Hochschule Anhalt, Bernburg/Germany.

Brigitte **Engelhardt**: Schätzung von Heimatüberweisungen. Deutsche Bundesbank, Frankfurt am Main/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Peter **Höfflin**: Männer und Alter. Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, Institut für angewandte Forschung, Ludwigsburg/Germany.

Dr. Rüdiger **Hossiep**: Zusammenhänge zwischen Persönlichkeit und Berufserfolg bzw. Arbeitszufriedenheit. Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Fakultät für Psychologie, Bochum/Germany.

John **Hurley**: European Jobs Monitor. Eurofound, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, Department of Employment and Change, Dublin/Ireland.

Christopher **Jepsen**, PhD: Labor-market returns to postsecondary education in Europe and the United States. University College Dublin, School of Economics, Dublin/Ireland.

Prof. Ralph **Kattenbach**: Entwicklung von Karriereverläufen in Deutschland – Forschungsk Kooperation mit der Universität Hamburg und der WU Wien. Tongji University, Chinesisch-Deutsches Hochschulkolleg (CDHK), Lehrstuhl für Human Resource Management, Shanghai/China.

Dr. James **Keirstead**: Activity based economic simulation applied to German electricity market. Imperial College London, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, London/UK.

Prof. Dr. Manfred **Kirchgeorg**: Profilierung von Employer Brands im regionalen Kontext. HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management, SVI-Stiftungslehrstuhl für Marketing, insbes. E-Commerce & Crossmediales Management, Leipzig/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Ulrich **Kohler**: Institutionenbezogene Sozialstrukturanalyse. Universität Potsdam, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung, Potsdam/Germany.

Prof. Sylvia **Kritzinger**: The impact of survey response styles on the comparability of survey data. Universität Wien, Fakultätszentrum für Methoden der Sozialwissenschaften, Vienna/Austria.

Dr. Anthony **Leiserowitz**: Drivers of environmental and climate opinion change. Yale University, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT/USA.

Prof. György **Lengyel**: The relationship between generalized trust and individual life chances. Corvinus University of Budapest, Institute of Sociology and Social Policy, Budapest/Hungary.

Prof. Jean-Yves **Lesueur**: Duration and age dependancy of divorce decision: A German-French Comparison. Université Lumière Lyon 2, Groupement d'Analyse et de Theorie Economique (GATE), Faculté des Sciences Économiques et de gestion, Lyon/France.

Prof. Dr. Christa **Liedtke**: Energiewende integrativ – Entwicklung eines transformativen Forschungsdesigns am Beispiel der Energiewende Ruhr/NRW. Wuppertal Institut für Klima, Umwelt, Energie GmbH, Forschungsgruppe Nachhaltiges Produzieren und Konsumieren, Wuppertal/Germany.

Prof. Michel **Lubrano**: The Dynamics of Inequalities and their Perceptions. University of Aix-Marseille II, Groupement de Recherche en Économie Quantitative d'Aix-Marseille, Marseille/France.

Dr. Patrick **McGovern**: A historic perspective on migration from ex-Yugoslavia to Germany: a comparison between migrants' behaviour in Germany prior to the war in ex-Yugoslavia in the 1990s, during the 1990s and since the war. London School of Economics and Political Sciences, Department of Sociology, London/UK.

Alexis **Meyer-Cirkel**, PhD: Compare labor income profiles across a series of OECD and developed Emerging Markets, and analyze its impact on optimal asset allocation patterns. International Monetary Fund, Strategy, Policy, and Review Department, Washington, D.C./USA.

Prof. Dr. Andreas **Motel-Klingebiel**: Migrant life courses and preconditions for retirement in Sweden and Germany: new diversity, increasing risks and shifting challenges. University of Linköping, National Insti-

tute for the Study of Ageing and Later Life (NISAL), Norrköping/Sweden.

Prof. Dr. Ralf **Münnich**: Determinanten von Armut auf der Mikroebene (SOEP in der Lehre). Universität Trier, Lehrstuhl für Wirtschafts- und Sozialstatistik, Trier/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Herbert **Obinger**: Berufliche Belastung und Gesundheit. Alterseinkommen von Frauen. Familienstrukturen und Einkommensungleichheit. ZeS Zentrum für Sozialpolitik, Universität Bremen, Bremen/Germany.

Prof. Jacqueline **O'Reilly**: Employment of people over 65 in UK and Germany. University of Brighton, Business School, Brighton/UK.

Prof. Seán **Ó'Riain**: New Deals. Career Mobility in Europe. National University of Ireland Maynooth, Department of Sociology, Maynooth, Co. Kildare/Ireland.

Prof. Dr. Christof **Parnreiter**: Krise und soziale Ungleichheit. Universität Hamburg, Institut für Geographie, Hamburg/Germany.

Prof. Christopher **Pissarides**: ERC Advanced Grant with acronym EUROEMP. University of Cyprus, Department of Economics, Nicosia/Cyprus.

Prof. Dr. Perdita **Pohle**: Die Bedeutung von Lifestyle, Place und Home im Lebensalltag deutscher Senioren im Ort Torrox an der Costa de Sol. Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Institut für Geographie, Lehrstuhl für Kulturgeographie und Entwicklungsforschung, Erlangen/Germany.

Dr. Solomon W. **Polachek**: Gender Wage Gap for Liberalized Economy. Binghamton University, Department of Economics and Political Science, New York/USA.

Dr. Faezeh **Raei**: Drivers of the Saving Behavior of German Households Over Time. International Monetary Fund (IMF), European Department, Washington, D.C./USA.

Dr. Wolfgang **Rauch**: Finanzielle Belastung und Erziehungshandeln: Einflüsse auf Indikatoren kindlichen Wohlbefindens. Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Psychologisches Institut, Heidelberg/Germany.

PD Dr. Jörg **Reichert**: Analyse ausgewählter medizinischer, psychosozialer und sozio-ökonomischer (Risiko) Merkmale der Eltern von 2010 am Perinatalzentrum Dresden initial stationär behandelte Frühgeborener. Universitätsklinikum Dresden, Klinik und Poliklinik für Kinder- und Jugendmedizin, Dresden/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Andreas **Richter**: Risikoeinstellung und Nachfrageverhalten von Versicherungsnehmern am Beispiel von privater Zusatzversicherung. Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Fakultät für Betriebswirtschaft, Instituts für Risikomanagement und Versicherung, Munich/Germany.

Prof. Christian **Schemer**: Mediennutzung und psychisches und physisches Wohlbefinden. Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Institut für Publizistik, Mainz/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Josef **Schrader**: Index regionale Lernchancen; wb-personalmonitor. Deutsches Institut für Erwachsenenbildung (DIE), Bonn/Germany.

Prof. Katherine **Stovel**: Brokerage and individuality. University of Washington, Department of Sociology, Seattle, WA/USA.

Prof. Marta Serra **Garcia**: Risk attitudes in the household. University of California at San Diego, Rady School of Management, La Jolla, CA/USA.

Dr. Diana **Sonntag**: Long-term effects of childhood obesity—Policy implications for interventions. Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Mannheim Institute of Public Health (MIPH), Gesundheitsökonomie, Mannheim/Germany.

Prof. Rauli **Svento**: Distributed Energy Production in the European Power Markets. University of Oulu, Oulu Business School, Department of Economics, Oulu/Finland.

Prof. Frederic **Vermeulen**: A Dynamic Model of Fertility and Labor Supply. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, CES - Center for Economic Studies, Leuven/Belgium.

Prof. Dr. Ulrich **Wagner**: Strukturen der Integration von Menschen mit Migrationshintergrund im Raumbezug. Philipps-Universität Marburg, Arbeitseinheit Sozialpsychologie, Marburg/Germany.

Dr. Nicole **Waidlein**: Educational expansion and its influence on the innovativeness of the West German states, 1950-90. Universität Hohenheim, Forschungszentrum Innovation & Dienstleistungen (FZID), Stuttgart/Germany.

Dr. Winnie **Wang**: Immigration to Europe in the context of population ageing. University of Bristol, School of Geographical Sciences, Bristol/UK.

Matthias **Warneke**: DSI-Belastungsmonitor. DSI – Deutsches Steuerzahlerinstitut des Bundes der Steuerzahler e.V., Berlin/Germany.

Dr. Tobias **Wolbring**: Determinanten der Lebenszufriedenheit. Teilprojekte: Alter; Hochschulausbildung; soziale Vergleichsprozesse. Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich, Zurich/Switzerland.

Prof. Dr. Christof **Wolf**: Soziale Ungleichheit, Gesundheitsverhalten und Gesundheit. Analysen zum sozio-ökonomischen Wandel in Deutschland. Universität Mannheim, Fakultät für Sozialwissenschaften, Mannheim/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Francesco **Zanetti**: Welfare assessment of Active Labour Market Policy in a heterogeneous-agent DSGE—the case for ALMP-Training in Germany. University of Oxford, Department of Economics, Oxford/UK.

Prof. Dr. Thomas **Zittel**: Religion und Parteiidentifikation von Bürgern mit Migrationshintergrund. Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, FB Gesellschaftswissenschaften, Professur für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft, Frankfurt Main/Germany.

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SOEP staff member Anika **Rasner** recently contributed to the DIW Roundup series with a summary of the current German discussion on lowering the retirement age to 63 for employees who have contributed to Germany's state pension system for a long period of time. This government reform proposal has been extremely controversial since many scholars believe that it could undermine successes that have been achieved in the long-term financing of the pension system and the gradual lengthening of working life.

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up is to stimulate and help shape current debates on economic and social policy by providing salient information. At irregular intervals, researchers at DIW Berlin present discussions from their fields based on online sources and apply findings from current research—in some cases supplemented by their own research results—to these debates. The series is intended primarily as an evaluative summary of current discussions about economic and social policy rather than as a commentary.

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Journal publication

Sports participation declines after entering a relationship—especially after marriage

A recent study by sociologists at the University of Heidelberg using SOEP data shows that physical activity declines after entering a relationship, especially when the two partners live together and even more so when they are married. According to Ingmar Rapp, one of the authors, “Men and women in a stable relationship no longer have to put their attractiveness to the test on the marriage market.” The study was published in the renowned journal *Social Science & Medicine*.

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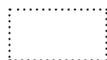
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Nachreisende Ehegatten stellen unter den Neuzuwanderern in Deutschland eine bedeutende Gruppe dar. Seit Einführung des neuen Zuwanderungsgesetzes 2005 bis Ende des Jahres 2013 sind über 300.000 Männer und Frauen im Rahmen des Ehegattennachzuges aus Drittstaaten nach Deutschland eingereist. Die Gruppe ist aus gesellschaftspolitischer Perspektive von hoher Bedeutung, da davon auszugehen ist, dass die Mehrheit dauerhaft in Deutschland bleiben wird. Allerdings wird „Heiratsmigration“ oft in einem negativen Kontext erörtert. So wird der Nachzug von Ehepartnern aus dem Ausland nicht selten in Zusammenhang mit einer verlangsamten oder gar einer fehlgeschlagenen Integration diskutiert. Dahinter steht u.a. die Annahme, dass die Integration von Ehepartnern aus dem Ausland durch den Zuzug in bereits bestehende Familienkonstellationen gehemmt wird. Aus wissenschaftlicher Perspektive ist sowohl das Entscheidungsverhalten, einem Partner/einer Partnerin nach Deutschland zu folgen, als auch die ersten Jahre in Deutschland bezüglich der Eingliederungsprozesse und der vielfältigen damit verbundenen Aspekte der Integration von Interesse.

Im Rahmen der Konferenz am 18. September 2014 im Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge sollen vorrangig Forschungsarbeiten über nachgereiste Ehepartner aus dem Ausland oder Zuwanderer, die kurz nach ihrer Einreise in Deutschland eine Familie gegründet haben, diskutiert werden. Daneben sind auch Beiträge, die Partnerschaftsaspekten bei transnationalen Paaren in Deutschland nachgehen, erwünscht. Durch die Beiträge sollen Fragestellungen zu folgenden Themenbereichen beleuchtet werden:

- soziostrukturelle und demographische Aspekte (z.B.: Wer kommt im Rahmen des Ehegattennachzuges nach Deutschland? Kommt dem Ehegattennachzug in Bezug auf den demographischen Wandel Bedeutung zu? Was für Potentiale bringen Ehepartner aus dem Ausland mit?),
- partnerschaftsbiographische/familiäre Aspekte (z.B.: Wer heiratet wen? Wie stabil sind die Partnerschaften? Was bedeutet es für Kinder, in einer transnationalen Familie aufzuwachsen?),

- kulturelle Integration (z.B.: Welche Bedeutung haben deutsche Sprachkenntnisse für die Eingliederung zugewanderter Ehepartner? Wann und wo werden sie in welchem Ausmaß erworben? Welche Rolle spielt ein Sprachtest im Ausland?),
- strukturelle Integration (z.B.: Mit welchen Verlusten an Humankapital geht Partnerschaftsmigration einher? Welche Auswirkungen hat sie auf die Positionierung auf dem Arbeitsmarkt oder im Bildungssystem? Wie wird mit Gefühlen eines möglicherweise beruflichen Abstiegs umgegangen?),
- soziale Integration (z.B.: Welche Rolle spielen soziale Kontakte für die Migrationsentscheidung? Wie entwickeln sich außerfamiliäre soziale Kontakte in Deutschland?),
- identifikative Integration (z.B.: Welche Kenntnisse über Deutschland sind bei der Migrationsentscheidung vorhanden? Wie entwickelt sich die emotionale Verbundenheit zu Deutschland/zum Herkunftsland?),
- emotionale Aspekte (z.B.: Wie werden lange Trennungszeiten, etwa vor der Visumerteilung, verarbeitet? Treten spezifische Konflikte bei transnationalen Paaren auf? Gibt es Faktoren, die geschlechtsspezifische Rollenmuster verstärken oder vermindern?).

Es sind insbesondere empirische Analysen, aber auch theoretische Ausarbeitungen willkommen.

Organisatorisches

Interessenten werden gebeten, auf Deutsch verfasste Beitragsvorschläge (Abstracts von ca. 500 Wörtern) unter Angabe der Kontaktdaten und der zugehörigen Institution bis zum **25. April 2014** an Dr. Christian Babka von Gostomski (Christian.BabkavonGostomski@bamf.bund.de) zu senden.

Die Auswahl erfolgt auf der Basis der Qualität und Relevanz des Beitrags. Für die ausgewählten Referenten werden Kosten für die Übernachtung und Anreise zum Tagungsort in Anlehnung an das Bundesreisekostengesetz (BRKG) im erforderlichen Umfang erstattet. Teilnahmegebühren werden nicht erhoben. Die ausgewählten Referenten verpflichten sich, fristgerecht (siehe unten) vor der Tagung ein zweiseitiges Handout und die Präsentation (Umfang: 20 Minuten) einzusenden. Die Zusammenfassungen werden den übrigen Tagungsteilnehmern zur Verfügung gestellt.

Termine

- 25. April 2014 Einsendeschluss der Abstracts
- 30. Mai 2014 Rückmeldung über die Beitragsannahme
- 16. Juni 2014 Teilnahmebestätigung seitens der ausgewählten Referenten
- 29. August 2014 Abgabefrist für ein zweiseitiges Handout und die Präsentation
- 18. September 2014 Tagung „Nach Deutschland der Liebe wegen“

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