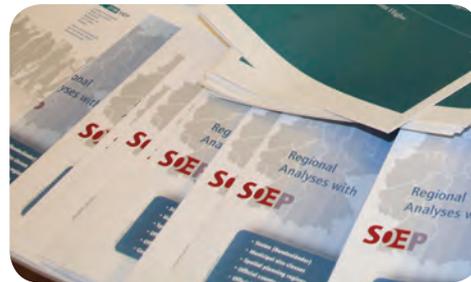


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A note on SOEP-IS

The SOEP study offers researchers worldwide the opportunity to use the SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS) for their research questions. The SOEP-IS is well suited to both short-term experiments and long-term surveys that would go beyond the scope of SOEP-Core, whether due to the risk of refusals or the specificity of the research questions. SOEP-IS is designed for questions and measures that cannot be included in a typical questionnaire—for instance, assessments of the interaction between social and genetic factors in human development.

SOEP-IS fieldwork runs from September to December of each year. The first wave of the first subsample of the SOEP-IS started in September 2011, with a newly developed core questionnaire “SOEP Innovations” containing about 45% of the yearly questions from SOEP-Core and incorporating all of the questions on the household, adult household members, their biographies, and information on children into a single instrument.

In 2014, 5,868 individuals (52% female) in 3,721 households participated in the SOEP-IS. Some have been answering SOEP-Core questions since 1998 as part of an extension sample to the SOEP (Sample E), while others joined in 2009 (Sample I). These individuals serve as the foundation for the SOEP-IS and provide a wealth of longitudinal data. Within the framework of SOEP-IS, additional samples were recruited in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

The SOEP-IS spans the whole adult age range from 17 to 96 years (Mean = 52 years, Standard Deviation = 18 years) and is representative of private households in Germany. The sample consists of respondents with diverse levels of education and in diverse labor market situations and living environments. In addition, 28% of the respondents live in households with children and provide yearly information on their children’s development.

Application procedure

The deadline for proposals is December 31 of the year prior to the study implementation. The SOEP-IS has a two-tiered governance structure: first, SOEP survey management runs a basic methodological test to establish whether the size, format, and survey mode outlined in a proposal seem appropriate for implementation in the SOEP-IS. Then, experts in the respective field are asked to evaluate the proposals as external reviewers. On

the basis of these reviews, the SOEP executive team (SOEP director and division heads) prioritizes the proposals for implementation. Criteria for selection of proposals are: scientific quality and relevance, potential for scientific breakthrough, sound analytical framework and empirical design, appropriateness of the proposed methodology, and scientific merit of the researcher or research group. Survey questions from accepted proposals are included in SOEP-IS at no additional cost. However, if additional funding is needed to carry out a proposal, proposers are expected to raise the funds themselves.

Complex research proposals involving the implementation of third-party software or additional work from our survey institute Infratest are evaluated by a subcommittee of the SOEP Survey Committee. As we can only implement one complex research proposal per survey year, the SOEP Survey Committee evaluates the relevance of these proposals. If the proposed project already has funding from the German Science Foundation (DFG) or other funding agencies, this step is skipped. Since projects funded by the DFG and other organizations also require a guarantee that the project is feasible, researchers should contact SOEP Survey Management before submitting a funding application.

Data access

To protect the confidentiality of respondents’ data, the SOEP adheres to strict security standards in distributing the SOEP-IS data. The SOEP Research Data Center (SOEP-RDC) distributes the SOEP-IS data as an independent dataset to members of the scientific community exclusively for research purposes. Users who have signed the required contracts with the SOEP receive the SOEP-IS dataset by personalized encrypted download. Users can also access small-scale regional data, which can be linked to the SOEP-IS data, on site at the SOEP-RDC.

The data from the innovative modules are provided exclusively to the researchers who proposed the respective ideas for an initial period of 12 months and are then released to the rest of the SOEP user community.

Please see for more information also the appendix of this newsletter and our website at <http://www.diw.de/soep-is>

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German Section

Ankündigung:

SOEpcampus@DIW Berlin 2016

Workshop „Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten“ am 29. Februar und 1. März 2016

Vom 29. Februar bis 1. März 2016 findet wieder der jährliche deutschsprachige Einführungskurs zur Analyse der SOEP-Daten im DIW Berlin statt. Neben Plenarveranstaltungen mit Vorträgen zu Inhalt, Struktur und Nutzungsmöglichkeiten der SOEP-Daten, Hochrechnung und Gewichtung wird der Schwerpunkt dieses Workshops wieder auf praktischen Übungen liegen, die im Rahmen von Hands-on-Sessions durchgeführt werden. In deren Verlauf wird der Umgang mit den SOEP-Daten auf Basis verschiedener Softwarepakete am PC in kleinen Arbeitsgruppen geübt. Zudem wird auch das umfangreiche Dokumentationsmaterial und die SOEP-Support-Software vorgestellt. Dabei soll insbesondere das neue Informationssystem SOEPinfo v.2 vorgestellt werden.

Der Workshop richtet sich sowohl an neue Nutzerinnen und Nutzer als auch an Personen mit Vorerfahrungen, die auf der Suche nach konkreten Problemlösungen oder themenspezifischer Beratung sind.

Anmeldeverfahren

Die Anmeldung für den Workshop ist ab dem 4. Januar 2016 auf der Website des DIW möglich: http://www.diw.de/id/diw_01.c.485565.de

Die Erfahrung der letzten Jahre zeigt, dass die maximale Zahl an Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmern von rund 30 Personen schnell erreicht ist. Wir empfehlen daher eine rasche Anmeldung.

Vormerkungen

Sollten Sie sich schon jetzt entscheiden, an dem Workshop in 2016 teilzunehmen, können Sie die Chance einen freien Platz zu bekommen erhöhen, indem Sie sich ab sofort bei uns vormerken lassen.

Schicken Sie dazu bitte eine E-mail an: Christine Kurka unter ckurka@diw.de

Kosten

Die Teilnahme am Workshop ist abgesehen von einer geringen Verpflegungspauschale (25 Euro) kostenlos. Die Reisekosten müssen jedoch selbst übernommen werden.

Vorausgesetzte Kenntnisse

Teilnahmevoraussetzung sind Kenntnisse einer Analyse-Software: Der Workshop gibt eine Einführung in die Analyse der SOEP-Daten, jedoch nicht in Software-Pakete wie Stata oder SPSS. Teilen Sie uns mit der Anmeldung bitte mit, welches Software-Paket Sie vorrangig nutzen. Weiterhin bitten wir um stichwortartige Angaben zur inhaltlichen Fragestellung, die Sie mit den SOEP-Daten bearbeiten wollen sowie zum geplanten Untersuchungsdesign.

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

Bericht:

SOEpcampus@Mannheim

Längsschnittdatenanalyse mit dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel 22.-24. Juni 2015, Mannheim

Vom 22. bis 24. Juni 2015 fand zum achten Mal an der Universität Mannheim der Workshop „Längsschnittdatenanalysen mit dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel“ (SOEP) statt. Insgesamt haben über 30 Studierende und NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen vor allem aus den Fachrichtungen Soziologie und Wirtschaftswissenschaften teilgenommen.

Organisiert wurde der Workshop von der Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS, Thomas **Gautschi** und Jan Sebastian **Ebert**) an der Universität Mannheim in Zusammenarbeit mit der Infrastruktureinrichtung „Sozio-oekonomisches Panel“ am DIW Berlin. Das Ziel der SOEpcampus-Veranstaltungen ist einerseits, grundsätzlich

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in die Arbeit mit komplexen Längsschnittdaten einzuführen, andererseits Verfahren zur Analyse von Längsschnittdaten zu vermitteln. Zentraler Bestandteil sind jeweils praktische Übungen am PC, im Fall des Workshops in Mannheim unter Verwendung des Statistikprogrammpakets Stata.

Aufbau

Am ersten Tag des Workshops gaben Alexandra **Fedorets**, Marco **Giesselmann** und Knut **Wenzig** vom SOEP-Team im DIW Berlin eine allgemeine Einführung in den Aufbau, die Inhalte und das Arbeiten mit dem SOEP und einen Überblick über neuere Entwicklungen im Erhebungsprogramm. Im Rahmen des allgemeinen Überblicks wurde auch auf aktuelle Innovationen im SOEP eingegangen. Am Nachmittag fanden Übungen und Beratungen statt sowie eine weitere Vorlesung zu Stichprobenziehung und -gewichtung. Die beiden anderen Tage waren der Anwendung von längsschnittlichen Datenanalyseverfahren gewidmet. Am zweiten Tag gab Marco Giesselmann (SOEP) eine Einführung in die Paneldatenanalyse (insbesondere Panelregression). Guiseppe **Pietrantonio** (Uni Mannheim) führt am dritten Tag in das Propensity Score Matching ein.

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

Bericht: SOEPCampus@Uni Bochum

21. Mai 2015, Bochum

Erstmals fand am 21. Mai 2015 eine SOEP@Campus-Veranstaltung an der Ruhr-Universität Bochum statt. Viele wichtige Kooperationspartner und Nutzergruppen des SOEP (die Fakultäten für Soziologie und Wirtschaftswissenschaft der Uni Bochum, Ruhr Graduate School in Economics, RWI Essen) haben in der Region ihren Standort. Daher plante SOEP@Campus schon länger, hier stärker Präsenz zu zeigen und den SOEP-Serviceauftrag in Bochum aktiv zu gestalten. Die Sektion Sozialwissenschaftliche Methoden und Statistik der RUB konnte als Kooperationspartner gewonnen werden, konkret hat Sebastian **Beil** als RUB-Vertreter vor Ort den



Marco Giesselmann während der SOEPCampus@Uni Bochum-Veranstaltung

Workshop organisiert. Auf Seite des SOEP wurde der Workshop von Marco **Giesselmann** vorbereitet und geleitet.

Vor dem Hintergrund aktueller öffentlicher Diskussionen standen gemeinsame und angeleitete Analysen und Diskussionen zu den Auswirkungen von Mutter- und Vaterschaft auf das psycho-emotionale Wohlbefinden im Vordergrund der praktischen Sessions. Dabei wurde die Leistungsfähigkeit insbesondere der längsschnittlichen Analysepotenziale des SOEP ausführlich beleuchtet.

Diese Veranstaltung soll Auftakt zu einer Vertiefung der Beziehungen zum Forschungsnetzwerk in Bochum und Essen sein. Weitere gemeinsame Workshops und Schulungen sind daher geplant.

Bericht: Besuch der FAMS aus Hamburg

Eine Gruppe von 16 Schülerinnen und Schülern, die in ihrem ersten Jahr an der Berufliche Medien-



schule Hamburg-Wandsbek zu Fachangestellten für Markt- und Sozialforschung (FAMS) ausgebildet werden, hat im Juni 2015 das DIW Berlin besucht und vom SOEP einen Überblick zur Arbeit der Infrastruktureinrichtung erhalten.

In seinem Begrüßungsvortrag beleuchtete SOEP-Direktor Jürgen Schupp die Spannungsfelder zwischen Politik, Wirtschaft und Wissenschaft aus systemtheoretischer Sicht am Beispiel der FAMS-Ausbildung. Danach berichteten die FAMS des SOEP über ihre Aufgaben und Tätigkeiten während und nach der Ausbildung. In einer Kaffeepause konnten die Besucherinnen und Besucher den Greifkrafttest kennen lernen, der regelmäßig auch Bestandteil der SOEP-Erhebungen ist. Abschließend berichtete David Richter über die mit Smartphones durchgeführten Erhebungen zu Zu-

friedenheit und Zeitverwendung im SOEP-Innovationssample.

Bürgerdialog „Gut leben in Deutschland“

Im Rahmen des von der Bundesregierung durchgeführten Bürgerdialogs „Gut leben in Deutschland“ wurde bei den Veranstaltungen, die Bundesminister Sigmar **Gabriel** im August/September in Magdeburg, Köln und Frankfurt am Main durchführte, ein fünfseitiger SOEP-Minifragebogen („Leben in Deutschland“) eingesetzt, der es ermöglicht, die Sozialstruktur und das politische Interesse der Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer zu analysieren. Außerdem konnten am Ende die beiden Leitfragen des Bürgerdialogs beantwortet werden („Was ist Ihnen persönlich wichtig im Leben“, „Was macht Ihrer Meinung nach Lebensqualität in Deutschland aus?“). Die Text-Antworten werden auch computergestützt inhaltsanalytisch ausgewertet werden.

Was macht ein gutes Leben in Deutschland aus? Darüber sprach die Bundeskanzlerin Angela **Merkel** mit 60 zufällig ausgewählten SOEP-Befragten beim Bürgerdialog am 1. Juni. Dabei ging es vor allem um Soziale Sicherheit, Gesundheit und Bildung – Themen, die auch seit mehr als 30 Jahren auf Basis der SOEP-Daten erforscht werden. Die Mehrheit der Teilnehmenden wünschte sich beim Thema Gesundheit die Aufhebung der Trennung von gesetzlicher und privater Krankenversicherung.

Eine SOEP-Teilnehmerin fordert eine Änderung des Adoptionsrechts. Eine junge Frau aus Süd-

deutschland möchte mehr Geld für ihr Heimatdorf, damit ein neues Feuerwehrauto nicht privat von Bürgern finanziert werden muss. Ein Facharbeiter auf dem zweiten Bildungsweg erzählte, dass er mehr als vier Jahre auf einen Platz an einer öf-



Bundesminister Gabriel während einer Veranstaltung zum Bürgerdialog

fentlichen Schule warten musste, um sein Abitur nachzuholen.

Hier finden Sie die Aufzeichnung: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAv8B6w2LAE&feature=youtu.be>.

Der Bürgerdialog mit der Kanzlerin steht innerhalb der Sozialforschung dafür, dass die standardisierte und quantitativ ausgerichtete Survey-Forschung gegenwärtig um qualitative Erhebungsmethoden (Mixed Methods) erweitert wird.

Auf Basis des SOEP laufen derzeit neben dem Bürgerdialog fünf wissenschaftliche Projekte, bei denen zufällig ausgewählte Menschen nicht nur in Fragebögen vorgegebene Angaben machen, sondern direkt mit Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftlern ins Gespräch kommen.



Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel im Bürgerdialog mit 60 zufällig ausgewählten SOEP-Befragten

2. Newsletter "Mikrodaten für die Zeitgeschichte" erschienen

Zurückgehend auf eine Initiative des Historikers Lutz **Raphael** und des Sozialwissenschaftlers Gert G. **Wagner** soll die systematische Nutzung von Mikrodaten für die zeitgeschichtliche Forschung ausgelotet werden. In diesem Rahmen erscheint auch ein Newsletter, der in betreffendem Themenfeld über anstehende Veranstaltungen und in jüngerer Zeit erschienene Veröffentlichungen informiert.

Soeben ist die zweite Ausgabe dieses Newsletters erschienen und herunterladbar unter http://www.diw.de/id/diw_01.c.514917.de

Data & Service

Coming soon: SOEP data 1984–2014 (v31)

SOEP-Core, DOI: 10.5684/soep.v31

Available by download and free of charge (since we no longer have the production costs and postal charges of the DVD) to all users in EEA countries.

Version 31 is expected to be released not later than November 15, 2015

SOEP-Core international version, DOI: 10.5684/soep.v31i

The International Scientific Use Version of the SOEP data (95%) is available by download and free of charge (since we no longer have the production costs and postal charges of the DVD) to all users outside EEA countries and is expected to be released not later than November 15, 2015, too.

Pre-order now:

SOEP data 1984–2014 (v31)

The SOEP hotline staff will be happy to take your pre-order online:

In English: <http://www.diw.de/SOEPpre-order>

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

After placing your order, you will receive a letter with the passwords. Please store it in a safe place: you will need the passwords—to get both your pre-ordered data and any possible additions or updates. We expect to send you the data in October 2015 via cryptshare.

For users who have never downloaded the SOEP data: We have had positive experiences with online data provision so far and are delighted to continue providing the data by secure online download. We ensure the highest standards of data protection in the transfer of SOEP data to you through use of the program cryptshare (www.cryptshare.com), which offers completely encrypted transfers as well as a personalized link and password. Please note that you will need two different passwords that will be provided to you by the SOEP hotline, one to download the data and one to extract the downloaded zip files.

If further questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact our SOEP hotline staff, either by e-mail at soepmail@diw.de or by telephone at +49–30–89789–292.

CNEF

CNEF users should note that the CNEF version of the SOEP data is no longer being provided by Cornell University. Please contact CNEF@osu.edu at Ohio State University, USA, to order the data.

What's new in SOEP v31

1. Integration of the FiD study (data from 2010 ongoing)

We are pleased to announce that the data release v31 will include the complete data from “Familien in Deutschland” (Families in Germany, FiD) which is being retrospectively integrated into the SOEP and made available in user-friendly form to all SOEP users. The survey has been carried out in parallel to the SOEP as a so-called “SOEP-related study” from 2010 to 2013.

The original SOEP-related study FiD

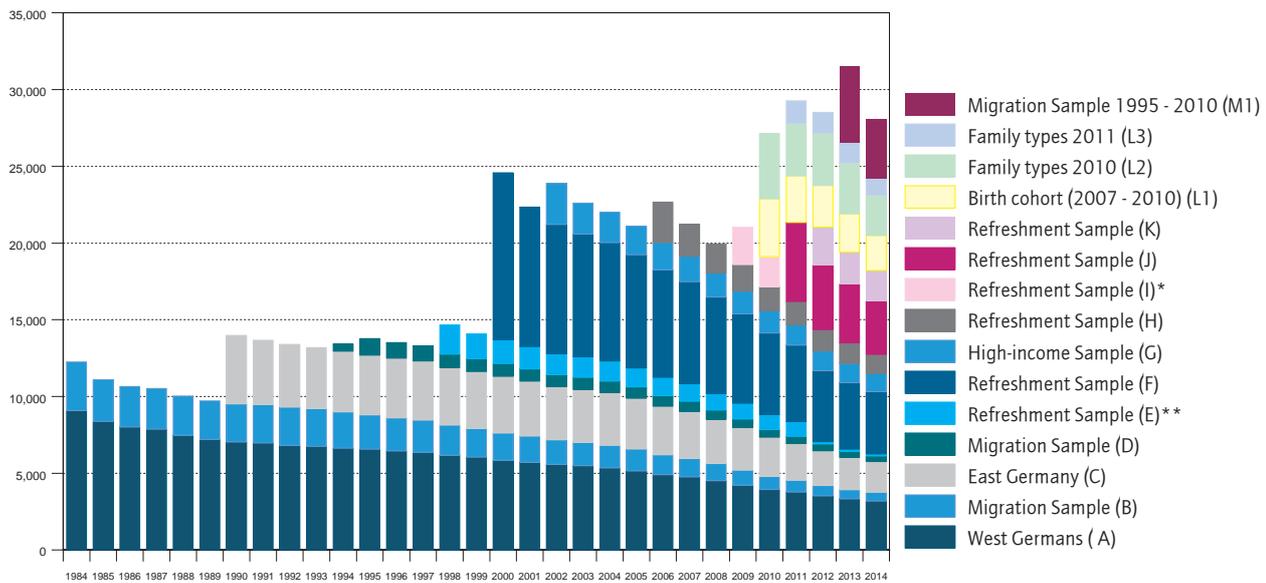
The idea of FiD was to evaluate the full range of public benefits in Germany for married people and families on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs. The datasets available—including the SOEP—were not sufficient for differentiated analysis of the segments of the population targeted by family policies. Particularly problematic were the very small percentages of single parents, families with more than two children, low-income families, and families with very young children in the German population. These groups are of course included in the SOEP, but the number of observations is too small for sound statistical analysis.

Since 2010, the SOEP Research Infrastructure at DIW Berlin has been working in collaboration with TNS Infratest Sozialforschung to survey more than 4,500 households every year. The FiD sample consists of the following subsamples:

- A sample of families in “critical income brackets”
- A sample of single parents
- A sample of families with more than two children
- “Cohort samples” of the 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 (first quarter) birth cohorts.

Development of the Overall SOEP-Core Sample (Availability of subsamples over time)

Respondents



* Since 2011 part of SOEP-IS.

** Since 2011 all CAPI interviews part of SOEP-IS.

Table 1

Value	Old Labels (v30)	New Label (v31)
1	A German West	A Original Sample (DE-West)
2	B Foreigner West	B Migration (up to 1983, DE-West)
3	C German East	C Original Sample (DE-East)
4	D 84-93 Immigrant (West)	D 1994/5 Migration (1984-92/94 DE-West)
5	E Refreshment 1998	E 1998 Refreshment
6	F ISOEP 2000	F 2000 Refreshment
7	G High-Income Test 2002	G 2002 High-Income
8	H Refreshment 2006	H 2006 Refreshment
9	I Incentives 2009	I 2009 Incentivization
10	J Refreshment 2011	J 2011 Refreshment
11	K Refreshment 2012	K 2012 Refreshment
12		L1 2010 Birth Cohorts (2007-2009)
13	M Migration 2013	L2 2010 Family Types
14		L3 2011 Family Types
15		M1 2013 Migration (1995-2010)

A description of the original FiD study can be found in article “Familien in Deutschland – FiD” by Mathis Schröder, Rainer Siegers, and C. Katharina Spieß, *Schmollers Jahrbuch* 133 (4), 2013, 595-606. (<http://dx.doi.org/10.3790/schm.133.4.595>). (Pre-published 2013: *SOEPPapers* 556. Berlin: DIW Berlin).

Integration into SOEP-Core

Starting with Version 31 of the data, the FiD sample will be integrated completely into the SOEP-Core data—that is, as if it were a new sample drawn as part of SOEP-Core in 2010 and 2011. The integration of the FiD sample will result in a significant increase by almost one-third in the number of cases in SOEP-Core since 2010. The figure shows how the new FiD samples L1 to L3 have affected cross-sectional sample size since 2010. The retrospective integration meant that the sample variables had to be adjusted as other subsamples have been added to SOEP-Core since 2010 (see Table 1).

In total, 14,166 variables from 64 datasets have been integrated into the various SOEP datasets, and the generated datasets or variables have been adjusted. Variables in the FiD survey instruments that were not contained in the corresponding SOEP survey instruments have been included in the respective datasets as additional variables (with the

original FiD variable names). Table 2 gives an overview of the number of variables in each of the two main questionnaires that could be integrated.

This means that from 2010 on, SOEP users have more cases in their study population—automatically, as it were—without having to make any changes in scripts. Of course, it may be that certain variables were not collected in FiD and are therefore unavailable for these cases. Here, please refer to our conventional approach to missings, which makes this easy to see on the variable level (see Table 3).

2. Cross-sectional weights 2014

The Federal Statistical Office has adjusted the already-released Microcensus data from 2011 and 2012 for us based on the 2011 census data. This means that in the present SOEP data release (v31), the weights for waves BB and BC will change due to the adjustment to the 2011 census data.

Because v31 will include the data from the SOEP-related study FiD, the integration of these households into the SOEP will increase the overall case number by around one-third and it will also affect the integrated weighting variables. This is due to the additional households as well as to the differentiated consideration of official information on family types in the weighting process. To allow users to test how a new sample may affect their research using the SOEP data, we provide both integrated weights and also separate weights for the old and new samples in the year when a refresher sample was integrated into the SOEP.

3. Other changes

3.1 Adjustment of the *psample* and *hsample* variable

Due to the retrospective integration of the FiD sample, the *psample* variable in *ppfad* and the corresponding *hsample* variable in *hpfad* had to be adjusted (see Table 1)

3.2. Biographical data sets

The following datasets with biographical information were pooled to keep the number of life-course-related datasets to a reasonable level:

biobirth and *biobirthm* → *biobirth*

Women's (*biobirth*) and men's (*biobirthm*) child-birth biographies are merged into the dataset *biobirth* as of v31, of course along with a gender variable.

Table 2

Year	Individual questionnaire (-p) Number of variables integrated	Household questionnaire (-h) Number of variables integrated
2010	314	274
2011	472	172
2012	350	188
2013	363	169

Table 3

Code	Meaning
-1	no answer / don't know
-2	does not apply
-3	implausible value
-4	Inadmissible multiple response
-5	Not included in this version of the questionnaire
-6	Version of questionnaire with modified filtering
-8	Question not part of the survey program this year*

*Only applicable for datasets in long format.

bioage01 to *bioage12* → *bioage1*

Starting with data distribution v31, the age-specific data from the mother/parent-child questionnaires are provided only in the user-friendly “long” format: Rather than as age-specific individual files (e.g., *bioage01*, *bioage03*, ...), all mother-child and parent-child questionnaires are now pooled in the *bioage1* dataset. Consequently, all information on children can now easily be found in one dataset. The documentation on the biographical data includes a syntax to generate the age-specific individual files for those who do need them and information on how to use the new *bioage1* “long” data set most efficiently with SPSS and Stata.

The dataset *bioage17* derived from the youth questionnaire is not included in this *bioage1* dataset.

How to cite SOEP data

Because precise references to data sources are becoming increasingly important in the scientific research community, the SOEP group recommends citing the SOEP data as follows, e.g., for version 31:

English:

Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), data for years 1984-2014, version 31, SOEP, 2015, doi:10.5684/soep.v31.

German:

Sozio-oekonomisches Panel (SOEP), Daten für die Jahre 1984-2014, Version 31, SOEP, 2015, doi:10.5684/soep.v31.

Short Version:

SOEP v31.

Additionally one of the following publications describing the SOEP should be referred to:

- **Wagner**, Gert G., Joachim R. **Frick**, and Jürgen **Schupp**. 2007. The German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)—Scope, Evolution and Enhancements. *Schmollers Jahrbuch* 127 (1), 139-169.
- **Wagner**, Gert G., Jan **Göbel**, Peter **Krause**, Rainer **Pischner**, and Ingo **Sieber**. 2008. Das Sozio-oekonomische Panel (SOEP): Multidisziplinäres Haushaltspanel und Kohortenstudie für Deutschland – Eine Einführung (für neue Datennutzer) mit einem Ausblick (für erfahrene Anwender). *AStA Wirtschafts- und Sozialstatistisches Archiv* 2 (4), 301-328.
- **Schupp**, Jürgen. 2009. 25 Jahre Sozio-oekonomisches Panel – Ein Infrastrukturprojekt der empirischen Sozial- und Wirtschaftsforschung in Deutschland. *Zeitschrift für Soziologie* 38 (5), 350-357.

interviewed for the first time. The target population consists of immigrants to Germany who have arrived since 2010. This focus will make it possible to better describe the dynamic recent evolution of immigration to Germany. The sample will probably cover about 1,200 households and has again been drawn from register data from the Federal Employment Agency. Please note that both samples allow for record linkage of administrative employment and income data with the collected survey data: Respondents are asked to provide explicit consent to record linkage.

2015 User Survey starts in October

Join our User Survey community!

Every year since 2011, we have been inviting you to help us improve our SOEP user services by responding to a brief user survey. With this year's survey, we want to find out not only how our users assess our services but also how researchers work with secondary data. The survey will start in mid-October. We would like to invite both new SOEP users as well as our longtime users to participate.

As soon as the survey is launched, it will be available online here:

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

Second IAB-SOEP Migration Sample in the field

The 2013 IAB-SOEP Migration Sample (for an overview of M1, see [SOEP Survey Paper 216](#)) is our latest migration refreshment to the SOEP sample, carried out in collaboration with the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) in Nuremberg. The target population of the sample included immigrants to Germany since 1995 and also descendants of migrants who were born in Germany and have entered the labor market since 1995. The sampling framework uses register data from the Federal Employment Agency on employment spells and welfare receipt (for details on the sampling procedures, see [SOEP Survey Paper 271](#)).

The 2,700 households in the first IAB-SOEP Migration Sample were interviewed for the first time in 2013. The households in the second IAB-SOEP Migration Sample from 2015 are currently being

Call for Questions: Refugees in Germany

A topic of the 2016 SOEP survey

A short additional module will be included in the 32nd wave of the SOEP dealing with the unabated influx of refugees into Germany in recent months. In addition to the standard SOEP question asking respondents about their concerns regarding immigration to Germany, as well as the regular questions on racism and xenophobia in Germany, we plan to add new questions about civic engagement, donations, and practical aid to refugees within the last year and about willingness to accept more refugees to Germany and to provide asylum.

If you would like to suggest any additional questions on the topic of refugees (ideally short questions, due to the limited space available in the survey, but also questions that might be considered marginal due to their length) that would be relevant to your current or future research and that you think would make sense to include in SOEP 2016, we would be happy to hear from you. soep-surveymanagement@diw.de

Call for Applications: Scholarship opportunities for PhDs and Post Docs

The SOEP, based at DIW Berlin leads, a consortium of research institutes that seek to understand the effects of the recent minimum wage reform in Germany on employment, inequality, and other socio-economic outcomes. The project is funded for three years, from 2015-17, by the Leibniz Association under the title “Evaluating the Minimum Wage Introduction in Germany (EVA-MIN)” (see http://www.diw.de/id/diw_01.c.496963.en for further information). Within the EVA-MIN project, the SOEP is collaborating with the Institute for Employment Research in Nuremberg (IAB) and the University of Potsdam, Chair of Empirical Economics.

As part of the project, we are offering:

1. 7 research stays for doctoral students starting January 2016 for up to three months (or later): salary equivalent to TVöD EG 13 (100%).
2. 6 research stays for post-doctoral students starting January 2016 (or later) for up to two months salary equivalent to TVöD EG 14 (100%).

During their research stays, the scholars are expected to work with the researchers in the EVA-MIN project and pursue their own research on minimum-wage policies, ideally with a focus on Germany. The scholars get access to the SOEP data—including the variables from the recently introduced minimum-wage module—and remote access to the IAB databases.

The working languages are English and German.

Requirements

In order to qualify for the PhD scholarships, candidates must have successfully completed a Research Master in Economics, Econometrics, Sociology, or a related area. Further, candidates should have excellent research and statistical skills.

In order to qualify for the postdoctoral scholarships, candidates must have successfully completed a PhD in Economics, Econometrics, Sociology, or a related area. Further, candidates should have excellent research and statistical skills, and should have demonstrated their abilities to pursue academic research in labor economics and/or policy evaluations.

Please check the official website of DIW Berlin and send your application (motivation letter and complete CV) when the application call is open:

http://www.diw.de/id/diw_01.c.100392.en

For more information please contact the coordinators of the EVA-MIN project at SOEP: Jürgen **Schupp** (jschupp@diw.de) or Carsten **Schröder** (cschroeder@diw.de).

Events & Activities

Big events are on the horizon in Berlin in 2016: The SOEP will be hosting or co-organizing three major international conferences—all in one week.

- First, from June 15-18, there will be the 30th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE).
- Then, on June 20 and 21, the more informal Panel Survey Methods Workshop.
- And finally, on June 22 and 23, the 12th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference.

We look forward to seeing longtime friends and colleagues, meeting new members of our research community, listening to presentations by exciting speakers, and finding out more about fascinating new findings at these three events in Berlin. These events are described in more detail below:

Call for Papers ESPE Conference 2016 June 15-18, 2016, in Berlin



The 30th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) will take place on **June 15-18, 2016**, organized by the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) at the Harnack House, in Berlin.

The aim of the Conference is to facilitate the exchange of research ideas and results across a range of fields, including the economics of the household, labour economics, public economics, demography, and health economics.

Marco **Francesconi** (University of Essex) will serve as the program chair and Daniel D. **Schnitzlein** (DIW Berlin, Leibniz University Hannover) as coordinator of the local organizing team. The keynote speakers will be Marianne P. **Bitler** (University of California-Irvine) and David **Figlio** (Northwestern University). The presidential address will be given by Arthur **van Soest** (Tilburg University). As part of the 30th anniversary of the Society, there will be a series of special sessions delivered by past presidents of ESPE.

Papers must be submitted online at:
<http://editorialexpress.com/conference/ESPE2016/>.

Submissions must include an abstract and, if possible, the complete paper itself in pdf format (one single file, including tables and figures). Preference will be given to submissions that include a complete paper.

The paper submission site will open by November 1, 2015. The **submission deadline is February 1, 2016**. Acceptance decisions will be announced by April 1, 2016. Accepted papers will only be included in the final programme if presenting authors have registered by May 1, 2016. Each participant may present at most one paper but can co-author more than one paper in the program. Graduate students have a reduced registration fee, provided that his/her advisor confirms the student status.

For more details, please visit the conference web page: <http://www.especonferences.org>.

Call for Papers SOEP 2016

12th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference at the WZB | Berlin Social Science Center. Berlin, June 22-23, 2016, in Berlin

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 of 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 File (CNEF) are invited to submit an abstract. We especially encourage submissions on inter-generational mobility in income, wealth, educational attainment, fertility, and related areas.

Keynote speakers

We are pleased to announce as keynote speakers:

Vida **Malarani**, Yale University/USA
Richard **Breen**, University of Oxford/UK

Scientific committee

Reiner **Pollack**, WZB and Freie Universität Berlin
Anette **Fasang**, Humboldt University Berlin, WZB
Jan **Goebel**, DIW Berlin
Jürgen **Schupp**, DIW Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin
Carsten **Schröder**, DIW Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin

Deadline for submission of abstracts: February 29, 2016

Please submit electronic versions of abstracts (up to 300 words) no later than February 29, 2016.

Submitters will be notified whether their paper has been accepted by March 28, 2016.

Prize for best papers

The Society of Friends of the DIW Berlin sponsors awards for the three best papers and the best poster at the conference, together with the Joachim R. Frick Memorial Prize. The SOEP2016 scientific committee will act as the jury, and the awards will be presented at the end of the conference.

Financial support

We ask presenters to pay their own travel costs. If unable, we may provide partial reimbursement of expenses (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

Jan **Goebel**, Carsten **Schröder**, and Christine **Kurka**

If you have any further questions concerning submissions of papers, please contact the local organizers at: soep2016@diw.de

Panel Survey Methods Workshop 2016

The next Panel Survey Methods Workshop (PSMW) will be hosted by the SOEP at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin on Monday, June 20 and Tuesday, June 21, 2016.

The aim of the workshop is to foster discussion and initiate methodological research specific to the collection of panel survey data. The format of the meeting will be informal, designed to encourage interaction and collaboration. This will be the fifth biennial PSMW. Previous workshops took place in Colchester, UK; Mannheim, Germany; Melbourne, Australia; and Ann Arbor, USA. The main topics of the 2016 PSMW in Berlin include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Measurement error, including panel conditioning, seam effects, recall error, and dependent interviewing
- Mixed-mode data collection, including ef-

fects on cost, measurement error, attrition, and logistics and methods for identifying selection versus measurement effects

- Attrition and non-response, including effects of survey design features, assessment of bias, methods to minimize effects, and adjustment methods (weighting and imputation)
- Role of interviewers in longitudinal surveys
- Challenges of cross-national longitudinal data
- Paradata, including collection and use in longitudinal surveys
- Sampling issues, including refreshment sampling and following rules
- Use of administrative data in longitudinal surveys
- Other innovations in longitudinal surveys, including biomarkers, online panels, use of new technologies, linking data sources, consent issues, and experimental designs.

For more information please contact the local organizer of the workshop Martin Kroh (mkroh@diw.de).

Report: SOEP @ ESRA 2015 in Reykjavik/Iceland

This year, SOEP had an exhibition stand at the sixth conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), held at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik from July 13-17, 2015.

Information was provided about the wide range of analyses that can be carried out with the SOEP data with a focus on survey research. At the stand,

*Photo (from left to right):
Our SOEPteam@ESRA 2015
in Reykjavik: Martin Kroh,
David Richter, Marcel Hebing,
Christine Kurka, Luisa Hilgert,
Jürgen Schupp, Knut Wenzig,
Carsten Schröder*



conference attendees had the opportunity to try out the grip strength test, a recognized tool used in the SOEP to measure respondents' general health status. This test has proven to be a favorite



Photo: Philipp Eisnecker, Simon Kühne, Christian Westermeier, Luisa Hilgert at ESRA 2015

among visitors to the SOEP stand at conferences. Attendees were also able to compare grip strength test results in the SOEP to those from the UK Household Longitudinal Study (Understanding Society) at ISER (University of Essex), which uses the same instrument in its survey. Conveniently, SOEP and UKHLS had their stands side by side in the exhibition area. Last but not least, attendees who stopped by the SOEP stand were able to test our new information system, paneldata.org, which is the relaunched version of the old SOEPinfo.

Twelve SOEP staff members were in Reykjavik to present recent findings and new survey methodologies based on research using the different SOEP (sub)samples. Several members of the SOEP also chaired sessions. Topics of presentations included experiments run in the SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS), such as the SOEP-IS Risk Module, which consists of two incentive-compatible behavioral risk-taking tasks involving described and experienced risk. It extends the SOEP by providing an assessment of individual differences that may predict real-world outcomes, such as employment, financial, and health decisions that are partly guided by individuals' risk tendencies. <https://exp.psycho.unibas.ch/cds/rfrey/demo/soep/info.php> (in German)

Presentations at ESRA 2015 by SOEP staff members:

Simon Kühne, Martin Kroh: “Using panel data to identify interviewer effects? A comparison with common interviewer effect identification strategies”

Jürgen Schupp, Denise Saßenroth: “Changing from CAPI to CAWI in an ongoing household panel—experiences from the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)”

Christian Westermeier, Markus M. Grabka: “Estimating the Performance of Alternative Multiple Imputation Methods on Longitudinal Wealth Data”

Marcel Hebing: “Using a generic process model to implement metadata-driven applications—the example of DDI on Rails”

Marco Giesselmann, Michael Windzio (University of Bremen): “Modelling change as an event or as discrete state? A comparison of event-history analysis and panel regression”

Luisa Hilgert, David Richter, and Martin Kroh: “Mode Effects in Personality Measurement—An Experimental Investigation of the Interviewer’s Influence”

Philipp S. Eisnecker, Martin Kroh: “Timing and Consequences of Record Linkage in Panel Studies”.

Sessions chaired by SOEP staff members:

Knut Wenzig (convenor): Structured Metadata: applications, processes, perspectives.

Carsten Schröder (convenor), David Richter (coordinator): Web-based Surveys and Mobile Devices

Report: SOEP @ Vfs Conference 2015

From September 6-9, 2015, SOEP had an information booth at the Annual Meeting of the “Verein für Socialpolitik,” the largest association of German-speaking economists in the world.

This year, the conference was held at and organized by the University of Muenster. The overarching theme was “Economic Development—Theory and Policy.” Plenary lecturers were given by Oriana **Bandiera** of the London School of Economics (“Incentives for Public Service Delivery”), Matthias **Doepke** of Northwestern University (“Knowledge Transmission and Long Run Development”), Pascaline **Dupas** of Stanford University (“Design and Effectiveness of Public Health Subsidies in Developing Countries”) and Fabrizio **Zilibotti** of the University of Zurich (“China: The Great Convergence and Beyond”). The theme of the conference was also addressed in a panel discussion.

Numerous papers presented at the conference were based on applied research, many using SOEP data, including: “How does Education Improve Cognitive Skills? Instructional Time versus Timing of Instruction” by Sarah **Dahmann** of SOEP/DIW Berlin ([SOEPpaper No. 769](#)), “Deindustrialization and the Polarization of Household Incomes: The Example of Urban Agglomerations in Germany” by Martin **Gornig** of DIW Berlin and Jan **Goebel** of SOEP/DIW Berlin ([SOEPpaper No. 755](#)), “Sowing the Wind and Reaping the Whirlwind? The Effect of Wind Turbines on Residential Well-Being” by Alexander **Zerrahn** of DIW Berlin and Christian **Krekel** of SOEP/DIW Berlin ([SOEPpaper No. 760](#)).

Many conference attendees stopped by the SOEP stand and mentioned how much they value the quality and diversity of the SOEP data. A number of attendees also took advantage of the opportunity to try out the SOEP grip strength test and compare their results with those of SOEP respondents.

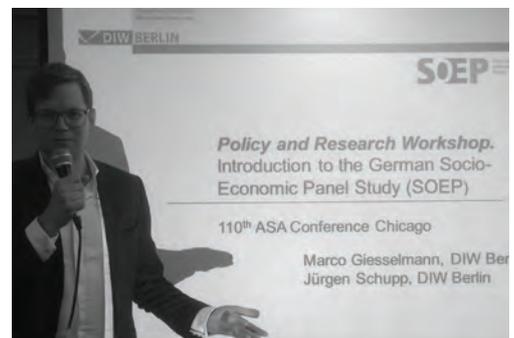
See [here](#) for a list of all SOEP-based papers presented at the 2015 Annual Conference of the “Verein für Socialpolitik.”



Photo: Christine Kurka, SOEP, and Renate Bogdanovic, DIW Berlin and SOEP stands at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik

Report: SOEP @ ASA 2015

The SOEP has a strong track record of participation in the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (ASA). For this year’s meeting, which was held on August 21-24 in Chicago, we extended our connection with the sociological community in the USA further by establishing a workshop at the ASA conference devoted to SOEP data and longitudinal analysis. Our workshop was conducted by Marco **Giesselmann**. The conference committee granted the workshop exceptional visibility by selecting it for the ASA Student Forum’s Professional Development Certificate Program.



The workshop responded to the increasing relevance of longitudinal data in empirical sociological practice. Marco Giesselmann gave a short introduction to the SOEP and its innovative features. The main focus was on the content, structure, organization, and documentation of the data. Furthermore, the participants discussed the benefits of panel data in terms of validating causal claims and performing life-course research. The workshop attracted both new and experienced SOEP researchers who are currently working on studies with longitudinal data. In the last part of the workshop, we discussed issues of international comparisons with

some distinguished experts in this field, among them Leen **Vandecasteele** (University of Tübingen) and Asaf **Levanon** (University of Haifa). Participants discussed general issues of comparability, but also the research potentials of international comparison based on country-specific household panels like the SOEP, PSID, HILDA, RLMS-HSE and Understanding Society.

SOEP Brown Bag Seminars

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.



Sybille **Luhmann** and Christian **Westermeier** have taken over the organization of the seminar series from Sarah **Dahmann** and Christian **Krekel**. We are very grateful to Sarah and Christian for her outstanding work and to Sybille **Luhmann** and Christian **Westermeier** for their willingness to take on the task of organization.



If you would like to participate, please contact Sybille **Luhmann** and Christian **Westermeier**. If you are interested in finding out more about past presentations, please contact the presenters directly.

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Presentations in the last six months have included:

Sabine **Hommelhoff** (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg): Refuting the Cliché of the Distrustful Manager. April 8, 2015.

Adrian **Chadi** (University of Trier): Do People Mean What They Say? Revisiting the Implications for Subjective Survey Data. April 27, 2015.

Clemens **Hetschko** (Freie Universität Berlin): The Impact of Job Loss on Risk-taking. May 20, 2015

Martina **Dieckhoff** (WZB), Johannes **Giesecke** (HU Berlin): Trends of unemployment scarring over time in Germany. June 3, 2015.

Peter **Krause** (DIW Berlin/SOEP): Datenentwicklung und Datenstruktur bei SOEPlong. June 17, 2015.

Mathias **Schumann** (University of Hamburg): The Effect of Minimum Wages on Firm-Financed Training—Evidence from the German Construction Sector. July 15, 2015.

People & Papers

SOEP People: Five questions to Thorsten Schneider



Thorsten Schneider is a professor of sociology at the University of Leipzig. He was a research associate in the SOEP from 2000 to 2005. During this time, he also wrote his dissertation on social origins and educational outcomes, and he received his doctor's degree from the University of Zurich (Switzerland) in 2005. To this day, his main research areas include educational sociology, comparative social structural research, generational relations, and methods of longitudinal analysis. We talked to Thorsten Schneider about the role of sociology in society, the connection between education and religion, and about why research should never be “me-search”.

1. *How did you decide to study sociology?*

I did community service in lieu of military service, working for the protestant church commissioner for foreigners in the region of Germany I come from. The experiences I had there showed me that society is not very open towards immigrants or minorities. I was undoubtedly very idealistic at that time and believed that a better society was possible. But over the course of my studies in sociology, I gave up my idealistic notions about the subject. But I don't think that's a bad thing. I am a researcher. And research is not politics. The point is to describe and to explain what you observe, and you shouldn't mix that with your own political attitudes and convictions.

2. *You said you gave up your idealistic views about sociology. What is it that makes sociology so interesting for you today?*

What makes sociology so interesting is the same thing makes every scientific field so interesting. You have a research question, you derive hypotheses from it, and you test them. In so doing, you produce new knowledge. And where that will eventually lead is an open question. You also sometimes get results that surprise you. For example, we used the SOEP data to study whether religion affects children's educational outcomes. Actually, one would assume that this is not the case—especially in East Germany, where so few people have any religious affiliation at all. Yet what we found was that in East Germany, the percentage of academic-track secondary school students was higher among Catholics and Protestants than it was among non-religious students.

3. *You grew up on a farm in Hunsrück between the Rhine and Mosel Rivers. Did your childhood there play any role in your career choice?*

Well, as an educational sociologist, my research deals with questions like: What chances does a working-class child have of getting a higher education? It's fairly obvious what that might have to do with my own biography. I grew up on a farm without many role models for the career path I chose. None

of the adults in my family had gone to university. But for me, research is not “me-search”. My personal experiences don't influence my research. You have to keep a distance from what you are studying. You can't analyze data and choose methods from the standpoint of your own biography. You need a certain distance or your focus will become too narrow. After all, personal perception is highly selective.

4. *Do you have days when you wish you had gone into a different field than research?*

As a researcher, especially at the level of my position, you have a great deal of freedom. You don't have a boss who tells you specifically what you should research. The unpleasant part about a career in research is when your papers are rejected. Oftentimes the referee reports actually do help. Many make good points and you're able to improve your paper. But sometimes they are just devastating. And when you get a rejection, it brings you down. That's why it's so important to have a real passion for what you do. Tough periods and dry spells will come, and you have to know why it is that you're doing what you're doing.

5. *You've been working with the SOEP data for 17 years now. What makes the SOEP so interesting for you?*

The great thing about the SOEP data is that they've been collected annually since 1984 so you can follow changes over time—in fact, over a very long period of time. Of course, there are a whole series of studies that ask their respondents retrospective questions about what happened at a particular point in time in the past. But people have memory gaps. For instance, if you asked me when I started pre-school I wouldn't be able to give you a precise answer. With the SOEP, you don't have those kinds of problems. The same people are interviewed on a regular basis—once every year. That gives you much more reliable information.

See our interview in a video in the DIW Mediathek (in German)



DIW Berlin's 90th anniversary: A conversation with Jürgen Schupp

DIW Berlin celebrated its 90th anniversary this year. We talked with SOEP Director Jürgen Schupp about the special role the Socio-Economic Panel plays in one of the leading economic research institutes in Germany and Europe.

DIW Berlin was founded 90 years ago as an economic research institute focused primarily on business cycle analysis. Where do you see the institute's strengths in the year 2015?

When I started at the DIW as a young research associate 30 years ago, our microanalytical project group, which was funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), was fairly exotic within the more macroeconomically oriented DIW. Today, when you look at the research being done by the most recent graduates of the DIW Graduate Center, you see a balance between micro and macro analysis. In my view, this methodological diversity and the connection between macro and micro analysis is the defining strength of DIW Berlin today.

What role does the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) play within DIW Berlin?

It plays a very special role. As one of the world's leading long-term household panel studies, the SOEP provides the material for cutting-edge research, not only in economics but also in a wide range of other social scientific disciplines including psychology. The longitudinally structured data also offer a current, representative basis for evidence-based policy advice by the DIW itself, by the member institutes of the Leibniz Association, but also by many other research institutes worldwide. The SOEP has received outstanding ratings in numerous evaluations over the last 20 years both for its research output and for the quality of its infrastructure services.

Over the past 90 years, the DIW has gone through some stormy times as well. What role do controversies play within the institute?

Controversies provide the raw material for new ways of explaining and solving problems. In economics, but in all other research areas as well, competition for the best explanations and unbiased, evidence-based analysis is far superior to "official positions" or ideologically driven positions on issues.

What social developments do you see as key challenges facing our society in the coming decade?

The refugee issue will be one of the most important challenges. We will have to grapple with questions of how to foster successful integration and how to maintain social harmony and a tolerant, civil, and free and democratic society. These, along with the classic, primarily economic questions, will be the key themes in the next ten years.

What do you personally wish the DIW Berlin on its 90th anniversary?

I wish the DIW consistent support from its funding bodies. And I wish it success and a modicum of luck in its applications for competitively awarded funding. Both of these will benefit the institute's freedom to set its own priorities and focal points in providing outstanding research, relevant policy advice, user-friendly infrastructure, and sustainable knowledge transfer, and will raise the institute's visibility at both the national and international level.

Fifth cohort of FAMS

Trainees in market and social research join the SOEP in September

A successful model for training a new generation of data professionals

Since autumn of 2011, the SOEP has been offering in-house traineeships to students who are studying to be specialists in market and social research (Fachangestellte für Markt- und Sozialforschung, FAMS), a three-year degree program that is part of the German dual system of vocational training. The fifth cohort of FAMS students started in September: Selin **Kara** and Stefan **Zimmermann**.

The two graduates from the first cohort, Janine **Napieraj** and Florian **Griese**, were hired by the SOEP after graduating in summer 2014. They provide support to the SOEP research staff in survey management and on one project with outside funding. The two FAMS from the second and third cohorts, Marius **Pahl** and Carolin **Stolpe**, have been working in the SOEP on data documentation and data generation since completing their degrees. Both will be starting university studies in October in business information technology and media information technology, respectively. They both plan to continue working for the SOEP as student assistants. Marvin **Petrenz**, who was part of the fourth cohort of FAMS, is close to completing his interim exams for his FAMS degree and has been working successfully on several SOEP projects.

FAMS trainer Knut **Wenzig** and his predecessor Michaela **Engelmann** are enthusiastic. According to Knut Wenzig, “FAMS master the entire range of tasks of a research data infrastructure—from developing questionnaires, preparing data, and compiling documentation to providing support to users the world over. The SOEP benefits greatly from their skills and reliability. And they benefit from working in an outstanding research environment.”

SOEP Director Jürgen **Schupp** is convinced that an outstanding research infrastructure like the SOEP needs highly skilled specialists in market and social research who do sophisticated research-oriented work. “Our FAMS are an ideal complement to our team. Our users are also getting to know and appreciate them for the competent and reliable services they provide as part of the SOEP,” he says.



Photo (from left): Florian Griese, Janine Napieraj, Marius Pahl, Carolin Stolpe, Selin Kara, Marvin Petrenz, Stefan Zimmermann, and SOEP Director Jürgen Schupp

Staff and community news

We would like to welcome Charlotte **Bartels** at the SOEP. Charlotte will be studying inequality and poverty across different countries and analyzing the role institutions play in contributing to inequality and social welfare. Prior to joining DIW Berlin, Charlotte coordinated the PhD program “Public Economics and Inequality” at the Free University of Berlin. She did her PhD in “Insurance and incentives in the German welfare state” at the FU from 2009 to 2013. She will be working as a Post-Doc in the SOEP in the area of international comparative distribution analysis.



Frederike **Esche**, graduate student at the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) and member of the SOEP team from 2010 to 2013, successfully defended her dissertation “Mine, yours or our problem? Does unemployment affect the life satisfaction within couples and does it increase the risk of partnership dissolutions?” on September 17 at the Humboldt University, Berlin.



SOEP researcher Nicolas **Legewie** and Christian **Schmitt** were invited to speak to various members of German parliament about aspects of demographic change as part of the event “Leibniz im



Bundestag 2015” this April. Nicolas Legewie met personally with Members of Parliament Oliver Kaczmarek and Dr. Philipp Lengsfeld, as well as Helmut Uwer from Martin Patzelt's office. They discussed issues of education, migration, and upward social mobility. Christian Schmitt spoke personally with Members of Parliament Johannes Singhammer, Sven Schulz, and Kerstin Radomski and discussed topics related to population development, childlessness, and fertility behavior.



On October 1, Michaela von **Schwarzenstein** will begin working in the SOEP administrative office. She will be taking over for Christiane Nitsche for one year while Christiane is on maternity leave. Michaela von Schwarzenstein is an administrative assistant for office communication and can be reached by e-mail at mschwarzenstein@diw.de or soepoffice@diw.de or under the telephone extension -671.

Carsten **Schröder** (FU Berlin), Deputy Head of the Research Infrastructure SOEP, has been elected to the International Board of Directors of the [LIS Cross National Data Center in Luxembourg](#). He follows Gert G. Wagner, who took the position of the late Joachim R. Frick on the Board three years ago. The Chairman of the Board is renowned British economist Sir Tony Atkinson (Oxford University), who is mainly known to a larger audience for his research in the field of inequality. The LIS Cross National Data Center, formerly known as Luxembourg Income Study, provides the worldwide scientific community international comparable research data on income, wealth, and employment of private households for more than 50 countries. Germany is represented in the LIS Database with SOEP data.



Jürgen **Schupp** was appointed in September 2015 to the advisory board to the administration of the project “Zivilgesellschaft in Zahlen” (civil society in figures) of the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft, a non-profit organization promoting science and education in Germany. His term is for two years.

Doreen **Triebe**, graduate student at the DIW GC and until 2014 working in the SOEP, has successfully defended her dissertation on “To marry or not to marry: essays on partnership formation and economic labor market behavior of married and cohabiting couples” on July 1, 2015, at TU Berlin.



Ingrid **Tucci** will be leaving the SOEP on November 1. She applied to the 2015 researchers' competition of the French National Center for Scientific Research in the area of sociology, and her achievements and research were evaluated as the best. Starting in November, she will be working at the CNRS Institute of Labour Economics and Industrial Sociology ([LEST—Laboratoire d’Economie et de Sociologie du Travail](#)). Her comparative research there will focus on processes of ethnic boundary-making and inequality on the labor market. She will remain connected with the SOEP and DIW Berlin as head of the DFG project on “Transition to adulthood among the children of Turkish immigrants: A mixed-methods study based on the SOEP data.”

Gert G. **Wagner** has been elected Speaker of [Section B “Economics, Social Sciences, Spatial Research”](#) of the Leibniz Association. He will be a member of its Executive Board for the next two years. The member institutes of the Leibniz Association form five sections that reflect its scientific profile and expertise. The main tasks of the Sections are to drive the sharing of scientific experience and cooperation and to promote junior researchers. The Sections are involved in developing the evaluation criteria. Business is conducted at Section conferences which are held regularly. Every Section chooses a Speaker who represents them on the Executive Board and other committees.





Uwe **Sunde**, longtime SOEP user and recently elected as deputy chairman of the SOEP Survey Committee, has been awarded the renowned Gossen Prize of the “Verein für Socialpolitik” at its annual conference. The

Gossen Prize is awarded every year to honor a German-speaking economist working in central Europe, whose work has gained international renown. The aim of the award is to promote the internationalization of economic research by residents of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The most important criterion for the prize is publications in internationally recognized journals, and it comes with prize money in the amount of 10,000 euros.

Important decisions made at SOEP Survey Committee meeting

On July 3, the annual meeting of the SOEP Survey Committee (SOEP-SC) took place in Berlin, headed by Prof. Rainer **Winkelmann**. The Survey Committee welcomed two new members, Prof. Susann **Rohwedder** (RAND) and Prof. Uwe **Sunde** (LMU).

The SOEP-SC approved plans for the SOEP Innovation Survey, which is now in the field. The SOEP plans for the 2016 survey were also approved. These include cooperation with the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) and the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) in Nuremberg with the aim of creating a sample of refugees and asylum-seekers and surveying them annually, as with the SOEP samples.

A presentation of the metadata platform developed and operated by the SOEP, <https://paneldata.org>, and the SOEP’s plans to continue developing and expanding the platform, met with great interest and approval by the SOEP-SC.

Last but not least, the SOEP-SC approved the revised SOEP mission, which now also includes a vision statement. Our revised mission can be found [here](#).

Longtime SOEP-SC members Guillermina **Jasso** and Peter **Lynn** will complete their term at the end of 2015. We are very grateful to both of them for their commitment to the SOEP and for the important ideas they have contributed for improving our work.

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 **Fedorets**: Presentation of the EVA-MIN Project. The German Minimum Wage—First Evidence and Experiences from Other Countries. *International IAB Workshop*, October 29–30, 2015, Nuremberg/Germany.

Jan **Goebel**, Anita **Kottwitz**: Messung prekärer Wohlfahrtslagen. Lebensqualitätsforschung zwischen Wissenschaft und Politikberatung. *Jahrestagung der DGS-Sektion, Soziale Indikatoren*, October 1–2, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**, Andrea **Schäfer**, Mechthild **Schroten**: Wie messen wir Stand und Fortschritt der Genderungleichheit? Monitoring sozialökonomische Ungleichheit. *Workshop des WSI der HBS*, November 18, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Peter **Krause**: Indikatoren der Einkommensarmut vor und nach Berücksichtigung von Wohnkosten und Multiple Armutsmessung. Lebensqualitätsforschung zwischen Wissenschaft und Politikberatung. *Jahrestagung der DGS-Sektion 'Soziale Indikatoren'*, October 1–2, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Peter **Krause**: Partial Deprivation—a Contribution to the Identification and Aggregation of Income based Uni- and Multidimensional Poverty Applications. The Future of Quality of Life. *2015 Annual Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS)*, October 15–17, 2015, Phoenix, AZ/USA.

Peter **Krause**: Quality of Life—Capability Approach—Sustainable Development. Conceptual Relations and Empirical Applications. The Future of Quality of Life. *2015 Annual Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS)*, October 15–17, 2015, Phoenix, AZ/USA.

Peter **Krause**, Jürgen **Schupp**: 25 Years after Unification: Development and Adaptation of Living Conditions in Germany. *Lecture Series in the Willy Brandt Center for German and European Studies*, November 19, 2015, Wrocław/Poland.

Christian **Krekel**, Jens **Kolbe**, Henry **Wüstemann**: The Greener, The Happier? The Effects of Urban Green

and Abandoned Areas on Residential Well-Being. Ageing as a Lifelong Process. 68th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA 2015), November 18–22, 2015, Orlando, CA/USA.

Anne **Nassauer**, Nicolas **Legewie**: Visual Data Analysis: Towards a methodological framework for a novel trend in studying behavior. Analysing violence on the basis of video footage and interactional theory. Research workshop, October 1–2, 2015, Copenhagen/Denmark.

Paper presentations in the last three months

Silke **Anger**, Sarah **Dahmann**: The Impact of Education on Personality—Evidence from a German High School Reform. *Ökonomische Entwicklung – Theorie und Politik. Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik 2015*, September 6–9, 2015, Münster/Germany.

Thomas **Bahle**, Peter **Krause**: Development of Child Poverty in Germany. UNICEF-Project: Children of the Recession. Workshop, September 28–29, 2015, Florence/Italy.

Sarah **Dahmann**: How does education improve cognitive skills? Instructional Time versus Timing of Instruction. *Ökonomische Entwicklung – Theorie und Politik. Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik 2015*, September 6–9, 2015, Münster/Germany.

Philipp S. **Eisnecker**, Martin **Kroh**: Timing and Consequences of Record Linkage in Panel Studies. 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Benedikt **Fecher**, Marcel **Hebing**, Sascha **Friesike**: Data Availability and Reuse—Results of an Empirical Study Among German Researchers. 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Alexandra **Fedorets**: Presentation of the EVA-MIN Project. 4th Potsdam PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics/EVA-MIN Summer School, September 21–24, 2015, Potsdam/Germany.

Alexandra **Fedorets**, Michael **Stops**: Job Matching on Connected Occupational and Regional Labor Markets. (1) 30th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, August 25–27, 2015, Mannheim/Germany, (2) *Ökonomische Entwicklung – Theorie und Politik. Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik 2015*, September 6–9, 2015, Münster/Germany.

Marco **Giesselmann**, Michael **Windzio**: Modelling change as an event or as discrete state? A comparison of event-history analysis and panel regression. 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Marco **Giesselmann**, Michael **Windzio**: Impacts of Social and Labor Market Policies on Economic and Subjective Living Conditions. from POVERTY to PARTIES & INSTITUTIONS to INEQUALITY: Linking Structural Inequalities to Social Policy-Making. BIGSSS International Conference 2015, September 24–25, 2015, Bremen/Germany.

Martin **Gornig**, Jan **Goebel**: Deindustrialization and the Polarization of Household Incomes: The Example of Urban Agglomerations in Germany. *Ökonomische Entwicklung – Theorie und Politik. Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik 2015*, September 6–9, 2015, Münster/Germany.

Markus **Grabka**: Persönlichkeitsstruktur von Freiberuflern. Freie Berufe – Empirische Forschung für Wissenschaft, Politik und Praxis. Kolloquium des Forschungsinstituts Freie Berufe (FFB), July 7, 2015, Lüneburg/Germany.

Marcel **Hebing**: Using a generic process model to implement metadata-driven applications—the example of DDI on Rails. 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Luisa **Hilgert**, David **Richter**, Martin **Kroh**: Mode Effects in Personality Measurement—An Experimental Investigation of the Interviewer’s Influence. 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Elke **Holst**, Andrea **Schäfer**, Mechthild **Schrooten**: Gender specific Remittances before and after the Economic Crisis: The Case of Germany. 24th IAFFE Annual Conference—International Association for Feminist Economics, July 16–18, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Peter **Krause**, Nicole **Rippin**: From Income to Multidimensional Poverty Measures: Characteristics and Empirical Application for Germany 1994–2013. Capabilities on the Move: Mobility and Aspirations. 2015 HDCA Annual Conference, September 10–13, 2015, Washington D.C./USA.

Christian **Krekel**, Jens **Kolbe**, Henry **Wüstemann**: The Greener, The Happier? The Effects of Urban Green and Abandoned Areas on Residential Well-Being. (1) Understanding Society Scientific Conference 2015, Ju-

ly 21–23, 2015, Essex/UK, (2) 30th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, August 24–27, 2015, Mannheim/Germany, (3) Second European Health Association (EuHEA) PhD Student - supervisor conference, September 2–4, 2015, Paris/France.

Christian **Krekel**, Alexander **Zerrahn**: Sowing the Wind and Reaping the Whirlwind? The Effect of Wind Turbines on Residential Well-Being. (1) Advanced Empirical Methods in Environmental and Innovation Economics. 17th ZEW Summer Workshop for Young Economists, July 6–9, 2015, Mannheim/Germany, (2) 11th World Congress of the Econometric Society, August 17–21, 2015, Montreal/Canada, (3) 30th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, August 24–27, 2015, Mannheim/Germany, (4) Ökonomische Entwicklung – Theorie und Politik. Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik 2015, September 6–9, 2015, Münster/Germany.

Simon **Kühne**, Martin **Kroh**: Does Personalized Feedback Increase Respondent Motivation? (1) 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland, (2) 12th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA 2015), August 25–28, 2015, Prague/Czech Republic.

Simon **Kühne**, Martin **Kroh**: Using panel data to identify interviewer effects? A comparison with common interviewer effect identification strategies. 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Nicolas **Legewie**, Ingrid **Tucci**: Diskriminierung im Lebenslauf – Die Nachkommen der Gastarbeiter in Deutschland (poster presentation). Bildungsprozesse und Bildungsverläufe. 2. BIEN-Jahrestagung, September 17–18, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

David **Richter**, Richard E. **Lucas**, Jürgen **Schupp**: Triangulation of subjective well-being in the German Socio-Economic Panel Study. 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Daniel D. **Schnitzlein**, Silke **Anger**: Cognitive Skills, Non-Cognitive Skills And Family Background: Evidence From Sibling Correlations. (1) 30th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, August 24–27, 2015, Mannheim/Germany, (2) Ökonomische Entwicklung – Theorie und Politik. Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik 2015, September 6, 2015, Münster/Germany.

Carsten **Schröder**: The Minimum Wage in Germany: Presentation of the EVA-MIN Project. 4th Potsdam PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics/EVA-MIN Summer School, September 21–24, 2015, Potsdam/Germany.

Carsten **Schröder**, David **Richter**: Web-based surveys and mobile devices. Symposium at the 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Introduction, Data Access SOEP and Research Funding. Presentation of the EVA-MIN Project. 4th Potsdam PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics/EVA-MIN Summer School, September 21–24, 2015, Potsdam/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**, Denise **Saßenroth**: Changing from CAPI to CAWI in an ongoing household panel—experiences from the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP). 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Mila **Staneva**, Adrian **Hille**, C. Katharina **Spieß**: Die Inanspruchnahme von Nachhilfe: Sozio-ökonomische Unterschiede und ihre Entwicklung über die Zeit (poster presentation). Bildungsprozesse und Bildungsverläufe. 2. BIEN-Jahrestagung, September 17–18, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Anita **Tiefensee**, Markus **Grabka**: Comparing Wealth : Data Quality of the HFCS. Ökonomische Entwicklung – Theorie und Politik. Jahrestagung des Vereins für Socialpolitik 2015, September 6–9, 2015, Münster/Germany.

Knut **Wenzig**, Daniel **Bela**: Session: Structured Metadata: applications, processes, perspectives. 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Christian **Westermeier**, Markus M. **Grabka**: Estimating the Performance of Alternative Multiple Imputation Methods on Longitudinal Wealth Data. 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), July 13–17, 2015, Reykjavik/Iceland.

Presentations at policy forums (June–December 2015)

Markus **Grabka**: Podiumsdiskussion. Fachveranstaltung zum 5. Armuts- und Reichtumsbericht Rheinland Pfalz, June 22, 2015, Mainz/Germany.

Markus **Grabka**: Die Vermögensverteilung in Deutschland. Expertengespräch mit der Grünen Bundestagsfraktion, Arbeitskreis 1, June 30, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Markus **Grabka**: Auf dem Weg in eine 3-Klassen-Medizin? Die Entwicklung der privaten Krankenzusatzversicherungen in Deutschland. Spreestadt-Forum der TU Berlin, July 13, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Adrian **Hille**: Access to and effects of music education in Germany. Nordisk konference musikskoler og kulturskoler, September 24–25, 2015, Aalborg/Denmark.

Elke **Holst**: Der Gender Pay Gap – Entwicklung, Ursachen und Folgen. Entgeltunterschiede beseitigen – Brandenburg für gleichen Lohn für gleichwertige Arbeit. Veranstaltung des Ministeriums für Arbeit, Soziales, Gesundheit, Frauen und Familie des Landes Brandenburg, June 19, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Chancengleichheit für Frauen in Wissenschaft und Wirtschaft. Podiumsdiskussion. Frauen an die Spitze! – Forschungsergebnisse und Handlungsansätze. Tagung des BMBF, November 25–26, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Arbeitszeitrealitäten und –wünsche aus Gendersicht. Arbeit oder individueller Lebensrhythmus – wer gibt den Takt vor? Optionen für eine lebensphasenorientierte Arbeitszeitgestaltung. Workshop des Bundesministeriums für Arbeit und Soziales (BMAS), December 6, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

University teaching (Winter semester 2015/16)

Marco **Giesselmann**: Research Designs. Seminar. Universität Bielefeld

Marco **Giesselmann**: Einführung in Quantitative Methoden. Vorlesung. Universität Bielefeld

Paul **Schmelzer**: Multivariate Statistics. Seminar. Freie Universität Berlin

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

Carsten **Schröder**: Ökonomie des Wohlfahrtsstaates, Vorlesung, Freie Universität Berlin.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Methodologies and Research Themes of European Comparative Structural Analyses—Focusing on the Research Fields of Labor Markets and Wages, as well as Poverty and Wealth, Seminar, Freie Universität Berlin.

Short-term special courses (May – November 2015)

Alexandra **Fedorets**, Knut **Wenzig**, Marco **Giesselmann**: Einführung und Arbeiten mit dem SOEP. SOEP-campus@Universität Mannheim, June 22–24, 2015, Mannheim/Germany.

Marco **Giesselmann**: Analyse von Paneldaten mit Regressionsmodellen. SOEP-campus@Universität Mannheim, June 22–24, 2015, Mannheim/Germany.

Marco **Giesselmann**: Introduction to the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)—practice, problems and analytical potentials of longitudinal household surveys. ASA 2015 Annual Meeting, August 21–24 2015, Chicago/USA.

Marco **Giesselmann**: Einführung in das Sozio-ökonomische Panel. SOEP-campus@Uni-Bochum. Workshop zur Nutzung des SOEP, May 22–23, 2015, Bochum/Germany.

Marco **Giesselmann**: Partnerdesigns mit dem SOEP. SOEPonCampus, Uni Köln. Workshop zur Nutzung des SOEP, October 22–23, 2015, Cologne/Germany.

Marco **Giesselmann**: Vorstellung des Sozio-ökonomischen Panel. 2. BIEN Jahrestagung, Berlin, September 17–18, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Marco **Giesselmann**: Potentiale des SOEP für die Bildungsforschung. LERN-Nachwuchsworkshop zur Nutzung von komplexen Datenbeständen im Bereich der empirischen Bildungsforschung. September 28–October 2, 2015, Bamberg/Germany.

Elke **Holst**, Andrea **Schäfer**: Introduction to the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) and Applied Survival Analysis. Methods for Ph.D. 9th International Research Workshop (IRWS). September 28–29, 2015, Sankelmark/Germany.

David **Richter**, Gert G. **Wagner**: Introduction to SOEP. The German Socio-Economic Panel as a rich data source for developmental psychology. LIFE Fall Academy (International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course). October 18–22, 2015, Marbach/Germany.

SOEP visitors

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

Abasova, Emylia, FU Berlin/Germany
 Bruhn, Anja, Potsdam Graduate School (PoGS), University of Potsdam /Germany
 Eibich, Peter, University of Oxford/UK
 Esche, Frederike, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS), HU Berlin/Germany
 Kleinjans, Kristin J., California State University, Fullerton, CA/USA
 Kolbe, Jens, TU Berlin/Germany
 Körtner, John, University of Konstanz/Germany
 Morgan, Carolyn, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH/USA
 Ordemann, Jessica, University of Leipzig/Germany
 Weinhardt, Michael, University of Bielefeld/Germany
 Wrátil, Christopher, London School of Economics (LSE)/ UK

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

Berning, Carl, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz/Germany
 Bertsche, Sebastian Andreas, University of Tübingen/Germany
 Burhan, Ayse, University of Tübingen/Germany
 Campa, Pamela, University of Calgary/Canada
 Chadi, Adrian, IAAEU, Trier University/Germany
 Collins, Tracy M., New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL/USA
 Dochow, Stephan, University of Cologne/Germany
 Ebert, Julia, Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich/Germany
 Hegedüs, Istvan, University of Basel/Switzerland
 Hoffmann, Malte, Hamburgisches WeltWirtschaftsinstitut (HWWI), Hamburg/Germany
 Hoherz, Stefanie, ISER, University of Essex/UK
 Markmann, Winfried, RWTH Aachen University/Germany
 Neumann, Dirk, CORE, Louvain-la-Neuve /Belgium
 Nguyen, Nhi Bach, University of Tübingen/Germany
 Okon, Michael, TU Berlin/Germany
 Preuss, Malte, FU Berlin/Germany
 Ramos, Alberto Veira, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid/Spain
 Röber, Gabriela, University of Tübingen/Germany
 Schlipphak, Bernd, Münster University/Germany
 Suppa, Nicolai, TU Dortmund University/Germany
 von Möllendorff, Charlotte, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg/Germany
 Waitkus, Nora, University of Bremen (BIGSSS)/Germany
 Wessling, Katharina, LEAD Graduate School & University of Tübingen/Germany
 Whang, Eunah, FU Berlin/Germany

New data users

Prof. Dr. Michael **Ahlers**: Empirische Studien zur berufspropädeutischen Populärmusikausbildung unter Berücksichtigung arbeitsmarktrelevanter Aspekte. Universität Lüneburg Leuphana, Kunst, Musik und Vermittlung, Lüneburg/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Hanjo **Allinger**: Einführung in die Bildungsökonomische Forschung (SOEP in der Lehre). Technische Hochschule Deggendorf, Fakultät Betriebswirtschaft und Wirtschaftsinformatik, Deggendorf/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Erwin **Amann**: Measuring Income and Poverty. Universität Duisburg-Essen, Fakultät für Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Essen/Germany.

Assistant-Prof. Dr. Sara **Ayllón**: On the poverty-happiness feedback loop. Universitat de Girona, Departament Economia, Girona/Spain.

Assistant-Prof. Lopamudra **Banerjee**: Long term effects of 2003 heatwaves on household welfare conditions in Germany. New School for Social Research, Economics, New York, NY/USA.

Dr. Paul C. **Bauer**: Public Opinion Polarization. WZB Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, Abt. "Migration, Integration, Transnationalisierung", Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Matthias **Baum**: Regional Entrepreneurship – The Impact of Clustering on Individual Pursuit of Entrepreneurial Activities. Technische Universität Kaiserslautern, Lehrstuhl für Entrepreneurship, Kaiserslautern/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Günter W. **Beck**: Risikoeinstellung und Anlagenstrategien von Haushalten. Universität Siegen, Fakultät III: Wirtschaftswissenschaften, European Macroeconomic Studies, Siegen/Germany.

Dr. Joop **De Beer**: The Impact of Changes in the Age at Pension Eligibility on Retirements on Grounds of Poor Health. Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, Den Haag/The Netherlands.

Dr. Luna **Bellani**: The impact of Inequality on Health. Universität Konstanz, Department of Economics, Konstanz/Germany.

Dr. Simone **Bertoli**: Migration Duration, Immigrants' Labor Supply and Remittances. University of Auvergne/CERDI, Economics, Clermont-Ferrand/France.

Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Ulrich **Blum**: Wirtschaftspolitische Strategien zur Kompensation bzw. zum Überwinden der Headquarterlücke. Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Halle (Saale)/Germany.

Dr. Veit **Böckers**: Do socio-economic factors influence application members for Scrappage schemes for automobiles in Germany? Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf, Düsseldorfer Institut für Wettbewerbsökonomie, Dusseldorf/Germany.

Dr. Eric **Bonsang**: Home Production and Retirement in Couples: A Panel Data Analysis. Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research, Living Conditions, Esch-sur-Alzette/Luxembourg.

Prof. Dr. Martina **Brandt**: Pflege und Erwerbsarbeit: Auswirkungen von Pflege durch Frauen auf das Arbeitsangebot ihrer Partner. Technische Universität Dortmund, Fakultät 12 Erziehungswissenschaft, LS Sozialstruktur und Soziologie alternder Gesellschaften, Dortmund/Germany.

Assistant-Prof. Karolien **De Bruyne**: The impact of migration on the social security system in Germany and the UK. University of Leuven, Department of Economics. Brussels/Belgium.

Prof. Dr. Richard **Butler**: Estimating the Effect of Past Risk Behavior on Current Choices. Brigham Young University, Department of Economics, Provo, UT/USA.

Prof. Luca **Corazzini**: Personality traits and economic outcomes. University of Messina, Department of Law Science and History of Institutions, Messina/Italy.

Prof. Manthos D. **Delis**: Diversity and income. University of Surrey, Department of Finance and Accounting, Surrey/UK.

Sumit **Deole**, PhD: Inequality and Life-satisfaction in the post-reunification Germany. Martin-Luther-Universität, Halle-Wittenberg, Wachstum und Entwicklung, Halle (Saale)/Germany.

Prof. Marcus G. **Doherr**: Arbeitsbedingungen und Praxisstrukturen im Wandel: Untersuchung zur Zufriedenheit praktizierender Tierärzte in Deutschland. Freie Universität Berlin, Fachbereich Veterinärmedizin, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Olivier **Donni**: Marriage and Preferences for Risk. Université de Cergy-Pontoise, THEMA-CNRS, Cergy-Pontoise/France.

Dr. Helga **Eberherr**: Familie der Zukunft/Zukunft der Familie (Lehrforschungsprojekt). Philipps-Universität Marburg, Gesellschaftswissenschaften und Philosophie, Marburg/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Tobias **Effertz**: Ökonomische Analyse familienpolitischer Einflüsse auf Humankapital in Deutschland. Universität Hamburg, Institut für Recht der Wirtschaft, Hamburg/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Reyn **van Ewijk**: The risk of obesity—How the global epidemic affects the economy. Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, FB 03: Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Statistik und Ökonometrie, Mainz/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Andreas **Faatz**: Empirisches Projekt im 7. Semester des Studienprogramms angewandte Volkswirtschaftslehre. Hochschule Osnabrück, Fakultät Wirtschaft und Soziales, Osnabrück/Germany.

Prof. Thomas **Faist**, PhD: Transnationalität und die ungleiche Verteilung informeller sozialer Sicherung. Universität Bielefeld, Sociology of Transnationalization, Development & Migration, Bielefeld/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Anette Eva **Fasang**: Befristete Arbeit = befristete Ehe? Zum Einfluss ökonomischer Unsicherheit auf das Scheidungsverhalten in Deutschland. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Doris **Fay**: Zufriedenheit, Wohlbefinden und Selbstwert in stigmatisierten Berufsfeldern unter Berücksichtigung geschlechterdifferentem Berufserfolg. Universität Potsdam, Department für Psychologie, Potsdam/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Charis **Förster**: Frühzeitig eingeschulte Kinder – Bildungsverläufe. Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft (HTW) des Saarlandes, Fakultät für Sozialwissenschaften, Saarbrücken/Germany.

Prof. Vernon **Gayle**: Leaning Right—A comparative sociology rightist populism in Britain and Germany. University of Edinburgh, School of Social and Political Science, Edinburgh/UK.

Dr. Anne C. **Gielen**: Effect of the introduction of minimum wage in Germany on (un)employment. Erasmus University Rotterdam, School of Economics, Rotterdam/The Netherlands.

Prof. Dr. Helmut **Gründl**: Bestimmung der Einflussfaktoren des Kündigungsrisikos für Lebensversicherungen unter Einbezug des demografischen Wandels.

Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, FB Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Frankfurt a. Main/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Oliver **Gürtler**: Hard work or preference? Effects of sexual orientation on labor market outcomes. Universität zu Köln, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Köln/Germany.

Dr. Julia **Gumy**: Job Satisfaction and women's return to work after childbirth. University of Bristol, School for Policy Studies, Bristol/UK.

Prof. Pertti **Haaparanta**: Consumption/saving choice—household-level evidence from Germany. Aalto University School of Business, Aalto/Finland.

Prof. Dr. Christian **Hagist**: Fiskalische Konsequenzen einer Aufhebung der Trennung des Marktes für Krankenversicherungen (Bürgerversicherung) mit Fokus auf der finanziellen Unterstützung für Beamte im Krankheitsfall (Beihilfe). WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management, Vallendar/Germany.

Getinet A. **Haile**, PhD: Labour Market Mobility and Adjustment Costs of Displacement. University of Nottingham, Industrial Economics and Finance, Nottingham University Business School, Nottingham/UK.

Prof. Barton **Hamilton**: Personality and Entrepreneurial Dynamics. Washington University, Olin Business School, St. Louis, MO/USA.

Dr. Susan **Harkness**: Cross-country differences in the effect of lone motherhood on employment, earnings and income. University of Bath, Social and Policy Studies, Bath/UK.

Dr. Ernst Andreas **Hartmann**: Bundesbericht Wissenschaftlicher Nachwuchs 2016. Institut für Innovation und Technik (iit), Gesellschaft und Wirtschaft, Berlin/Germany.

Jun.-Prof. Dr. Annika **Herr**: Kosten der informellen Pflege für die Pflegeperson. Heinrich-Heine-Universität, Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE), Düsseldorf/Germany.

Dr. Michael **Herrmann**: Zusammenhang zwischen Sozialkapital und politischer Partizipation. Universität Konstanz, Politik- und Verwaltungswissenschaft, Konstanz/Germany.

Prof. Cesar A. **Hidalgo**: Connecting_EU! Network analysis of economic development and social cohesion in Europe. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, MA/USA.

Prof. Dr. Norbert **Hirschauer**: Arbeits- und Lebenszufriedenheit abhängig Beschäftigter in der Landwirtschaft. Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Naturwissenschaftliche Fakultät III, Institut für Agrar- und Ernährungswissenschaften, Halle (Saale)/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Saul D. **Hoffmann**: Immigration. University of Delaware, Department of Economics, Newark, DE/USA.

Prof. Dr. Joachim **Hüffmeier**: Der Einfluss vom sozialen Status auf Vertrauen, Prosozialität und Einstellungen. Technische Universität Dortmund, Sozial-, Arbeits- und Organisationspsychologie, Dortmund/Germany.

Dr. Roos **Hutteman**: Mikro- und Makroprozesse der Persönlichkeitsentwicklung. University of Utrecht, Faculty of Social and Behavioural, Developmental Psychology, Utrecht/The Netherlands.

Prof. Dr. Ulrich **Kaiser**: Internet und Datenschutz. University of Zurich, Entrepreneurship, Zurich/Switzerland.

Luke **Keele**, PhD: Sensitivity Analysis for Differences-in-Differences. Pennsylvania State University, Political Science, University Park, PA/USA.

Hyeon-Kyeong **Kim**, PhD: Part-time jobs and income distribution—How the increase in part-time jobs in Germany has affected earnings inequality and household income distribution. Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs, Sejong-si, South Korea.

Dr. F. Kemal **Kizilca**: Gendering labor market outcomes of religiosity among migrant households in Germany. Ankara University, Economics, Cebeci/Turkey.

Prof. Dr. Corinna **Kleinert**: Analyse von Bildungsverläufen und -prozessen mit SOEP-Daten. Leibniz-Institut für Bildungsverläufe e.V., Längsschnittliche Bildungsforschung, Bamberg/Germany.

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Having less, giving more?

Study shows: Middle and upper class people are not less helpful than individuals from the lower social classes

Do people from the upper social classes engage in less prosocial behavior than their lower social class counterparts? For example, do upper class people donate a smaller portion of their income to charity, and are they generally less helpful? Previous psychological studies have actually found that because lower social class individuals are in difficult circumstances themselves, they are more concerned with the welfare of other persons than higher-class individuals are. Martin Korndörfer, Stefan Schmukle, and Boris Egloff recently conducted a study using large representative data sets with up to 37,000 participants. Their study, recently published in PLoS ONE (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0133193>), did not support these results but instead found the opposite effect in the majority of their analyses.

The researchers from the University of Leipzig and the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz examined international data from large surveys such as the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP). The people who responded to these surveys reported their income, education, and job

prestige and provided information about several prosocial behaviors such as donating, volunteering, and helping in everyday situations (e.g., allowing a stranger to go ahead of them in line).

The research team's analyses brought to light an unexpected result: Compared with lower social class individuals, higher social class individuals were more charitable, helpful, generous, and trusting. For example, in a digital real-pay economic game that was designed to measure participants' trust behavior, individuals from the higher social realms gave more to an assigned stranger than individuals from the lower social realms. Interestingly, this main result was predominantly independent of country (Germany, the United States, or one of 28 other countries) and the measure of social class (income, education, job prestige, or subjective social standing).

“These findings are especially important in the context of growing social disparities. They show that individuals from the middle and upper social classes seem to take on the social responsibilities that are ascribed to them to a higher degree than one would expect on the basis of previous psychological studies,” says Martin Korndörfer. The authors attribute this difference in findings to the previously common use of small samples that primarily consisted of American students who simply did not vary in social class.

“Ultimately, higher social class individuals might not always be more (or less) prosocial than people from lower social classes—there are differences that depend on the observed prosocial behavior and important circumstances that have yet to be determined. What we do know for sure is that the statement alleged by many psychologists—that the upper class is generally less helpful—is presumably not true,” summarizes Martin Korndörfer.

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SOEP Wave Report 2014

Under the direction of Sandra **Gerstorf** and Jürgen **Schupp**, a comprehensive SOEP Wave Report has been published again this year. It provides an overview of the SOEP's activities in 2014.

The Wave Report includes TNS Infratest's report on fieldwork for the thirty-first wave of SOEP-

Core, the integration of the Familien in Deutschland (Families in Germany, FiD) sample into SOEP-Core, and the fourth boost sample of SOEP-IS.

Short research papers by members of the SOEP group in this year's Wave Report once again give an overview of some of the current research questions that are being explored with the SOEP data—in particular, studies using the IAB-SOEP Migration Sample and studies on Germany 25 years after reunification.

The [SOEP Wave Report 2014](#) is available for download. A print version can also be obtained upon request (soepmail@diw.de).

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DIW Economic Bulletin

25 years of German Unity: Political orientations still different in East Germany and West Germany

Discrepancies primarily in party affiliation and voter turnout—attitudes toward the welfare state are converging— support for the Left Party remains marginal in the West

Twenty-five years after reunification, East and West Germans continue to show clear differences in their political preferences. This is the result of an analysis carried out by the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin). The investigation covers the years 1990 to 2014 and is based on the most recent data from the long-term Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) study, collected by DIW Berlin in partnership with TNS Infratest Sozialforschung; official data from the Federal and State Election Officials; and data from the German General Social Survey (ALLBUS).

“Even though two East Germans—Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Joachim Gauck—hold the top political positions in Germany, there are only limited signs of unity in citizens’ political attitudes and their participation in the political process,” explains Martin Kroh, Deputy Head of the SOEP at DIW Berlin, Professor of Political Science at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, and one of the authors of this study.

East Germans have fewer long-term affiliations to political parties

When it comes to interest in politics, no clear trend can be discerned: In most years, interest turns out

to be similarly high in both parts of the country. Statistically significant differences are evident, however, when it comes to the importance of political and societal commitment. While this of course played a major role for many people in East Germany at the time of reunification, personal commitment is still considered more important in the West.

The most significant differences between East and West Germany emerge when it comes to long-term loyalty to a specific party. “Although the population in East Germany was quite familiar with the political system of the West at the time of reunification, loyalty to particular parties remains significantly less pronounced in the East,” says Kroh. The analyses show that party loyalty in West Germany is significantly higher than it is in East Germany, although the gap is gradually decreasing. This is especially true with the younger generation—that is, individuals who were children or adolescents at the time of reunification.

Higher voter turnout in West Germany

Voter turnouts for almost all levels of elections reveal marked differences: In federal, parliamentary, and municipal elections, the turnout is almost always lower in East Germany than it is in West Germany. Voter turnout in federal elections stood consistently between three and eight percentage points lower in the East (excluding Berlin) than in the West. Of particular social concern is the historically low turnout in state elections: In 2014, well under 50 percent of eligible voters in Saxony and Brandenburg cast their ballots.

The bigger the gap in political preferences between East and West Germany, the more significant these differences in voter turnout become. “The relative strength of the Left Party, in particular, illustrates the differences in political views,” says Ronny Freier, Assistant Professor at the Free University of Berlin and political economy expert at DIW Berlin, also an author of this study. While the Left was never able to establish itself as a major party in the West, it has long been a major party in East, which is evidenced by its consistently high popularity ratings in weekly voter polls.

East and West Germans both want better social benefits

The proportion of East German respondents who believe the system is unjust and want more government benefits is greater than that of West Germans.

In 1991, roughly 85 percent of East Germans indicated that they believed the social differences to be unjust, while only 55 percent of West German respondents voiced this belief; a similar picture emerged regarding the question of whether economic benefits were unfairly distributed. Although this discrepancy is still important, the gap between East and West Germany with regard to this issue has been narrowing since the beginning of the last decade. “It is worth noting that after 2002—despite continuing differences—the attitudes of East and West Germans towards the welfare state are slowly beginning to converge,” explain the authors.

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June 20–21, 2016	Panel Survey Methods Workshop 2016
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Expected Financial Market Earnings

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2013

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Determinants of Attitudes to Income Redistribution

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Experience Sampling Method (ESM)

Finding Efficient Question Format for Long List Questions

Flourishing State

2014

SOEP Innovation Sample



SOEP-IS is well suited to short-term experiments, but it is particularly useful for long-term surveys that are not possible in the framework of the core SOEP—whether because the instruments are not yet established or because the questions deal with very specific research issues. Project ideas that have already been approved are (complex) economic behavioral experiments, Implicit Association Tests (IAT) and complex procedures to measure time use (Day Reconstruction Method, DRM).

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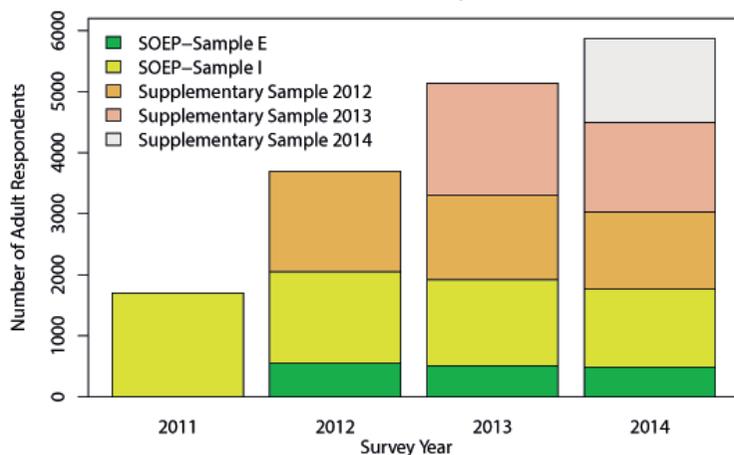
Scope – What SOEP-IS Offers

- Representative sample of private households.
- Adequate sample size for high-quality data analysis.
- Longitudinal data from existing SOEP subsamples.
- Open for innovative procedures that go beyond the classic survey components (IAT, DRM, experiments).
- Tool to test new survey methodologies beyond the limits of the SOEP pretests.
- Cross-references and linkages to the topics and content of the main SOEP survey.

Structure of SOEP-IS

- Two existing subsamples of the SOEP:
 - Sample E – first surveyed in 1998, originally 1,056 hh.
 - Sample I – first surveyed in 2009, originally 1,531 hh.
- Existing longitudinal data will expand the potential for analysis of innovative questions.
- Supplementary Sample in 2012: 1,000 hh.
- Supplementary Sample in 2013: 1,000 hh.
- Supplementary Sample in 2014: 1,000 hh.
- Total Sample in 2014: > 5,500 respondents in > 3,500 households.

Structure of SOEP-IS
Number of Adult Respondents



Survey Contents & Instruments

- Integrated questionnaire (household, all adult household members, biography, information on children).
- Set of core questions, 45 % of the main SOEP
- Additional topics are added, i.e., sets of questions that are asked only at specific intervals.
- The inclusion additional topics is oriented toward the rotation scheme of the main SOEP as well as toward the innovative modules in the particular survey wave.

Selection Procedure

- SOEP Survey Management decides on every proposal after review by expert in the respective field.
- SOEP Survey Committee decides on the main experimental issues and innovativeness of the proposal.

Data Distribution

- All SOEP data are freely available to **all** researchers (scientific open access).
- This also applies to:
 - all of the different sets of questions and experiments submitted by external applicants.
 - data collected with funding from external sources.
- Data will be made publicly available **no later than one year** after the SOEP-IS applicant has received the data.

Distribution of Data Collection 2011-2013

- Data are available since 04/2015
- Data are provided in long-format, only.
- New challenges for user-friendly documentation.
 - Questionnaires with links to variables and data sets.
 - Codebooks with additional information for all data sets.
 - Full inclusion in new SOEP info.
 - CAPI-screenshots are provided on request.

Call for Proposals for Data Collection 2016

- Call for 2016 will be sent out with SOEPnewsletter and is distributed to different list-servers and journals (announcement sections)
- Fieldwork will start in September and end in December 2016.
- Researchers should contact SOEP Survey Management with a project outline by November 30, 2015, at the latest
- Deadline for submissions: December 31, 2015
- Decision and feedback to applicant by end of April 2016

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Der Beitrag liefert einen Überblick über die verschiedenen Arbeitsschritte in Zuge der Quer- und Längsschnittgewichtung im SOEP. Die kombinierten Hochrechnungsfaktoren der ersten Welle eines jeden Subsample stellen dabei das Ergebnis der Kombination aus Designgewichtung, Ausfallgewichtung und Randanpassung dar und dienen als Grundlage für die Berechnung von Längsschnittgewichten und die Integration neuer Samples in die bestehende Längsschnittstichprobe.

Das grundlegende Ziel der design- bzw. modellbasierten Querschnittsgewichtung besteht in der Korrektur der design- und nonresponse-bedingten Stichprobenselektivität. Die Designgewichtung dient dabei der Korrektur ungleicher Auswahlwahrscheinlichkeiten. Die modell-basierte Ausfallgewichtung zielt hingegen auf die Korrektur ungleicher Teilnahmewahrscheinlichkeiten ab. Die Gewichtung erfolgt hier auf Basis inverser Response-Wahrscheinlichkeiten (*propensity scores*), die unter Berücksichtigung einer Vielzahl aggregierter und individueller Informationen über Respondenten *und* Nonrespondenten geschätzt werden. In einem dritten Schritt, der Randanpassung, werden die Daten zusätzlich an verschiedene Randmerkmale der Grundgesamtheit angepasst.

Die im Beitrag ausgeführte Längsschnittgewichtung der SOEP-Daten dient der Korrektur einer möglichen Verzerrung von Schätzern durch Panelausfälle (Panel Attrition), z.B. aufgrund von Verweigerung oder Nichtkontaktierbarkeit in Folgewellen. Zur Korrektur werden die Querschnittsgewichte der ersten Welle über die Wellen hinweg mit Bleibewahrscheinlichkeiten kombiniert. Die Schätzung dieser Bleibewahrscheinlichkeiten erfolgt auf Basis in den Vorwellen erhobener detaillierter Haushalts- und Individualmerkmale.

Wie innerhalb des Beitrags gezeigt wurde, können Stichproben auf verschiedene Weise „sektiv“ sein. Das Ignorieren dieser Selektivität erhöht die Wahrscheinlichkeit verzerrter Populationsschätzer. Designgewichte sowie quer- und längsschnittliche Ausfallgewichte bilden unserer Einschätzung nach die Grundlage für eine möglichst präzise Schätzung von Populationsparametern auf Basis komplexer sozialwissenschaftlicher Paneldaten. Die Autoren empfehlen daher insbesondere für deskriptive Analysen (Anteilswerte und Lageparameter) die Nutzung von Gewichten, sowohl innerhalb querschnittlicher Analysen als auch im Falle längsschnittlicher Fragestellungen.

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