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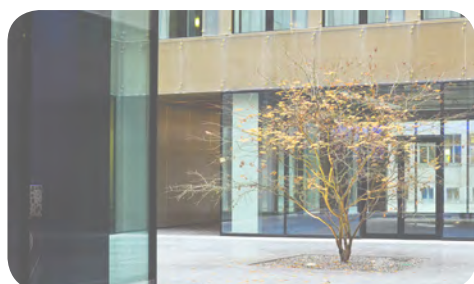
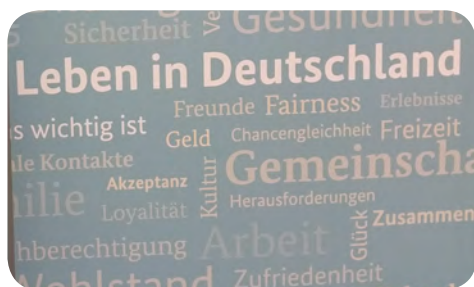




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A note on "Welcome to Germany"

What will we remember most about 2015 years from now? Along with the growing crisis in Greece last spring, we will undoubtedly think of both the uninterrupted influx of refugees from Syria and other war-torn regions and the enormous willingness citizens have shown to help on a practical, everyday level. In Germany, the situation has been defined by the involvement of volunteers in diverse activities aimed at welcoming to refugees to Germany and fostering their integration. In recent months, however, the overall positive attitude of people in Germany toward refugees has been confronted by a growing sense of skepticism, fear, and misgivings in some segments of the population.

The increased influx of refugees to Germany in the second half of 2015 poses a major challenge for the government, policy makers, administrative agencies, and the population as a whole. It also calls upon empirical social researchers, official statistical agencies, and the research institutions that produce statistical research data to improve the empirical data available to study the surrounding social processes. Improvements are needed in research infrastructures that provide data for secondary analysis on refugees, on the motives and impacts of willingness to help within the population, on the concerns and fears in growing parts of the population, and on processes of political polarization.

In the SOEP longitudinal study, we will meet this challenge by building, adapting, and expanding our survey and the range of services we provide.

We already broke ground in 2013 by launching a new survey of recent immigrants to Germany together with the Institute for Employment Research (IAB). The IAB-SOEP Migration Sample comprises a total of about 5,000 individuals, around 500 of whom entered Germany as refugees or asylum-seekers. This group makes up around 15% of all new immigrants in the sample during the period 1995 to 2012.

In 2016, again in cooperation with the IAB and, in addition, with the Federal Agency of Migration and Refugees (BAMF), we plan to draw a new random sample of registered refugees in Germany that will provide the basis for a longitudinal study. In the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Sample (SOEP M3), we plan to survey close to 2,000 adult refu-

gees in the first half of 2016. The study will overlap with the SOEP in numerous areas. We will release the data to the research community in user-friendly form in 2017. At a workshop at DIW Berlin in October, we discussed these plans at length with fellow researchers and experts in the field of migration (see report on [page 9](#)).

A challenge

The methodological challenges this refugee survey presents are significant both in terms of sample selection and survey implementation. It will require both the involvement of translators and the use of innovative technical solutions for some questions that respondents would like to have read out loud in their native language.

In the coming year, together with our partners from IAB and BAMF, we will continue our dialogue with experts on the refugee debate. We plan to release initial findings from a preliminary qualitative study and the results of our instrument test for discussion in early 2016.

But we don't want to limit our efforts to including refugees in the SOEP longitudinal samples. Over the last few weeks, we have also been adding new questions on the influx of refugees to Germany to the 33rd wave of the SOEP-Core survey, which is set to go into the field in February. We are particularly interested in whether people see the influx of refugees more as an opportunity or a risk. And we will also be asking questions about respondents' social and political involvement in activities relating to refugees and about their plans and intentions to get involved in such activities in the future. We are convinced that with this data—taken together with our standard indicators on concerns with immigration to Germany and on xenophobia and hostility toward foreigners—the SOEP will soon offer a rich, diverse, and robust database for research on the impacts of the refugee influx to Germany, and one that will undoubtedly be of great interest to social scientists and economists worldwide.

Jürgen Schupp

Director of SOEP

German Section

Registrierung startet am 4. Januar 2016: 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.514829.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.

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 die Vermittlung von Grundkenntnissen der 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

Ankündigung: 10. Workshop der Panelsurveys in Deutschland 23. und 24. Februar 2016 am DIW Berlin

Der Workshop ist ein Forum für Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler, die Panelstudien planen und durchführen.

Bitte senden Sie Vortragsideen **bis 15. Januar 2016** nebst kurzem Abstract an Ulrich.Krieger@uni-mannheim.de. Vorträge können dabei aus allen Themengebieten der Methoden der Umfrageforschung stammen sowie praktische Fragen der Umfrageforschung behandeln. Wichtig ist der Bezug auf die Erhebung von Panelstudien. Gerne nehmen wir auch Vorstellungen neuer Panelstudien in das Programm auf, sei es deren Konzeption oder erste Ergebnisse.

Veranstaltungsseite:

http://www.diw.de/id/diw_01.c.523045.de

Anmeldung:

http://www.diw.de/id/diw_01.c.522866.de

Ankündigung: Workshop Datenaufbereitung und Dokumentation

22. und 23. Februar 2016 am DIW Berlin

Wie schon im letzten Jahr findet vor dem Workshop der Panelsurveys auch wieder ein Workshop Datenaufbereitung und Dokumentation statt. Er richtet sich an Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeiter, die etwa in Forschungsdatenzentren mit der Datenaufbereitung und Dokumentation betraut sind.

Veranstaltungsseite:

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Anmeldung:

http://www.diw.de/id/diw_01.c.522866.de

Bericht:

Workshop „Scientific Use Files aus verknüpften Sozialdaten“

17. und 18. November 2015
am DIW Berlin

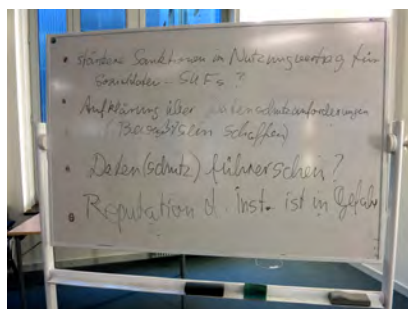
Am 17. und 18. November 2015 fand am DIW Berlin der Workshop „Scientific Use Files aus verknüpften Sozialdaten“ statt. Eingeladen hatte die forschungsbasierte Infrastruktureinrichtung SOEP, die zusammen mit dem Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung (IAB) das Projekt „IAB-SOEP-Migrations-Stichprobe“ durchführt. Eines der Ziele des Projektes besteht darin, die Befragungsdaten derjenigen Teilnehmer_innen, die dazu ihre schriftliche Einwilligung gaben, mit ihren bei der Bundesagentur für Arbeit (BA) gespeicherten Daten zu verknüpfen.

Da die BA-Daten – wie z.B. auch die Daten der Deutschen Rentenversicherung – unter einen speziellen Sozialdatenschutz fallen, ist die wissenschaftliche Nutzung von solchen Daten häufig nur über Gastarbeitsplätze oder kontrollierten Fernzugriff möglich. Der Workshop sollte die Möglichkeiten eruieren, über diese Zugangswege hinaus Scientific Use Files aus mit Sozialdaten verknüpften Befragungsdaten zu erstellen, die zu Forschungszwecken „offsite“ genutzt werden können, und deren Nutzung keine Genehmigung durch die ministerielle Aufsichtsbehörde erfordert.

Max-Planck-Gesellschaft waren die Forschungsdatenzentren des IAB, der DRV, des Deutschen Zentrums für Altersfragen, des Leibniz-Instituts für Bildungsverläufe und des SOEP sowie die Gesis, das Deutsche Zentrum für Hochschul- und Wissenschaftsforschung, das Robert-Koch-Institut, das Wissenschaftszentrum für Sozialforschung Berlin, das Institut für Sozialmedizin und Gesundheitsökonomie an der Univ. Magdeburg, das Munich Center for the Economics of Aging am MPI für Sozialrecht und Sozialpolitik, das Projekt TwinLife der Univ. Bielefeld, der Lehrstuhl für empirische Wirtschaftsforschung der Univ. Potsdam, der Lehrstuhl für Wirtschafts- und Sozialstatistik der Univ. Trier, das Institut für Diskrete Mathematik und Angewandte Statistik der HTW Saar, die Statistik-Abteilung der Bundesagentur für Arbeit und natürlich das SOEP vertreten.

Jürgen **Schupp** begrüßte die Teilnehmer_innen, anschließend führte Jan **Goebel** in die Thematik sowie die aktuelle Relevanz des Workshops ein. Sodann gab es Vorträge zum Spannungsfeld zwischen Sozialdatenschutz und Nutzung von Sozialdaten durch die Wissenschaft aus Sicht der Datenhalter DRV und IAB und des BMAS. Es folgte ein Überblick über gängige Maßnahmen zur Herstellung faktischer Anonymität – die ja eine Voraussetzung für die relativ niedrigschwellige Nutzung von Daten in Form eines Scientific Use Files durch die Wissenschaft ist – und deren Hintergrund, nämlich die Empfehlungen von Müller et al. aus der Studie von 1991, in der die Sicherheit von anonymisierten Mikrodaten gegenüber Reidentifikationsversuchen untersucht wurde. Erfahrungsberichte aus verschiedenen Verknüpfungsprojekten beschlossen den ersten Tag.

Der zweite Tag war mit Ausnahme des Vortrags von Rainer **Lenz**, Professor für Angewandte Statistik und Mathematik an der HTW Saar und Experte für die Anonymisierung von Mikrodaten, der Diskussion unter den Teilnehmer_innen vorbehalten. Es wurde deutlich, dass Deanonimisierungsversuche der Handlungslogik der Wissenschaft eklatant widersprechen. Wissenschaft ist nicht am Personenbezug der Daten interessiert, sondern will im Gegenteil verallgemeinerungsfähige Aussagen treffen. Hingegen kommen Regelverstöße – aus Unkenntnis oder mangelnder Einsicht – hin und wieder vor. Auf der anderen Seite neigen Datenhalter und Datenschützer aus Vorsicht dazu, das Reidentifikationsrisiko anonymisierter Datensätze zu überschätzen und müssen im Zweifel eher restriktive Zugangsregelungen festlegen. Befürchtun-



Konzipiert und vorbereitet wurde der Workshop von Klaudia **Erhardt**, Mitarbeiterin des „Verknüpfungsprojekts“ beim SOEP, zusammen mit Jan **Goebel**, dem Leiter des FDZ des SOEP. Es sollten ausdrücklich Vertreter_innen der unterschiedlichen Seiten – Datenproduktion- und -haltung, Datennutzung, Datenschutz und Aufsichtsbehörden – miteinander in einen konstruktiven Dialog

treten, um über eine Annäherung der jeweiligen Standpunkte eingefahrene Routinen aufzubrechen und möglicherweise neue nutzerfreundliche und gleichzeitig datenschutzkonforme Lösungen zu finden.

Der Workshop stieß auf breites Interesse. Neben dem Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales (BMAS), als einer Genehmigungsbehörde für die wissenschaftliche Nutzung von Sozialdaten, und den Datenschutzabteilungen der Deutschen Rentenversicherung Bund (DRV), des IAB und der

gen über das Gefahrenpotential der informationstechnischen Entwicklung und die Möglichkeiten von “Big Data” tragen dazu nicht unerheblich bei. Die Teilnehmer_innen kamen überein, dass Projekte initiiert werden sollten, a) zur Entwicklung einer Lernplattform o.ä. zum Thema Datenschutz für wissenschaftliche Datennutzer_innen und b) zur Untersuchung des Gefahrenpotentials von Big Data für anonymisierte Daten, evtl. auch eine Replikationsstudie zu der bahnbrechenden, nach wie vor als Referenzstudie dienenden, aber schon fast 25 Jahre zurückliegenden Untersuchung von Müller et al. zur faktischen Anonymität von Mikrodaten.

<http://www.diw.de/suf-workshop2015>

Forschungsinfrastrukturen im Wissenschaftssystem

Am 16. Dezember wurde in der Geschäftsstelle der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft in Berlin die im Strategiefondsprojekt der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft „Forschungsinfrastrukturen und Wissenstransfer in der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft“ erarbeitete Broschüre vorgestellt. Die von Prof. Dr. Simone **Lässig**, Prof. Peter **Haslinger** sowie SOEP-Direktor Jürgen **Schupp** geleitete Projektgruppe skizziert in ihrer Broschüre mit dem Titel: „Forschungsinfrastrukturen im Wissenschaftssystem“ drei zentrale Handlungsbedarfe: a) die Bestimmung von Qualität sowie Qualitätssicherung von Forschungsinfrastrukturen, b) Potenziale und Strategien infrastrukturorientierter Nachwuchsentwicklung sowie c) Nachhaltigkeit der Sicherung und Entwicklung von Forschungsinfrastrukturen.

Im Rahmen einer Paneldiskussion „Wie definiert sich Qualität“, an der auch SOEP-Direktor Jürgen Schupp teilnahm, wurden bei der Veranstaltung die zentralen Inhalte der Broschüre im Kreis von Expertinnen und Experten aus Wissenschaftspolitik, Förder- und Forschungslandschaft aufgegriffen und debattiert.

<http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/infrastrukturen>

Data & Service

SOEP data 1984–2014 (v31)

Version 31 of the SOEP data (1984–2014) was released in November 2015. Due to the comprehensive integration of the FiD sample (see [SOEPnews-letter 109](#)) into SOEP-Core, the \$PEQUIV datasets and all of the generated and imputed income data from the previous year contained in them as well as the SOEPlong version **are not contained** in the current version. As soon as these data become available, all users who have received the data so far will be notified. Please hold on to the passwords you received by mail: You will need them both for your personal download link and to unzip this update. Keep it in a safe place!

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.

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

The International Scientific Use Version of the SOEP data (95%) is available for free download (since we no longer have the costs of producing and mailing the DVD) to all users outside the EEA countries.

Order now: SOEP data 1984–2014 (v31)

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

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

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

After placing your order, you will receive a letter containing the passwords. Please store it in a safe place. You will need the passwords to obtain the pre-ordered data and any additions or changes in the data (which usually occur).

For users who have never downloaded the SOEP data: We have had positive experiences with secure online data provision so far and are delighted to continue providing this service. To ensure the highest standards of data protection in transferring SOEP data to you we use the program cryptshare (www.cryptshare.com), which offers completely encrypted transfers with a personalized link and password. Please note that you will need two dif-

ferent passwords that will be provided to you by the SOEP hotline: one to download the data and one to open the zip file.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our SOEPhotline 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.

Data documentation

None of the additional documentation that was previously included on our DVD is included in the download. However, most of these documents are available on the website of our Research Data Center. You can download the documentation with this [zip file](#).

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

SOEP-IS Release 2013 update

An update of the recent SOEP-IS data distribution 2013 is available (DOI: 10.5684/soep.is.2013.2).

What's new?

- Household and person weights are now included for 2013 in data sets *hhrf* and *phrf*.

What's changed?

- Variables on unemployment, partnership status, and nationality (*plb0021*, *pld0132*, *pld0133* *plj0014*, *plj0025*, *plk0001*) in dataset *p* now include information on new respondents in the longitudinal and supplementary samples from survey years 2012 and 2013.
- Variables on type of employment, length of time with firm, job changes, and actual and agreed upon weekly working hours as well as overtime (*pgerwtyp*, *pgerwzt*, *pgjobch*,

pgtatz, *pgvebzt*, *pguebstd*) in dataset *pgen* now include information on new respondents in the longitudinal and supplementary samples from survey years 2012 and 2013.

- The dataset *kid* now includes children from partly interviewed households with valid information from the bioage questionnaires (n = 100)

2015 SOEP-Core questionnaires online

The following topical modules were part of the SOEP-Core survey last year:

- Control beliefs and reciprocity
- Friends networks
- Joint income
- At the household level: household energy use

Last year's SOEP survey was also the first to include detailed questions about the minimum wage. To give you an idea what data to expect in fall 2016, we have published the questionnaires on our website together with the rest of the SOEP documentation:

http://www.diw.de/en/diw_02.c.222729.en/questionnaires.html.

In late spring we will be making the minimum wage data available for analysis at DIW Berlin as part of a specially prepared EVA-MIN project dataset. Scholarships are available: please apply at the DIW Berlin website!

http://diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.523117.en

in German:

http://diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.523117.de



International cooperation Data news from Ohio State University

New faces at the CNEF project

We are pleased to introduce two new members of the OSU team.

Dr. Laura **Fumagalli** (PhD economics University of Essex) is on temporary “loan” from the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex. At ISER Laura helps to impute missing data in Understanding Society. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge. While at OSU, Laura will add CNEF files for all five waves of Understanding Society. That is, she will create the BHPS-UKHLS-CNEF files. She will also collaborate with Dr. Dean **Lillard** on the NIH-funded international smoking project.

Mr. Temur **Akhmedov** (BA economics Ohio State University) joins us as a full-time project assistant. His multiple responsibilities include providing key administrative support to the NIH international smoking project, managing the day-to-day operations, updating and maintaining the website, and promoting the use of CNEF through outreach and dissemination.

Updated data available and coming soon

PSID-CNEF files updated

We added 2011 and 2013 PSID data to our PSID-CNEF files. Users can download those data at <http://cnef.ehe.osu.edu/data/cnef-data-files/>. All DVD disks that we ship will include the updated files.

BHPS-UKHLS-CNEF files updating coming soon

CNEF will soon release new files for the UK that will add data from the UK Household Longitudinal Study (UKHLS) known as “Understanding Society.” We will add data from the first five waves of the UKHLS. Because the UKHLS includes the BHPS sample, the combined data will follow BHPS respondents from 1991 through 2015. And it will add the new UKHLS respondents. We expect to complete the updates by the end of December. As soon as we finish, we will let users know that those data are available.

Other files

We will distribute updated files for the other countries in early January 2016.

Publications

Former DIW research professor Richard **Burkhauser** and DIW Research Fellow Dean **Lillard** recently published two papers together with Roger **Wilkins** and Markus **Hahn** of the University of Melbourne. Those papers use CNEF data to investigate the relationship between experienced income inequality and health in later life.

Lillard, Dean R., **Burkhauser**, Richard V., **Hahn**, Markus H., and **Wilkins**, Roger. 2015. "Does Early-Life Income Inequality Predict Self-Reported Health In Later Life? Evidence From the US." *Social Science and Medicine*, 128(3): 347-355 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2014.12.026>.

Burkhauser, Richard V., **Hahn**, Markus H., **Lillard**, Dean R., and **Wilkins**, Roger. forthcoming. "Does Income Inequality in Early Childhood Predict Self-Reported Health In Adulthood? A Cross-National Comparison of the United States and Great Britain." *Research in Labor Economics*.

Dean **Lillard** also published two papers with Rebekka **Christopoulou** (University of Macedonia) using SOEP and BHPS data. The references for those papers are:

Christopoulou, R., and **Lillard**, D. R. forthcoming. "Migration to the US and Marital Mobility." *Review of Economics of the Household*. (also available as NBER Working paper 19495).

Christopoulou, R. and **Lillard**, D. R. 2015. "Is Smoking Behavior Culturally Determined? Evidence from British Immigrants." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 110: 78-90 (also available as NBER Working paper 19036).



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

Dean **Lillard** and Rebekka **Christopoulou** also edited a book on patterns of life-course smoking behavior in 10 countries. The book, titled "Life-course smoking behavior: Patterns and national context in ten countries," is published by the Oxford University Press. CNEF country data appear in chapters on smoking in Australia, Germany, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

Presentations

DIW Research Fellow Dean **Lillard** will take part in a project jointly run by the Ohio State University and the Polish Academy of Sciences in cross-national data construction. That project, titled the "Cross-National Studies: Interdisciplinary Research and Training Program" (CONSIRT) is working to create equivalized data from political science using data from a variety of cross-sectional and panel studies.

CONSIRT is organizing the international event, Longitudinal Survey Research: Methodological Challenges. The conference, "The Present and Future of Longitudinal Cross-sectional and Panel Survey Research" (December 15-16), is the first part of this event. It is followed by the workshop, "Harmonization of Survey and Non-Survey Data" (December 17-18). More information is available at <http://consirt.osu.edu/upcoming-events/>

Events & Activities

Upcoming events:

Deadlines for ESPE 30 and SOEP 2016 approaching!

As reported in *SOEPnewsletter* 109, two international conferences organized by the SOEP team will be taking place in Berlin in Summer 2016. Don't miss the deadlines to submit your papers:

- ESPE 30, June 15-18, 2015: deadline for submissions is February 1, 2016. More information at <http://www.espe2016.de>
- SOEP 2016, June 22-23, 2016: deadline for submissions is February 29, 2016. More information at <http://www.diw.de/soep2016>

Report:

EVA-MIN workshop

The Leibniz Association Research Project EVA-MIN held a Summer School from September 21-24, 2015, at the University of Potsdam on the effects of the German minimum wage reform. More than 30 researchers discussed projects and findings on how the minimum wage reform has affected socially relevant outcomes such as employment, the income distribution, and fairness. Renowned economists Gerard **van den Berg** (University of Mannheim) and Stephen **Machin** (University College London) reported on their own research on minimum wage effects from other countries and discussed possible evaluation strategies. Both emphasized the importance of a comprehensive and methodologically sound evaluation approach taking into consideration employment effects such as employed people's reliance on social benefits (i.e., employees with low earnings who receive wage top-ups from the government) as well as the individual risk of unemployment. Different sources of data for minimum wage research were introduced at the workshop (e.g., SOEP, IAB establishment panel, IAB employee sample), and the potential of each database for the evaluation was discussed. The initiators of the project also provided information on grants and scholarships available in the coming year for doctoral and post-doctoral students who want to conduct research on the minimum wage. Alexandra **Fedorets**, Carsten **Schröder**, and Jürgen **Schupp** (DIW SOEP) presented initial findings from a representative survey on perceptions of the minimum wage carried out last summer, showing that 87 percent of the German population favors the introduction of the minimum wage. They also

provided supplementary qualitative findings on the topic of the minimum wage from focus group discussions.

Report:

Berlin workshop on planned IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Sample

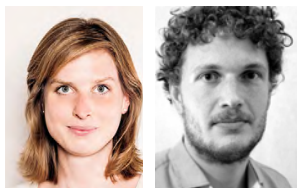
Experts met at DIW Berlin on October 26 to provide advice on the "Study design for an empirical study on the living situation and labor market integration of refugees in Germany"

The SOEP has commissioned a survey of refugees in Germany in cooperation with the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) and the Federal Agency of Migration and Refugees (BAMF). Fieldwork will begin in 2016. It is planned that the survey will be repeated annually over the coming years and integrated permanently into the SOEP as the next supplementary SOEP-Core sample ("M3").

The IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Sample will provide the first comprehensive data set based on a randomized sample of refugees and reflecting the living situations of people arriving in Germany as asylum-seekers. The survey will also cover migration motives and backgrounds from a biographical perspective. The longitudinal survey of these individuals will provide a unique source of data on the social integration of refugees in Germany.

A workshop was held at DIW Berlin on October 26, 2015, in preparation for the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Sample. Presentations were given on the current plans for the project and on general issues of proportional and disproportional sampling and drawing the sample from register data, as well as on questionnaire development. The around 50 experts in attendance discussed the practical challenges of fieldwork organization and the interview situation, as well as ethical issues of surveying people who in many cases have made long journeys to escape troubled regions before arriving in Germany. Workshop participants included project team members from SOEP, IAB, and BAMF, experts in qualitative and quantitative social research on refugees, and representatives of non-governmental organizations working to help refugees.

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.

If you would like to participate, please contact Sybille **Luhmann** (sluhmann@diw.de) and Christian **Westermeier** (cwestermeier@diw.de). 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:

Carolyn **Morgan** (Ohio State University): Rejectionism & Engagement: How Hostility Affects Immigrant Minorities' Political Behavior. November 4, 2015.

Robin **Jessen** (Freie Universität Berlin): Why has Income Inequality in Germany Increased from 2002 to 2011? November 18, 2015.

Rob **Grujters** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): Beyond Filial Piety: The Structural and Cultural Determinants of Intergenerational Contact in China. December 16, 2015.

People & Papers

SOEP Survey Committee welcomes two new members

Two longtime SOEP Survey Committee members will be ending their terms at the end of 2015, both after completing the maximum of two terms: Guillermina **Jasso** (New York University) and Peter **Lynn** (University of Essex). We are deeply grateful to both for their valuable and constructive work for the SOEP. Guillermina Jasso will continue to follow and sup-

port the research work of the SOEP team as a member of the DIW Scientific Advisory Board.

At its November meeting, the DIW Berlin Board of Trustees—the oversight body also responsible for the SOEP infrastructure—confirmed the nomination of their successors on the Survey Committee for the period 2016-2018. Melissa A. **Hardy** is an expert in life course research as well as quantitative methodology at Penn State University, and Lucinda **Platt** is an expert in inequality and migration research at the London School of Economics. These renowned social scientists will advise the SOEP on its infrastructural tasks.

SOEP People: Five questions to Matthias Pollmann-Schult



Matthias Pollmann-Schult has been a grant holder in the DFG's Heisenberg Programme at the Social Science Research Center, Berlin, since 2012. He was a student research assistant with the SOEP from 1997 to 2000. He is one of the few male sociologists doing research on fathers using the SOEP data. We talked to him about his findings on the new generation of "involved fathers," on whether children make people happy, on how parenthood affects relationships between men and women, and about how he balances his work as a researcher with the everyday demands of fatherhood.

1. You've studied how fatherhood affects men's working hours. What have you found out?

Fatherhood has a relatively minor influence on men's working hours. That can be seen on the one hand as positive: men are no longer increasing their working hours after children are born like they were in the 1980s. But on the other hand, men are also not working less. So the picture of "involved fathers" who are willing to permanently reduce their working hours to play a larger role in their children's upbringing is simply not accurate. This did surprise me a bit. I would have thought that more had changed. The SOEP asks respondents about their desired working hours—not just how much they actually do work, but how much they would like to work. And at least here, I would have thought that more fathers would say, yes, I would like to work less. But we don't see that in the SOEP data.

2. What does that imply about the distribution of roles between men and women?

The interesting thing is that parenthood increases inequality between men and women in two respects. First,

it has a negative effect on female employment. Mothers work less than childless women, and they also earn less. Second, parenthood has a positive effect on men's income. So it increases inequality between men and women in the relationship context, and naturally also between men and women in general.

3. But still, many people consider children the key to happiness. How does that idea fit together with your findings?

Actually, children don't make people happy. For 30 years now, studies have been showing that parenthood has no major impact on life satisfaction. Some studies show that parents have slightly higher life satisfaction than people without children; others show that people's life satisfaction actually declines after they become parents. The fact that children don't make people happy is due to the various burdens associated with parenthood. First, there are the psychosocial burdens of parenthood: People with children have increased time pressures and more difficulties balancing demands in different areas of life. They also have less time for friends and recre-

ational activities. Even just going out to the movies is no longer possible. Second, there are the financial burdens of parenthood. These negative impacts cancel out the overall positive effects that children initially have on life satisfaction.

4. You have been working with the SOEP data for 18 years. What makes these data interesting for you?

The fantastic thing about the SOEP data is that the study has been running for so long. There are data available for a period of more than 30 years. Many respondents have been part of the study for 10 years or even longer.

So you can clearly see how life satisfaction changes over the years after people become parents. That's the great advantage of the SOEP data that no other dataset in Germany offers.

5. You are a researcher and a father. How do you balance the two roles and remain content?

I think you have to set clear limits. In my case, I almost never work at home. I tell myself: that's my work time, and this is my family time. I try to stick to that.

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

Staff and community news



Anja **Bahr** will join the SOEP on January 4, 2016, as a project coordinator. She will be providing organizational and administrative support for ongoing projects carried out in the SOEP with external funding. Anja Bahr is an administrative economist and worked previously in project administration in the Leibniz Institute for Plant Biochemistry in Halle (Saale) and most recently at the Berlin University of the Arts.

On January 4, Diana **Schacht** will join the SOEP team as a research associate in the field of empirical migration and integration research. Diana Schacht holds a Diplom degree as a social scientist and is currently completing her doctoral thesis on "Social networks of migrants and their children" at the University of Bamberg.



Jürgen **Schupp** was appointed to the Rat für Kulturelle Bildung (Council for Cultural Education) as an expert for the year 2016. The [Rat für Kulturelle Bildung](#) is an independent advisory board that analyzes the situation and quality of cultural education in Germany and makes recommendations based on exposés and studies for policy makers, researchers, and practical applications.

Jürgen **Schupp** and Gert G. **Wagner** were appointed as members of the research group "Genetic and Social Causes of Life Chances" at the Center for

Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) at the University of Bielefeld (2015 and 2016). Jürgen Schupp will spend a month-long research stay at the Center in Bielefeld in March 2016.

Carolyn **Stolpe** recently received three honors for her outstanding work as a FAMS trainee in the SOEP. She received the Leibniz Award for Apprentices at the Annual Meeting of the Leibniz Association on November 26, 2015, by Stephan **Weil**, Minister-President of Lower Saxony and the President of the Leibniz Association, Matthias **Kleiner**. As the second-place winner of this award, Carolyn will receive a 600-euro prize.



Carolyn completed her dual-track training as a Specialist in Market and Social Research (Fachangestellte für Markt- und Sozialforschung) in Summer 2015. She passed her final exam at the Berlin Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) with top marks and the highest grade in her graduating class. The IHK Berlin honored her outstanding

performance at an awards ceremony on November 16, 2015. Even on the federal level she was the best in this exam and received a prize at an awards ceremony (Nationale Bestenehrung der DIHK) on December 14, 2015.

Since completing her degree, Carolin Stolpe has been working in the SOEP infrastructure, where she has taken on responsibilities in the area of data management. In October, she began working on a degree in business informatics. “We are delighted that she will be continuing her work with the SOEP while pursuing her university studies,” says SOEP Director Jürgen Schupp.

Since 2011, the SOEP has been providing in-house training to students completing degrees as Specialists for Market and Social Research. 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.

Economist Tobias Stöhr (Kiel Institute for the World Economy and DIW Berlin) was awarded the Leibniz Award for Young Scientists for the best dissertation in the category Social Sciences and Humanities. One of the papers in his cumulative dissertation uses SOEP data to empirically test the theory of self-selection in specific occupational groups of migrants (“The returns to occupational foreign language use: Evidence from Germany,” *Labour Economics* 32, 2015, pp. 86-98. DOI: [10.1016/j.labeco.2015.01.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2015.01.004)).

Nadine Schreiner, research associate in the Chair of Business Administration – Marketing at the University of Düsseldorf, won the 2015 North Rhine-Westphalia Junior Researcher Award in Consumer Research for her master’s thesis. She completed her studies in the social sciences at the University of Siegen with a thesis on the pressing issue of “fuel poverty” and has provided the first calculation of the “low-income high-costs indicator” (LIHC indicator) for Germany based on SOEP data. The Kompetenzzentrums Verbraucherforschung NRW presents the award for scientifically outstanding theses with high practical relevance. Each recipient of the award for outstanding research on consumer topics also receives a 2,500 euro prize. Further information can be found in the (German) [press release by the University of Siegen](#). Nadine Schreiner’s thesis has been published as [SOEPpaper 811](#).



The [Werner Reimers Stiftung](#) will be funding the working group “Archive for Social Science and Economic Surveys and German Official Statistics since 1945” for a period of four years starting December 1, 2015. The working group was proposed by Lutz [Raphel](#) (University of Trier, currently at the German Historical Institute, London) and Gert G. [Wagner](#) on behalf of the SOEP.

Carolin Stolpe (left, first) received the Leibniz Award for Apprentices and Tobias Stöhr (fourth one) (Kiel Institute for the World Economy and DIW Berlin) was awarded the Leibniz Award for Young Scientists for the best dissertation in the category Social Sciences and Humanities at the Annual Meeting of the Leibniz Association on November 26, 2015.

SOEP staff activities

Paper presentations in the next three months

Anne [Busch-Heizmann](#), Christine [Busch](#), Elke [Holst](#): Auswirkungen von Work/Family-Konflikten auf die Gesundheit von Frauen und Männern in hochqualifizierten Tätigkeiten. Forschungskolloquium am Institut für Soziologie der LMU München, January 13, 2016, Munich/Germany.

Paper presentations in the last three months

Klaudia [Erhardt](#): Anonymisierungsmaßnahmen in verschiedenen Standard-SUFs und die Empfehlungen von Müller et al. (1991). Scientific Use Files aus verknüpften Sozialdaten. Workshop, November 17-18, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

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 in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Forschungsverbund Berichterstattung zur sozioökonomischen Entwicklung in Deutschland (soeb) und dem DIW Berlin/SOEP, October 1–2, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**: Aktuelle Trends der Vermögensungleichheit in Deutschland. Soziale Ungleichheiten: Was tun gegen die Spaltung der Gesellschaft. [WSI-Herbstforum 2015](#), November 26–27, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**, Carsten **Schröder**: Einkommens- und Vermögensungleichheit – Steuerpolitische Lösungsansätze. Einkommens- und Vermögensungleichheit in einem wohlhabenden Staat. [Gemeinsame Konferenz des Wirtschaftsdienst und des DIW Berlin](#), November 18, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Marcel **Hebing**: DDI on Rails (Poster presentation). EDDI2015. [7th Annual European DDI User Conference](#), December 1–4, 2015, Copenhagen/Denmark.

Elke **Holst**: Wie messen wir Stand und Fortschritt der Genderungleichheit?. Monitoring sozialökonomische Ungleichheit. Workshop des WSI der HBS, November 6, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

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**: 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**: Indikatoren der Einkommensarmut vor und nach Berücksichtigung von Wohnkosten und Multiple Armutsmessung. Lebensqualitätsforschung zwischen Wissenschaft und Politikberatung. Jahrestagung der DGS-Sektion Soziale Indikatoren in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Forschungsverbund Berichterstattung zur sozioökonomischen Entwicklung in Deutschland (soeb) und dem DIW Berlin/SOEP, October 1–2, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

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.

Christian **Schmitt**, Pia **Schober**: Fertility decision making, bargaining power and preference reconciliation in couples. The science of choice: How to model the decision-making process? [Workshop on Agent Based Modelling](#), October 28–30, 2015, Rostock/Germany.

Christian **Schmitt**, Pia **Schober**: Day-care availability, maternal employment, and satisfaction of parents. Evidence from culture and policy variations in Germany. Regionale und soziale Rahmenbedingungen der Familie. [Herbsttagung der Sektion Familiensoziologie der DGS](#), October 1–2, 2015, Heidelberg/Germany.

Carsten **Schröder**, Timm **Bönke**: European-wide Inequality in Times of Financial Crisis. Governance, Markets and Institutions: Russia and Germany Compared. [Volkswagen Summer School](#), September 27–October 10, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Carsten **Schröder**, Peter **Grösche**: Gesellschaftliche Akzeptanz der Energiewende. [16. Kieler Energiediskurs](#), October 26, 2015, Kiel/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Soziale Ungleichheit: Unterschiede in der individuellen Wahrnehmung, Entwicklung und Folgen. Workshop im Rahmen der Residenz Akademie 2015 der Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, October 30–November 1, 2015, Würzburg/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Quantitative Sozialforschung: Auswirkungen sozialwissenschaftlicher Forschung auf Individuen. Risiken sozialwissenschaftlicher Forschung? Forschungsethik, Datenschutz und Schutz von Persönlichkeitsrechten in den Sozial- und Verhaltenswissenschaften. DFG-Workshop, October 9, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Presentation at policy forums (July-December 2015)

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**: Festrede. Preisverleihung Mestemacher Preis Managerin des Jahres 2015, September 11, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Begrüßung und Einführung in das Thema. Frauen auf dem Weg nach oben – Schneller mit der Quote? 2. Symposium Wissenschaft und Unternehmen im Dialog, November 4, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Teilnahme an der Abschlussveranstaltung „Strategische Kompetenz für Frauen in Aufsichtsräten“. Expertinnengespräch „Blick in die Zukunft“, November 14, 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.

Carsten **Schröder**, Giacomo **Corneo**, Johannes **König**: Die „Riester-Rente“. Sicher leben im Alter. Themenlabor des SPD-Parteivorstands, September 1, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Carsten **Schröder**, Giacomo **Corneo**, Johannes **König**: Die „Riester-Rente“. Kann die staatlich geförderte private Altersversorgung die Rentenlücke auf Dauer schließen? Verbreitung, Mobilisierungseffekte und Renditen. Neue Wege in der Rentenpolitik. Veranstaltung der Bundestagsfraktion DIE LINKE, October 14, 2015, Berlin/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Panel-Teilnehmer des Podiumsgesprächs "Wie definiert sich Qualität? Forschungsinfrastrukturen und Wissenstransfer im deutschen Wissenschaftssystem". Geschäftsstelle der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft, December 16, Berlin/Germany.

University teaching (Winter semester 2015/16)

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

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

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

Julia **Sander**: Persönlichkeitsentwicklung. Freie Universität Berlin.

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

Christian **Schmitt**: Einführung in multivariate Analysemethoden. Vorlesung. Universität Rostock.

Christian **Schmitt**: Demographischer Wandel und Geburtdynamik im internationalen Vergleich. Seminar. Universität Rostock.

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 (September – December 2015)

Marco **Giesselmann**: Vorstellung des Sozio-oekonomischen Panel. BIEN-Tagung, 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.

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

Marcel **Hebing**, Knut **Wenzig**: Documenting panel data using DDI. EDDI15. 7th Annual European DDI User Conference, December 1-3, 2015, Kopenhagen/Denmark.

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.

Gert G. **Wagner**: Festvortrag bei der Offiziellen Begrüßungsveranstaltung der MasterstudentInnen „Economics and Public Economics“ an der FU Berlin, Berlin/Germany.

SOEP visitors

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

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), Humboldt Universität zu Berlin/Germany

Hoppe, Lucas, BIGSSS, Bremen/Germany

Kleijnans, Kristin J., California State University, Fullerton, CA/USA

Kolbe, Jens, TU Berlin/Germany

Larondelle, Neele, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, and Humboldt Universität zu Berlin/Germany

Morgan, Carolyn, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH/USA

Ordemann, Jessica, University of Leipzig/Germany

Weinhardt, Michael, University of Bielefeld/Germany

Wratil, Christopher, London School of Economics (LSE)/ UK

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

Berning, Carl, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz/Germany

Gricevic, Zbignev, University of Bielefeld/Germany

Hartung, Andreas, University of Trier/Germany

Lang, Felix, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin/Germany

Nemitz, Janina, University of Zurich/Switzerland

Preuss, Malte, FU Berlin/Germany

von Möllendorff, Charlotte, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg/Germany

Whang, Eunah, FU Berlin/Germany

Wohlfart, Johannes, J.W. Goethe University Frankfurt/M./Germany

New data users

Prof. Abhinav **Alakshendra**: Combatting aging and shrinking populations in developed nations: The fiscal impacts of Immigration in Germany. University of Florida, Urban and Regional Planning, Gainesville, FL/USA.

Prof. Lucio **Baccaro, PhD**: Testing substitutability between insiders and outsiders. University of Geneva, Sociology, Geneva/Switzerland.

Dr. Isabel **Baumann**: Explaining decreased well-being after job loss. Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften (ZHAW), Department Gesundheit, Winterthur/Switzerland.

Dr. Chiara **Benassi**: Testing substitutability between insiders and outsiders. University of London, Royal Holloway, Egham/UK.

Dr. Lisa **Berkman**: The Effect of Mother's Job Loss on Children's Educational Attainment in the United States and Germany. Harvard University, Center for Population and Development Studies, Cambridge, MA/USA.

Dr. Sebastian **Braun**: Die Integration von Arbeitsmigranten und Flüchtlingen auf dem deutschen Arbeitsmarkt. Institut für Weltwirtschaft, Globalisierung und Wohlfahrtsstaat, Kiel/Germany.

Jens **Buchgeister**: Projektgruppe „Regionale Modellierung“ der „Helmholtz Allianz ENERGY TRANS“. Karlsruher Institut für Technologie (KIT), Institut für Technikfolgenabschätzung und Systemanalyse, Karlsruhe/Germany.

Dr. Han Il **Chang**: Group Identity, Reciprocity and Collective Action. New York University Abu Dhabi, Social Science Division, Saadiyat Island Abu Dhabi/United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Andri **Chassamboulli**: Family Background, Occupational Choice and Intergenerational Income mobility. University of Cyprus, Department of Economics, Nicosia/Cyprus.

Prof. Fabrizio **Coricelli**: The effect of integration course on labour market outcomes of immigrants in Germany. Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Economics 02, Paris/France.

Dr. Joan **Costa-Font**: Social identity and attitudes towards the welfare state. London School of Economics and Political Science, Social Policy, London/UK.

Dr. Andreas **Damelang**: Gesundheitliches Wohlbefinden in Deutschland. Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Lehrstuhl für Soziologie und empirische Sozialforschung, Nuremberg/Germany.

Dr. Neli V. **Demireva**: GEMM Growth, Equal Opportunities, Migration & Markets. University of Essex, Sociology, Colchester/UK.

Prof. Dr. Joilson **Dias**: Happiness in Germany: the role of occupation. Universidade Estadual de Maringá, Maringá - Paraná/Brazil.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elias **Dinas**: Eroding Solidarity and Support for Welfare States: Consequences of National Multiculturalism Policies in a Comparative Perspective. University of Oxford, Department for Politics and International Relations, Oxford/UK.

Prof. Dr. Nicolai **Dose**: Die Föderalismusreformen und die Beamten. Auswirkungen der jüngsten Reformen des deutschen Föderalismus. Universität Duisburg-Essen, Fakultät für Gesellschaftswissenschaften, Duisburg/Germany.

Dr. Gilad **Feldman**: Social status and agency across time and cultures. Maastricht University, Work and Social Psychology, Maastricht/The Netherlands.

Prof. Vasiliki **Fouka**: Agricultural Labor Intensity and the Origins of Work Ethics. Stanford University, Political Science, Stanford, CA/USA.

Prof. Dr. Philipp Alexander **Freund**: (1) The effects of importance of work success on life satisfaction (2) Career development among younger and older employees (3) Personality and career success. Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, Institute of Psychology, Lüneburg/Germany.

Dr. Franz **Fuerst**: Energy-Efficient Investments in Residential buildings. Does Personality Matter? University of Cambridge, Cambridge/UK.

Prof. Thomas **Fujiwara**: Competition and Trust. Princeton University, Department of Economics, Princeton, NJ/USA.

Prof. Pietro **Garibaldi**: Heterogeneous workers, labor supply and temporary jobs in search equilibrium. University of Torino, Department of Economics and Statistics "S. Cagnetti de Martiis", Torino/Italy.

Prof. Dr. Andrew M. **Gill**: Trade-Union Membership and Personality Traits. California State University, Mihaylo College of Business and Economics, Fullerton, CA/USA.

Dr. Robert **Gold**: Culture and Entrepreneurship in Germany: An Epidemiological Approach. Institut für Weltwirtschaft, Kiel/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Mario **Gollwitzer**: Ungerechtigkeitssensibilität und soziale Beziehungen. Philipps Universität Marburg, AG Psychologische Methodenlehre, Marburg/Germany.

Prof. Gunnar **Grün**: Multi-Comfort: Untersuchung der Wohnzufriedenheit in Deutschland. Fraunhofer-Institut für Bauphysik, Valley/Germany.

Prof. David **Guilkey**: The Effect of parental leave on maternal and early childhood outcomes. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Economics, Chapel Hill, NC/USA.

Prof. Dr. Gerhard **Hanappi**: European Labor Markets with respect to Turkey's accession to the EU. Technische Universität Wien, Institut für Stochastik und Wirtschaftsmathematik, Vienna/Austria.

Prof. Dr. Christoph **Hanck**: Nonparametric analysis of covariates of life satisfaction in Germany. Universität Duisburg-Essen, Lehrstuhl für Ökonometrie, Essen/Germany.

Dr. Stephan **Heblich**: Globalization and Its (Dis-)Content: Trade Shocks and Political Attitudes. University of Bristol, Department of Economics, Bristol/UK.

Dr. Ralf **Himmelreicher**: Effekte der Einführung des Mindestlohns in Deutschland. Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin, Geschäfts- und Informationsstelle für den Mindestlohn, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Laila Maija **Hofmann**: Der Gender Pay Gap – Lösungsansätze für eine geschlechtergerechte Entlohnung im Führungskräftebereich – ein internationaler Vergleich. Technische Hochschule Georg Simon Ohm Nürnberg, Fakultät Betriebswirtschaft, Nuremberg/Germany.

Prof. V. Joseph **Hotz**: Long-term Effects of Early Impacts on Adult Risk Behaviors. Duke University, Department of Economics, Durham, NC/USA.

Prof. Simona **Iammarino**: Industrial Network and Institutional Perspectives on Economic Growth and Well-Being. London School of Economics LSE, Department of Geography and Environment, London/UK.

Prof. Rustam **Ibragimov, PhD**: Labour Income Profile Research Project. Imperial College London, Business School, London/UK.

Prof. Dr. Elke **Jahn**: Migration, berufliche Anerkennung, Berufsausbildung und Returnmigration. Universität Bayreuth, Lehrstuhl für Arbeitsmarktkonomie, Bayreuth/Germany.

Alexander **Jakubow**, PhD: The Human Economy of Credit and Debt. New Mexico State University, Government, Las Cruces, NM/USA.

Prof. Jan O. **Jonsson**: Social Mobility and Educational Inequalities in Germany and in a Comparative Perspective. University of Oxford, Nuffield College, Oxford/UK.

Dr. Christine **Kaufmann**: Einfluss regionaler Faktoren auf die Aktienmarktteilnahme. Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, FB Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Frankfurt a. Main/Germany.

Prof. Christos **Koulovatianos**: Studies on Fertility and Labor-Force Participation Decisions. University of Luxembourg, Economics, Esch-sur-Alzette/Luxembourg.

Prof. Dr. Tobias **Kretschmer**: Individual characteristics, households and the determinants of entrepreneurship. Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, School of Management, München/Germany.

Prof. Jani-Petri **Laamanen**: Income, Adaptation, Loss Aversion and Subjective Well-being. University of Tampere, School of Management, Tampere/Finland.

Assistant Prof. Dr. Jan **de Leede**: New ways of working in the context of culture—can cultural dimensions by Hofstede account for differences in new ways of working? University of Twente, Human Resource Management, Enschede/The Netherlands.

Prof. Dr. Erik E. **Lehmann**: Selbstständigkeit, Einkommensstruktur und Bildungshintergrund von Migranten in Deutschland. Universität Augsburg, Betriebswirtschaftslehre, Augsburg/Germany.

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2. Different base populations: total population (SOEP) vs. taxpayers (income tax data)
3. Different income concepts: all types of income (SOEP) vs. taxable income (income tax data)

In a paper soon to be published in the DIW Wochenbericht and the DIW Economic Bulletin, Charlotte **Bartels** and Carsten **Schröder** show how time series on income concentration vary when using congruent concepts in the three aforementioned dimensions: taxable gross income per annum on the tax unit level. Their findings demonstrate that:

1. SOEP and income tax data show similar developments in the income concentration in Germany since 2001: a slow increase in the income concentration for the top 10-5% and 5-1%, with marginally divergent levels between the two datasets.
2. The measures of income concentration for the top 1% are significantly higher when using the income tax data because average income differs by more than 100,000 euros between the two datasets. However, the two datasets show a parallel increase in income concentration over the first half of the 2000s. According to income tax data, the income concentration increased over the second half of the decade up to 2008, fell to a lower level after the financial crisis of 2009, and then remained stable. According to SOEP, the income concentration has remained stable since 2005.

The paper thus shows that the income level measurements for the top 1% differ systematically. The difference remains even when using congruent concepts because the income tax data contain a much higher number of high-income tax units than the SOEP. However, capital income has not been systematically measured in the income tax data since the introduction of the flat rate withholding tax in 2009. In addition, the income tax data give only a very incomplete picture of the income situation at the lower end of the income distribution, since people with low income usually do not have to file a tax return. Finally, the income tax data contain very little background information—for example, on household context—that would help to explain income inequalities. To evaluate income inequalities in a comprehensive way “from the bottom to the top,” one needs both administrative and survey data that have been processed for comparability.

SOEP publications

Recently Published

Discussion on the Measurement of Income Inequality

There is an ongoing discussion in the research community over the advantages and disadvantages of survey data (like the SOEP) and administrative data (especially income tax data) for measuring income inequalities. In a paper published in the German journal *Wirtschaftsdienst*, Jan **Goebel** and Carsten **Schröder** discuss methodological difficulties that result from comparing inequality indices based on tax data and survey data. According to their findings, three aspects impede comparability:

1. Different units of observation: households or individuals (SOEP) vs. tax units (income tax data)

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Read more in German in the next DIW Wochenbericht at <http://www.diw.de/wochenbericht> or in English in the DIW Economic Bulletin at <http://www.diw.de/econbull>

Journal publication

New study shows only very small effects of birth order on personality

According to a study recently published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS), birth order has little bearing on who we become as adults. The international comparative study was conducted by psychologists at the Universities of Leipzig and Mainz based on SOEP data.

The question of whether and how birth order affects personality has occupied scientists for over 100 years. Numerous theories have been put forward both in the scientific research and in popular science: for instance, that firstborn are perfectionists, middle children more cooperative, and youngest children more rebellious.

To shed light on the diverse findings from the literature, Professor Stefan **Schmukle** and Julia **Rohrer** from the University of Leipzig and Professor Boris **Egloff** from the University of Mainz analyzed data on more than 20,000 adults from Germany, the USA, and the UK. They found that in all three countries, the key personality traits of extraversion, emotional stability, agreeableness, and conscientiousness did not have a statistically significant relationship to birth order position. Small effects were found only for self-reported intelligence: firstborn children more often reported having a large vocabulary and less difficulty understanding abstract ideas.

These self-reports are confirmed by the well established slight decline in objectively measured intelligence between firstborn and youngest child reported in the study. “This effect on intelligence appears consistently in large samples but has little significance on the individual level due to its extremely small size. And even though in four out of ten cases younger children are still smarter than their older siblings, it is doubtful that this plays any role in the paths they take in life,” says Schmukle. “Our key finding is that there are no substantial effects of birth order on any of the personality di-

mensions we examined. This not only contradicts prominent psychological theories but also runs counter to the intuition of many people.”

The study was made possible by multiple large longitudinal studies: the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) at DIW Berlin, the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY) at the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the National Child Development Study (NCDS) at the Centre of Longitudinal Studies at the University of London.

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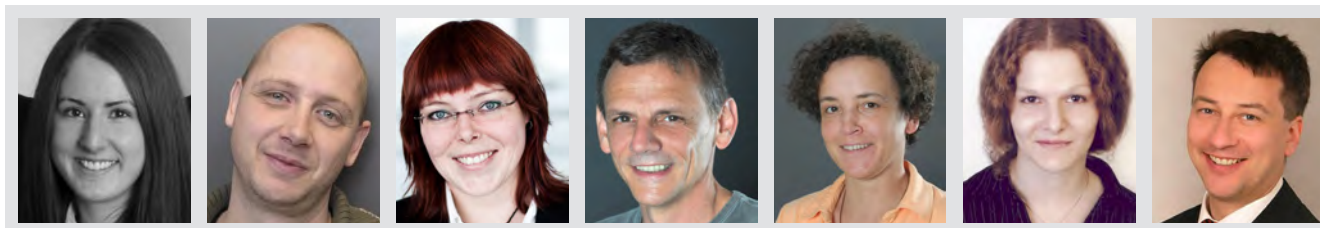
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