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A note on ...

... Kantar Public

The success of a research-based longitudinal study and a research infrastructure for the social and behavioral sciences like the SOEP is undoubtedly in no small part the result of its scientifically robust, socially relevant, and cutting-edge research agenda. The SOEP's high quality standards are ensured through regular evaluations and critical input and advice from advisory boards and other bodies, and are continually being subjected to new and rigorous examination. The last evaluation, which took place in 2012, resulted in top scores for the SOEP and an overall rating of "excellent." The next regular evaluation is scheduled for early 2019. Just a few months ago, the SOEP Survey Committee approved our medium-term concept for the future of the SOEP, and the DIW Berlin Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) found in its recent audit that the SOEP has been performing very well since its last evaluation.

These evaluations mean a great deal to us. They affirm the work we have been doing in a SOEP team that now numbers almost 50 people within DIW Berlin. From my personal perspective, it is above all the healthy and balanced mix of continuity and change over the years that has ensured the high motivation and outstanding work of our team. Continuity is provided by the experience of our longtime SOEP staff members, while the necessary change and a wealth of innovative ideas come from new staff and doctoral students as well as from our long-term staff, who are constantly building and expanding their professional skills and bringing these to bear in their work on the longitudinal study.

In addition to the SOEP staff at DIW Berlin, the team at our survey research institute in Munich and the interviewers employed there also deserve recognition for their outstanding work. Like the SOEP, their team is characterized by a healthy mix of experienced long-term and new staff members. On September 26, the name of the social research unit at TNS Infratest was changed from TNS Infratest Sozialforschung to **Kantar Public**®, providing further evidence of continuity and change at our survey research institute.

When the SOEP signed its first contract with the survey research institute, the Managing Director was Bernhard **von Rosenblatt** and the name of the institute was *Infratest Sozialforschung* in Munich. Since that time, the Munich SOEP team's offices have moved several times within the city and the name has changed to *Infratest Burke* (in 1994), to *NFO Infratest* (in 2001), and then to *TNS Infratest Sozialforschung* (in 2004). In 2008, Dr. Nico A. **Siegel** replaced Bernhard von Rosenblatt as Managing Director of the SOEP team at TNS Infratest. He was responsible for the SOEP boost sample in 2009 and for the creation of the new SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS). In 2014, Axel **Glemser** took over as the Managing Director of the SOEP team in Munich.

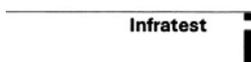
In legal terms, TNS Infratest and its political and social research unit responsible for work on the SOEP have been part of the global Kantar group since 2008. In September 2016, the name was changed to express this longstanding relationship, and all of the political and social research work of TNS Infratest is now being conducted under the name Kantar Public. Kantar Public Germany remains an independent institute focusing on social and political research. Since Kantar's market research activities will be carried out under a different company name in the future, we can expect Kantar Public to produce data on a wide range of political and social research topics that meet high scientific and survey methodological standards, and to also provide expertise for analyses and advisory work.

Nico A. Siegel, who was responsible for policy and social research at TNS Germany after serving as Managing Director of the SOEP team in Munich has been appointed CEO of Kantar Public Germany.

We wish our colleagues in Munich just as much success for their newly named company and new corporate identity as they have achieved in the past, and even closer ties to the European partner institutions of Kantar Public.

For the SOEP fieldwork, this will mean getting used to several new logos in 2017; for most SOEP respondents, the same interviewer as last year will be ringing their doorbell.

Jürgen Schupp





German Section

Ankündigung: SOEPCampus@DIW Berlin 2017

Workshop „Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten“ am 27. und 28. Februar 2017

Vom 27. bis zum 28. Februar 2017 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 auf das Informationssystem paneldata.org eingegangen 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 9. Januar 2017 auf der Website des DIW möglich: http://www.diw.de/id/diw_01.c.545046.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 2017 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 kostenlos. Die Reisekosten müssen jedoch selbst übernommen werden.



Photo: Christine Kurka

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

Data & Service

Data News

Coming soon: SOEP data 1984-2015 (v32)

SOEP-Core, DOI: [10.5684/soep.v32](https://doi.org/10.5684/soep.v32)

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 32 is expected
to be released not later than
December 15, 2016**

SOEP-Core international version, DOI: [10.5684/soep.v32i](https://doi.org/10.5684/soep.v32i)

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 December 15, 2016, too.

Pre-order now: SOEP data 1984-2015 (v32)

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

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

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

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 December 2016 via cryptshare.

For users who have never downloaded the SOEPdata: 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.

What's new in SOEP v32

We are currently preparing the new SOEP data, which will be sent out soon. The new data set includes the most recent wave from survey year 2015 as usual in our classic cross-sectional wide format ("SOEP-Core") and our long version ("SOEPlong").

The new data release (1984–2015), "SOEP.v32" provides, for the most recent survey year 2015, the usual wave-specific data files BFPBRUTTO, BFP, BFPEQUIV, BFP_MIG, BFPKAL, BFPGEN, BFPAGE17, BFHBRUTTO, BFH, BFHGEN, BF-KIND, and BEPLUECKE as well as the updated files with a longitudinal component (PFAD files, biography files, spell data, and weighting factors).

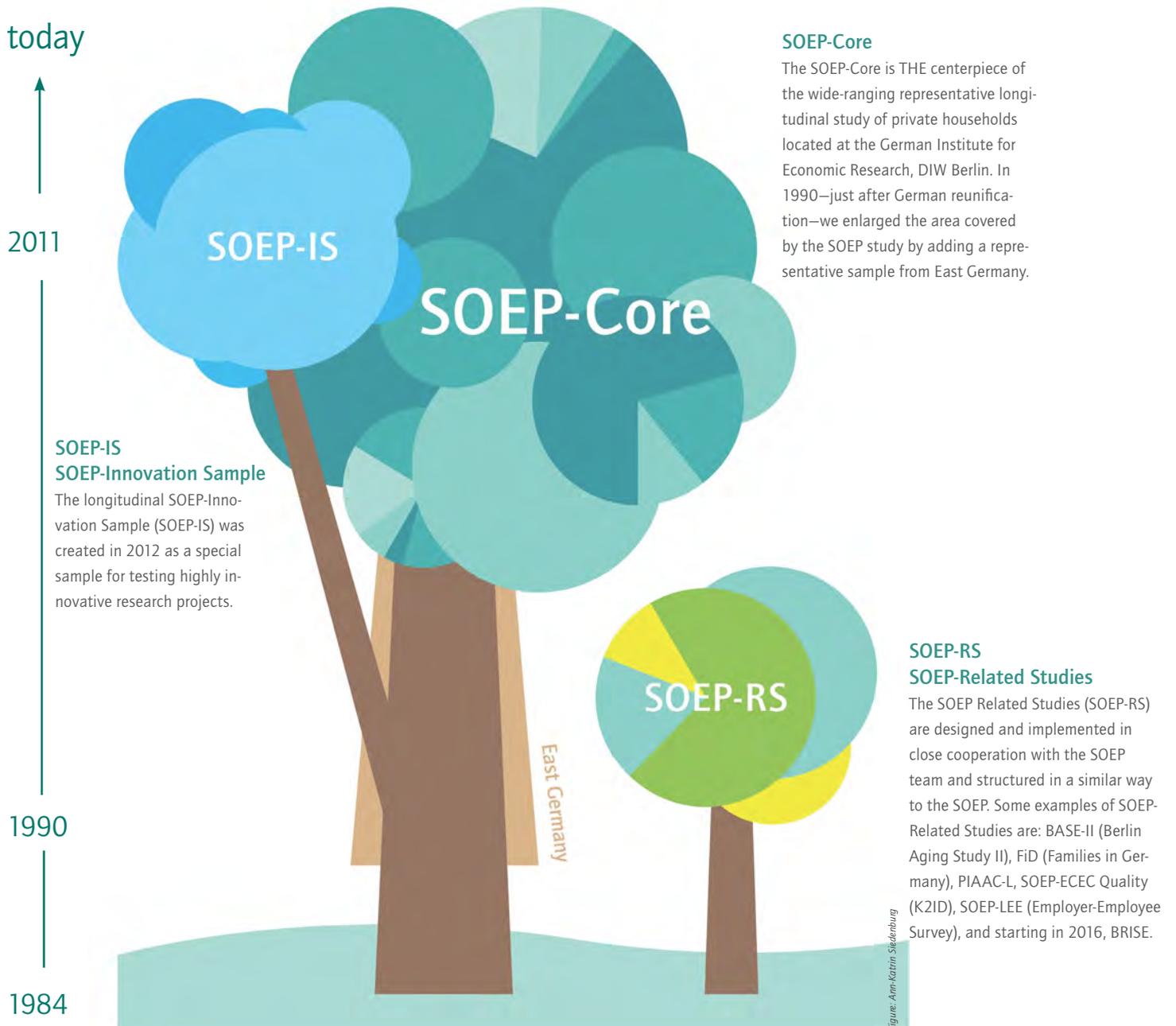
New subsample M2

In 2013 we started our collaboration with the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) in Nuremberg on the first IAB-SOEP Migration Sample (for an overview of M1, see [SOEP Survey Paper 216](#)). The target population of the sample included immigrants to Germany since 1995 and also children of these immigrants who have entered the labor market since 1995. The 2,700 households in the first IAB-SOEP Migration Sample were interviewed for the first time in 2013 and are part of the regular data distribution since SOEP.v30. The households from the second IAB-SOEP Migration Sample surveyed in 2015 are now also included in the SOEP data. The target population of the second IAB-SOEP Migration Sample 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 1,100 households and has again been drawn from register data from the Federal Employment Agency.

Record Linkage

Please note that both samples allow for record linkage of administrative employment and income data with the collected survey data: Respondents are

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asked to provide explicit consent to record linkage. But since this linked dataset contains social data, these weakly anonymized data are only accessible at the Research Data Center of the German Fed-

eral Employment Agency at the IAB (FDZ IAB). FDZ IAB provides access to the data in the framework of guest visits to the IAB and controlled remote data processing. The linked data will soon be

available to external researchers. Requests for data access should be directed to FDZ IAB, since a contract with IAB for data use is required.

News on paneldata.org

Documentation on SOEP v31 available in a test version on data.soep.de

We are currently fundamentally revising our documentation system paneldata.org. By the end of the year, we will have increased the user-friendliness of the system and made it possible to offer data from other studies. The software on which the system is based, DDI on Rails, is also being completely redeveloped (DDI on Rails 2). The first phase of our work focused on the technical implementation of the database, the search engine, and the import algorithms. Although these features are invisible to normal users, it was important to us to revise them in order to be able to update the system faster.

In the next phase of our work, we will be expanding the functionality of the system. We want to improve the search options and expand the personal workspace with the basket and script generator that are available after registering or logging in. In the metadata area, we also want to provide further documentation: first we want to include the questionnaires for all of our SOEP-Core studies and then integrate further studies into the system.

The development of DDI on Rails 2 is currently in the beta stage, that is, a test phase. To be able to provide the documentation on v31 of our SOEP-Core data, an initial public server was set up with the new version of the software and is available under <https://data.soep.de>. You can also continue using the existing system under <https://paneldata.org>, but only with documentation on v30.

Since paneldata.org was launched, we have received numerous valuable suggestions from our users. We are grateful to everyone who has provided feedback. We have already been able to act on many of these suggestions and plan to make further modifications in the coming months. If you notice anything in the meantime, we would be grateful if you would let us know. The easiest way is to send an e-mail to Marcel **Hebing** (mhebing@diw.de).

Reminder: SOEP-IS deadline

Researchers interested in submitting questions to the SOEP-IS 2017 survey should contact SOEP Survey Management by November 30, 2016, to present their proposal. If the project is determined to be viable from a survey methodology perspective, an official application procedure will follow. The official application must be received by December 31, 2016. Send us your proposal!

Applications should be submitted in English to soep-surveymanagement@diw.de.

More information at <https://www.diw.de/soep-is>

2016 User Survey starts in November

Every year in late fall, our SOEP User Survey goes online. This year, the survey will begin on November 15, when users will receive a personal invitation by e-mail. It will also be accessible at the following link:

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

This year we will be focusing on the diversity of studies in the SOEP to find out more about the interplay among the various SOEP datasets. We hope for high participation among our user community, including the new users who have joined since last year.



News from LIS – Cross-national Data Center in Luxembourg

Germany 2013 added to the LIS Database

One new dataset from Germany, DE13, (Wave IX), has been added to the LIS Database.

The dataset is from wave 31 of the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), which is carried out by the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin).

In addition to releasing the Wave IX dataset, the seven earlier German datasets based on the same survey (DE10/07/04/00/94/89/84) have been revised for consistency.

See [Revision notes](#) for details.

New leadership structure at LIS

In a post on September 1, 2016, Janet **Gornick**, Director of the LIS since 2006, offered some key information about the new structure and recognizes several people who have made LIS what it is over many years. The post can be read in full at <http://www.lisdatacenter.org/news-and-events/new-leadership-structure-at-lis/>. Here is an excerpt:

“Since its inception in 1983, LIS has had a single Director, responsible for the overall operation of LIS. Tim **Smeeding** served in that role from 1983 to 2006. Ten years ago today, Tim handed me “the baton”, and I stepped into his shoes (a daunting assignment). Tim was, of course, joined by Lee **Rainwater**, who served as LIS’ Research Director from 1983 to 2005, and I was joined by Markus **Jäntti**, who succeeded Lee in that same position, from 2005-2014.

Since 2006, LIS has grown tremendously and it is now too large and complex to be well-served by a single Director. A few years ago, I sought guidance from our Board President, Sir Tony **Atkinson**, and our Executive Committee. Together, we arrived at a plan for a new leadership structure and, today, that new structure takes effect.

As of 1 September 2016, LIS will be overseen by two Directors. Daniele **Checchi**, an economist at the University of Milan, will serve as “Director of the Luxembourg Office of LIS”. Daniele will also take on the legal role of LIS’ Secretary General. I will serve as “Director of the US Office of LIS”; the US Office remains situated within the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). In the coming years, Daniele and I will assume differentiated responsibilities, but we will work in close cooperation, making major decisions jointly about the scope of LIS’ work and its overall priorities.

Daniele will have a partner in Luxembourg, Thierry **Kruten**, who will continue to serve as Director of Operations and IT Director. I will work closely with Caroline **Batzdorf**, who will continue as Assistant Director of the US Office and Director of Development.

Daniele, Thierry, Caroline and I look forward to working together. We four are grateful that LIS’ tremendous staff – in both offices – will remain in place (albeit with the usual pattern of periodic turnover).”

A substantial expansion in New York

The James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality—known as the Stone Center—was launched on September 1, 2016. It renames (subject to CUNY Board of Trustees’ approval) and expands the Graduate Center’s Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) Center, which opened its doors at the Graduate Center in 2009 and is now “Home of the US Office of LIS.”

<http://www.gc.cuny.edu/stonecenter>

Events & Activities

Report

ESPE 2016

June 15-18, 2016



From June 15 to June 18, 2016, the SOEP/DIW Berlin organized the 30th annual conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) in Berlin. We were very happy to welcome 310 researchers from 32 countries around the world at the Harnack Haus in Dahlem.

Our keynote speakers were Marianne **Bitler** from the University of California at Davis and David **Figlio** from Northwestern University. Marianne Bitler spoke about “Marriage Markets and Family Formation: The Role of the Vietnam Draft” and David Figlio about “Culture and the intergenera-

tional transmission of human capital,” two subjects that were closely related to the core research topics of the SOEP. The current president of the ESPE, Arthur **van Soest** (Tilburg University), gave a presidential address on “Experimental Survey Data.”

This year, ESPE celebrated its 30th anniversary by hosting special sessions and inviting all of the past presidents of the society to take part. We were very happy that 14 of the 30 previous presidents of ESPE attended this year’s conference and gave interesting presentations about their current research at the special sessions.

Over the three days, a total of 283 papers were presented in 76 parallel sessions.

For ESPE 2016, Marco **Francesconi** (University of Essex) served as program chair and Daniel **Schnitzlein** (DIW Berlin, Leibniz University Hannover) headed the local organizing team. Christine **Kurka**, Frauke **Peter**, and Svenja **Linnemann** were responsible for key aspects of conference organization.



ESPE 2016 Impressions

Report: SOEP@VfS conference 2016

For the third time, SOEP had an information booth together with DIW Berlin at the annual meeting of the “Verein für Socialpolitik,” the largest association of German-speaking economists in the world.

This year, the conference was organized and hosted by the University of Augsburg from September 4-7, 2016, and the theme of the conference was “Demographic Change.”

Keynotes were given by Oded **Galor**, Brown University, (“On the Origins of Comparative Economic Development”), David E. **Bloom**, Harvard School of Public Health, (“Population Dynamics and its Economic Implications”), and Christian **Dustmann**, University College London, (“The Economics and Politics of Refugee Migration”).

The theme of the conference was also the topic of a panel discussion chaired by Marcel **Fratzscher** (DIW Berlin) on the future of the German pension system. Walter **Riester** (former Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs) and Bert **Rürup** (who belongs to the early and permanent supporters of SOEP) discussed whether pensions in Germany are still safe (“Ist unsere Rente sicher?”).



Photos: Christine Kurka and Sverja Linemann, SOEP

From left: Bert Rürup, Marcel Fratzscher (DIW Berlin), and Walter Riester

Another panel discussion was organized by the German Data Forum (chaired by Stefan **Bender**) on “Using microdata to analyse demographic changes,” which also pointed out

the importance of the use of microdata like the SOEP data.

Numerous papers presented at the conference were based on empirical research, many using SOEP data, including Michael **Burda**, Regina T. **Riphahn** and many more (please see our complete listing at http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.544619.en).

Many conference attendees stopped by the SOEP information booth and mentioned how much they value the quality and diversity of the SOEP data. They also showed great interest in papers by SOEP staff members recently published in the DIW Wochenbericht and DIW Economic Bulletin series. The report on the “Integration of refugees” (see pp. 20) was especially popular. Conference participants who were not already using the SOEP data expressed interest in learning more about this database.

Report: SOEP@DGS Congress 2016

The 38th Congress of the German Sociological Association (DGS) took place at the University of Bamberg from September 26 to 30. The overarching theme was “closed societies”, and the subject of migration and refugees took a central place in discussions at the congress.

The SOEP once again had an information booth at the congress. Numerous SOEP users and congress attendees visited the booth to find out more about the SOEP study and recent developments in the sample. Recent SOEP papers and DIW Wochenberichte/Economic Bulletins on the integration of refugees, attitudes toward refugees, women in management, the income distribution, and party preferences were in high demand. Visitors also took the SOEP grip strength test, which many users are already familiar with. Some reported on their personal experiences with the test





in the context of athletic training, which came as a surprise even to SOEP team members at the booth.

The SOEP hosted an ad-hoc group on the subject of “Refugees as a challenge for empirical social research.” SOEP Director Jürgen **Schupp** introduced the methodological design and initial field experiences with the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Sample. Attendance of the presentation was high, and many visitors expressed interest in ordering the data, which are set to be released by the end of next year. Preceding that was a presentation and lively discussion on the qualitative preliminary study to the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Sample.

SOEP Brown Bag Seminars

The SOEP Brown Bag Seminar series offers SOEP researchers an opportunity to present their ongoing research using SOEP data or methodological research that is deemed relevant for the SOEP survey. The seminars take place approximately every two weeks at DIW Berlin and will resume in October 2016. We encourage all external researchers to attend the seminar or present their research. Proposals for special Brown Bag Seminars are also welcome.



If you would like to participate or present, do not hesitate to contact us to subscribe to the SOEP Brown

Bag mailing list or to obtain a list of available slots: Organizers Cortnie Anne **Shupe** (cshupe@diw.de) and Katharina **Poschmann** (kposchmann@diw.de) took over from Sybille **Luhmann** and Christian **Westermeier** in October. If you are interested in finding out more about past presentations, please contact the presenters directly.

Presentations in the last three months have included:

Simone **Bartsch** and Knut **Wenzig** (DIW Berlin): Spezial: Metadatenutzung bei PIAAC-L. July 19, 2016.

Maria **Metzing** (joint with Tobias **Wolf**): Time use, Experienced Well-Being and Labor Market Status. August 3, 2016.



Photos: Christine Kurka and Sverja Limmernann, SOEP

Photo: Philipp Eisnecker presented his joint study with Jürgen Schupp on attitudes of the population toward the recent influx of refugees and social engagement on behalf of refugees

On the last day of the congress, the SOEP participated in another ad-hoc group. At the event, entitled “Yes we can! Or maybe not after all? Civil society engagement amid the conflicts of the refugee crisis,” Philipp **Eisnecker** (SOEP) presented his joint study with Jürgen Schupp on attitudes of the population toward the recent influx of refugees and social engagement on behalf of refugees.

Numerous lectures using SOEP data were held at the congress, showing the diverse analytical potentials of the SOEP. An overview can be found here: http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.544619.en

This year’s congress was a great success for the SOEP with regard to both attendance of SOEP-based lectures in the seminars and the interest in the SOEP’s information booth, as well as users’ positive feedback on the quality and analytical possibilities offered by the SOEP data.

People & Papers

SOEP People – Five questions to Jennifer Hunt



Photo: Deborah Bowen

Jennifer Hunt is a Professor of Economics at Rutgers University. Born in Australia and raised in Switzerland, she has held teaching and research posts in Germany, Italy, Spain, Canada, and the USA. She served in the Obama Administration as Chief Economist in the US Department of Labor from 2013-14 and as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Microeconomic Analysis in the US Department of the Treasury from 2014-2015. Jenny Hunt was one of the first US researchers to begin working with the SOEP data in 1989, and her publications played a significant role in making the SOEP known to the international research community. Her research focuses on themes of immigration and wage inequality, unemployment, the science and engineering workforce, the transition from communism, and crime and corruption.

1. *Your career spans work as both a researcher and high-level policy advisor. What's exciting to you about research?*

You're trying to find general rules for how things work: How is this system, which is the economy, working? And then I always have as a motivation that I want to help people [through] my research. That's why I've been focused on the labor market. I've been interested in unemployment because the unemployed are so unhappy, and also in equality, in seeing how you can help people who may be working but are only earning poor wages. Then there's the excitement: You get your data set and you can immediately start doing a few statistics, you can see what's going on and ask new questions. And then you have the flexibility to investigate whatever you would like.

2. *How important is it to you that your research has a policy impact?*

I was excited to work in the Obama administration for precisely that reason: I do policy-relevant research because I hope that it will influence policy. Of course, the best way to influence policy is to actually go to the government yourself. I was excited in particular because when I went to the Department of Labor, I knew the immigration reform discussions were just beginning, and I wanted to be involved in those. I had some ideas from my research, and other ideas came up there and in my work at the Department of Treasury as well. One resulted in a joint Treasury and White House report on occupational licensing. That was one particularly exciting topic.

3. *One major area of your research has been unemployment. What motivated you to begin looking at unemployment, and what first led you to the SOEP data?*

I started reading newspapers as a young person in the early/mid-1980s, when unemployment became a big topic in Europe where I was growing up. So I had this interest in unemploy-

ment that I began to pursue after finishing my undergraduate degree in engineering and changing to economics. My research since then has tried to get at the question: Why is unemployment higher than one would expect? Why does it go up so much in recessions? Perhaps because of my interest in unemployment, I became interested in the labor market more generally—in what people earn and why, including men versus women and the gender differences in the labor market.

I first found out about the SOEP data when I went to the Luxembourg Income Study workshop and met Professor Richard Hauser, who was developing the project at the time. That was 1989. My first paper with the SOEP data, written as part of my dissertation, "[The Effect of Unemployment Compensation on Unemployment Duration in Germany](#)," was on disincentive effects of extending Arbeitslosengeld in West Germany and comparing the effects to the US. Surprisingly, I found the disincentives were similar in the two countries.

4. *As a SOEP user for over 25 years, what do you find special about the SOEP data?*

The SOEP data are just marvelous. They have been from the beginning, because the SOEP was able to learn from the PSID and improve a lot of things. Right from the beginning, it was a well-organized set of data with an excellent set of questions. What really makes it stand out, though, is how innovative the SOEP group has been. It was amazing how quickly they got into East Germany and got the first set of surveys before the monetary union, when things were essentially under the communist system, with retrospective information about communism. And more recently there have been all of these innovations like putting in psychological questions, having experiments, allowing people to design parts of the survey themselves in SOEP-IS. These things are very, very unusual. Now more countries have surveys like the SOEP, but I don't think many of them are nearly this innovative in new questions and new methods.

5. What would you recommend to young people today who are just embarking on a career in economics?

I have a couple of recommendations. One recommendation that one of my professors gave me is: When thinking about what to do in your dissertation, do something you think is interesting. You need to be fascinated by the topic. On the other hand, if your advisor tells you there are 2,500 papers on the topic, and when you go on the job market nobody is going to be interested in the 2,501st, you should pay attention and maybe do

something related but save up that topic for when you have tenure. Also, you should realize you need to be someone that sets your own deadlines – that other people won't do that for you so you need to do that yourself. And you need to like research in general.

The SOEP People video of our interview with Jennifer Hunt can be found in the DIW Berlin Media Center at: http://diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.545140.de

Staff and community news



Simone **Bartsch** has left the SOEP to embark on a new (non-academic) career path. We wish her every success in her new undertakings and are grateful for her contributions to the SOEP. Simone took over survey management while Elisabeth Liebau was on maternity leave, and then took on the same responsibilities for the SOEP-Related Study PIAAC-L.



Her successor in PIAAC-L will be Luise **Burkhardt**. Luise studied sociology at the Technische Universität Dresden and at the University of Potsdam. Her master's thesis examined the role of volunteer work in retirement based on an empirical investigation of retirees' volunteer activities in the health field. Prior to accepting this position, Luise worked as a student assistant in the SOEP since 2013.



Patrick **Burauel** and Daniel **Graeber**, doctoral students at the DIW Berlin Graduate Center, joined the SOEP. Patrick studied economics at an undergraduate level at University Maastricht with an exchange semester in Hong Kong. In 2015 he graduated with a master's degree from the Paris School of Economics and Ecole Polytechnique. In his master's thesis he analyzed the evolution of inequality of opportunity over the lifecycle. Daniel studied Socioeconomics as well as Economics in Hamburg, Växjö, Sweden, and Kiel. He earned his B.A. in Socioeconomics from Hamburg University and his M.Sc. in Quantitative

Economics from the Christian-Albrechts-University Kiel. His master's thesis empirically studied the effect of labor income uncertainty on subjective well-being using the SOEP.



Christian **Krekel**, PhD student at the Paris School of Economics, left the SOEP group to work as a Research Officer at the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics. We wish him all the best.



Philipp **Kaminsky** began training as a Specialist in Market and Social Research (FAMS) at the SOEP in early October. The SOEP is in its sixth year of offering training for FAMS, and five SOEP trainees have already successfully graduated from the program.

Andrea **Hense** was awarded one of the two dissertation prizes at the 38th Congress of the German



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Photo: Andrea Hense (center) was awarded one of the two dissertation prizes at the 38th Congress of the German Sociological Association at the Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg

Sociological Association at the Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg in the amount of €1,000. Her dissertation is entitled “Perceptions of one’s own precarity: Foundations of a theory for social explanation of inequality perceptions” and was selected from among 24 submissions this year. For the empirical part of the work, studying social influences on perceptions of precarity and testing her theoretical explanatory model, Andrea Hense used the SOEP data. Over the last few years she came to Berlin numerous times for guest stays in the SOEP Research Data Center at DIW Berlin. She completed her doctoral work at the University of Bielefeld and is now working at the Sociological Research Institute at the University of Göttingen (SOFI). We congratulate her on this honor!

SOEP staff activities

Paper presentations

October – December 2016

Marco **Gießelmann**, Marina **Hagen**, Reinhard **Schunck**: Motherhood and Mental Well-Being: Linking the Life-Course Approach with Gender Perspectives. Education and the Life Course: Determinants and Consequences of Unequal Educational Opportunities. *Conference of the Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies (SLLS)*, October 5–8, 2016, Bamberg/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**: Die Vermögensverteilung in Deutschland. Exkursion des Instituts für Siedlungs- und Wohnungswesen der Universität Münster, October 4, 2016, Berlin/Germany.

Nicolas **Legewie**: Panel-basierte Mixed-Methods-Studien. Design, Feldzugang, Potentiale und Herausforderungen. Mit dem SOEP und anderen statistischen Daten arbeiten. Quantitative und qualitative Sekundäranalysen. Workshop am Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam, October 13, 2016, Potsdam/Germany.

Nicolas **Legewie**: Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA). *Atelier „Méthodo“ de Laboratoire d’Economie et de Sociologie du Travail (LEST)*, October 4, 2016, Aix-en-Provence/France.

Christian **Schmitt**: Low Fertility, Labor Market, and Family: Factors, Outcomes, and Policy Implications (invited). East-West-Center (EWC) & Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA) joint conference, December 8–9, 2016, Honolulu, HI/USA.

Paper presentations July – September 2016

Charlotte **Bartels**, Maria **Metzing**: An Integrated Approach for Top-corrected Gini. (1) *IIPF 2016 Congress*, August 9–11 2016, Lake Tahoe, NV/USA; (2) 31th annual congress of the European Economic Association and the 69th European meeting of the Econometric Society (*EEA-ESEM 2016*), August 22–16, 2016, Geneva/Switzerland; (3) *Demografischer Wandel. VFS-Jahrestagung 2016*, September 4–7, 2016, Augsburg/Germany.

Charlotte **Bartels**, Cornie **Shupe**: The Work Incentives in Europe (poster). *EUROMOD 20th Anniversary Conference*, Sept 5–6, 2016, Colchester/UK.

Timm **Bönke**, Markus M. **Grabka**, Carsten **Schröder**, Edward N. **Wolff**: A Comparative Analysis of Augmented Wealth in Germany and the United States. *34th General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW)*, August 21–27, 2016, Dresden/Germany.

Sarah **Dahmann**, Silke **Anger**: The Impact of Education on Personality—Evidence from a German High School Reform. *Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality*, August 29 – September 2, 2016, Bonn/Germany.

Sarah **Dahmann**: How Does Education Improve Cognitive Skills? Instructional Time versus Timing of Instruction. *28th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists (EALE)*, September 15–17, 2016, Ghent/Belgium.

Philipp **Eisnecker**: Determinanten interethnischer Beziehungen von Einheimischen—Die Rolle der sozialen Umwelt und persönlicher Einstellungen gegenüber Migration aus einer längsschnittlichen Perspektive. *Geschlossene Gesellschaften. 38. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie*, September 26–30, 2016, Bamberg/Germany.

Alexandra **Fedorets**: Rising Wage Inequality, Distribution of Unpleasant Job Characteristics, and Routine-Biased Technical Change. (1) *Demografischer Wandel. VFS-Jahrestagung 2016*, September 4 – 7, 2016, Augsburg/Germany, (2) *Labour Market Adjustments to Digitisation and the Future of Work. Fourth International BIBB/IAB/ZEW Conference TASKS IV*, September 7–9, 2016, Mannheim/Germany.

Lucas **Geese**, Chloé **Janssen**, Constanza Sanhueza **Petrarca**, Diana **Schacht**: Descriptive Representation of Constituency Interests : The Role of Institutional and District Composition. (1) *Great Transformations: Political Science and the Big Questions of Our Time. Ame-*

ican Political Science Association (APSA) 2016 Annual Meeting, September 1–4, 2016, Philadelphia, PA/USA., (2) 10th European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, September 7–10, 2016, Prague/Czech Republic.

Marco **GieBelmann**, Marina **Hagen**, Reinhard **Schunck**: Motherhood and Mental Well-Being: Linking the Life-Course Approach with Gender Perspectives. Stratification and Population Processes in European Societies. *Conference of the European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR)*, September 22–24, 2016, Oxford/UK.

Marco **GieBelmann**, Alexander **Schmidt-Catran**: Interaktionen in Fixed Effects Regressionsanalysen. *Geschlossene Gesellschaften. 38. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie*, September 26–30, 2016, Bamberg/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**: Messung von Einkommensungleichheit und Armut. *Einkommensungleichheit und Armut in Deutschland. Messung, Befunde und Maßnahmen. 5. StatistikTage Bamberg/Fürth*, July 21–22, 2016, Bamberg/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**: Genderspezifische Verteilungseffekte der Digitalisierung. *Arbeit 4.0—Blind Spot Gender. 3. Gender Studies Tagung des DIW Berlin und der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*, September 22, 2016, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Begrüßung. *Arbeit 4.0—Blind Spot Gender. 3. Gender Studies Tagung des DIW Berlin und der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*, September 22, 2016, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**, Andrea **Schäfer**, Mechthild **Schrooten**: Gender Specific Remittances from Germany before and after the Economic Crisis. *The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World. Third ISA Forum of Sociology*, July 10–14, 2016, Vienna/Austria.

Nicolas **Legewie**: Culture, Families, and Narratives: How Stories Can Foster Upward Educational Mobility. *Rethinking Social Movements: Can Changing the Conversation Change the World? Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, August 20–23, 2016, Seattle, WA/USA.

Nicolas **Legewie**, Anne **Nassauer**: Visual Data Analysis: A methodological frame for a novel research trend. *Rethinking Social Movements: Can Changing the Conversation Change the World? Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, August 20–23, 2016, Seattle, WA/USA.

Nicolas **Legewie**, Ingrid **Tucci**: Turning Points during Transitions to Adulthood—the Descendants of Immigrants in Germany. *The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World. Third ISA Forum of Sociology*, July 10–14, 2016, Vienna/Austria.

Claudia **Diehl**, Elisabeth **Liebau**: Linking Discrimination and Integration: Theoretical Challenges and Empirical Findings. *Geschlossene Gesellschaften. 38. Kongress der deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie*, September 26–30, 2016, Bamberg/Germany.

Chloé **Janssen**, Constanza Sanhueze **Petrarca**, Diana **Schacht**, Pierre **Baudewyns**: Matching Candidate Nomination, Ethnic Voting, and Ethnic Representation. *10th European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference*, September 7–10, 2016, Prague/Czech Republic.

Rui **Mata**, Anika **Josef**, David **Richter**, Gregory **Samanes-Larkin**, Gert G. **Wagner**, Ralph **Hertwig**: Propensity for risk taking across the life span as a facet of personality development. *50. Kongress der deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychologie (DGPs)*, September 18–22, 2016, Leipzig/Germany.

David **Richter**, Jürgen **Schupp**, Gert G. **Wagner**: Testing psychological theories with the SOEP Innovation Sample. *50. Kongress der deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychologie (DGPs)*, September 18–22, 2016, Leipzig/Germany.

David **Richter**, Martin **Kroh**: The Big Five in the SOEP: Effects on panel attrition and sensitivity to changes in survey mode. *18. European Conference on Personality (ECP 18)*, July 19–23, 2016, Timisoara/Romania.

Julia **Sander**, Florian **Schmiedeck**, Annette **Brose**, Gert G. **Wagner**, Jule **Specht**: Personality development and long-term effects of an extensive cognitive training. *50. Kongress der deutschen Gesellschaft für Psychologie (DGPs)*, September 18–22, 2016, Leipzig/Germany.

Julia **Sander**, Florian **Schmiedeck**, Annette **Brose**, Gert G. **Wagner**, Jule **Specht**: Long-term effects of an extensive cognitive training on personality development. *18. European Conference on Personality (ECP 18)*, July 19–23, 2016, Timisoara/Romania.

Christian **Schmitt**, Gøsta **Esping-Andersen**: Gender inequalities and couple bargaining on the division of labor. *Geschlossene Gesellschaften. 38. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie*, September 26–30, 2016, Bamberg/Germany.

Christian **Schmitt**, Gøsta **Esping-Andersen**: The dynamics of bargaining in partnerships. European Population Conference **EPC 2016**, August 29–September 3, 2016, Mainz/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: German Longitudinal Studies—Migration Boosts in the SOEP: The Recent Migrant Samples from 2013/15 (M1 & M2) and the 2016 Refugee Samples (M3 & M4). Child, Youth and Family Refugees. Canada-Germany Research Development Workshop, September 9, 2016, Ottawa/Canada.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Methodisches Design und erste Felderfahrung der IAB-BAMF-SOEP-Flüchtlingsstudie. Geschlossene Gesellschaften. **38. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie**, September 26–30, 2016, Bamberg/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Geflüchtete als Herausforderung für die empirische Sozialforschung – Methodisches Design und erste Felderfahrung der IAB-BAMF-SOEP-Flüchtlingsstudie. **Statistische Woche 2016**, September 13–16, 2016, Augsburg/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**, Philipp **Eisnecker**: Einstellungen und soziales Engagement der Bevölkerung in Hinblick auf die aktuelle Flüchtlingszuwanderung—Entwicklungen im Jahr 2016 anhand des „Stimmungsbarometers zu Geflüchteten in Deutschland.“ Geschlossene Gesellschaften. **38. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie**, September 26–30, 2016, Bamberg/Germany.

Eva **Sierminska**, Daniela **Piazzalunga**, Markus M. **Grabka**: Wealth Gender Differences: The Changing Role of Explanatory Factors Over Time. **34th General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW)**, August 21–27, 2016, Dresden/Germany.

Presentation at policy forums (July – November)

Alexandra **Fedorets**: Mindestlohn für alle? Zur Entlohnung Erwerbstätiger vor und nach der Mindestlohnreform. Der Senator für Wirtschaft, Arbeit und Häfen, September 2, 2016, Bremen/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**: Die Einkommensverteilung in Deutschland: Wie geht es der Mittelschicht?. Vortrag im Bundespräsidialamt, July 20, 2016, Berlin/Germany.

Markus M. **Grabka**, Timm **Bönke**, Carsten **Schröder**, Ed **Wolff**, Lennard **Zyska**: Die Vermögensverteilung in Deutschland unter Berücksichtigung von Anwartschaften der Alterssicherungssysteme. Sitzung

des Ausschusses Volkswirtschaftliche Fragen der Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände (BDA), October 6, 2016, Berlin/Germany.

Christian **Schmitt**, Georg **Wenau**: Elternzeit von Vätern in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Vortrag beim Landesfrauenrat Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, November 2016.

University teaching (Winter semester 2016/2017)

Marco **Gießelmann**: Sozialstrukturelle Bedingungen und Folgen individuellen Handelns. Seminar. Universität Bielefeld

Christian **Schmitt**: Sozio-demographische Zukunftsszenarien und was aus ihnen wurde. Seminar. Universität Rostock

Christian **Schmitt**: International vergleichende Arbeitsmarktanalyse und Erwerbstätigkeit. Seminar. Universität Rostock

Daniel **Schnitzlein**: Seminar zur Bildungsökonomik. Seminar. Leibniz-Universität Hannover

Daniel **Schnitzlein**: Economics of Education II. Vorlesung. Leibniz-Universität Hannover

Carsten **Schröder**: Ökonomie des Wohlfahrtsstaates. Vorlesung. FU Berlin

Jürgen **Schupp**: Methodologies and Research Themes of Inequality in European Comparative Structural Analyses. Seminar. FU Berlin

Short-term special courses (September – October)

Marco **Gießelmann**: Introduction to the Socio-Economic Panel Study. SOEPcampus@Universität Bielefeld, October 12, 2016, Bielefeld/Germany.

Elke **Holst**, Andrea **Schäfer**: Introduction to the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) and Applied Survival Analysis. 10th International Research Workshop. September 25–30, 2016, Sankelmark, Germany.

Nicolas **Legewie**: Qualitative Interviewing. 10th International Research Workshop. September 25–30, 2016, Sankelmark, Germany.

SOEP visitors

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

Class, Fabian, University of Potsdam/Germany

Dochow, Stephan, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)/Germany

Hense, Andrea, SOFI Göttingen/Germany

Hoppe, Lukas, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)/Germany

Kottwitz, Anita, University of Applied Sciences Zittau/Görlitz/Germany

Christian Krekel, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London/UK

Luhmann, Sibylle, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin/Germany

Ordemann, Jessica, University of Leipzig/Germany

Salikutluk, Zerrin, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin/Germany

Samarsky, Elena, University of Oxford/United Kingdom

Vogel, Nina, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin/Germany

Winke, Tim, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin/Germany

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

Denzer, Manuel, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz/Germany

Friedrich, Jonas, University of Basel/Switzerland

Hartung, Alexander, University of Tübingen/Germany

Kossow, Tom, University of Heidelberg/Germany

Margaryan, Shushanik, University of Hamburg/Germany

Steckenleiter, Carina, University of St. Gallen/Switzerland

Schaub, Max, Bocconi University, Milano/Italy

Schütthoff, Ute, University of Tübingen/Germany

Weinhardt, Michael, University of Bielefeld/Germany

Zapf, Ines, Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nuremberg/Germany

New data users

Prof. Dr. Yvonne **Anders**: Welche Strukturen von Kitas sind mit einem hohen fachlichen Austausch im Team assoziiert und lässt sich anhand des fachlichen Austauschs pädagogische Prozessqualität vorhersagen? Freie Universität Berlin, Arbeitsbereich Frühkindliche Bildung und Erziehung, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Pedro Pita **Barros**: Impact of Job information Centers on Intergenerational Educational Mobility in Germany. Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Nova School of Business and Economics, Lisbon/Portugal.

Assistant Prof. Gulgun **Bayaz-Ozturk**: A comparison of men and women in the United States and Germany after divorce. New York City College of Technology, Department of Social Science, Brooklyn, NY/USA.

Assistant Prof. Alexander **Bick**: Evaluating Maternity Leave Policies. Arizona State University, Department of Economics, Tempe, AZ/USA.

Prof. Dr. Christian **Breuer**: Culture, institutions and decision-making at the household-level. Technische Universität Chemnitz, Fakultät für Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Chemnitz/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Gregor **Brüggelambert**: Empirische Analysen von Wohlfahrtsindikatoren. Fachhochschule Dortmund, Fachbereich Wirtschaft, Dortmund/Germany.

Associate Prof. Aline **Bütikofer**: Who does better economically? A comparison between economic immigrants and refugees. Norwegian School of Economics and Business, Department of Economics, Bergen/Norway.

Dr. Dominik **Buttler**: Negotiate—overcoming early job-insecurity in Europe. Poznan University of Economics and Business, Department of Labour and Social Policy, Poznan/Poland.

Associate Prof. Dr. Alin M. **Ceobanu**: The determinants of return migration intentions of turks in Germany. University of Florida, Sociology and Criminology and Law, Gainesville, FL/USA.

Prof. Dr. Christian **Conrad**: Analyse und Entwicklung der Einkommensungleichheit in Deutschland. Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Lehrstuhl für Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung, Heidelberg/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Rolf **van Dick**: Karriereverläufe von Frauen und Männern. Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Institut für Psychologie, Frankfurt a. Main/Germany.

Dr. Simone C. **Ehmig**: REACH – Reaching young adults with low achievement in literacy. Institut für Lese- und Medienforschung, Mainz/Germany.

Prof. Steven E. **Finkel**, PhD: On the origins and effects of contemporary immigrant integration policy in Western Europe. University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science, Pittsburgh, PA/USA.

Prof. Chenoa **Flippen**: The interrelationship between migration and fertility in Germany. University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, Philadelphia, PA/USA.

Prof. Alfred **Galichon**: Integrating collective models and the marriage market. New York University, Department of Economics, New York, NY/USA.

Dr. Rupert **Gatti**: Evaluating labour supply decisions. University of Cambridge, Faculty of Economics, Cambridge/UK.

Assistant Prof. Rania **Gihleb**: Internet and fertility. University of Pittsburgh, Department of Economics, Pittsburgh, PA/USA.

Prof. Dr. Martin **Halla**: Effekte der G8/G9 Reformen in Bayern auf die Fertilität von jungen Frauen. Universität Innsbruck, Finanzwissenschaften, Innsbruck/Austria.

Prof. Olena **Hankivsky**: Women on the Move. Simon Fraser University, School of Public Policy, Vancouver/Canada.

Prof. Dr. Felicitas **Hentschke**: The historical development of part-time work. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, re:work, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Christian **Holzner**: Analyse des Bewerbungsverhaltens. Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Lehrstuhl für Finanzwissenschaft, Munich/Germany.

Prof. Dr. David R. **Howell**, PhD: The equitable growth-decent jobs project—trends in economic growth and decent jobs. The New School, Milano School of International Affairs, Management and Urban Policy, New York, NY/USA.

Dr. Michael **Jetter**: Terror and the media. The University of Western Australia, Crawley WA/Australia.

Prof. Dr. E. **de Jong**: Culture, institutions and economic behavior. Radboud University, Institute for Management Research, Nijmegen/The Netherlands.

Dr. Timothy A. **Judge**: Socioeconomic status, personality, and career success. The Ohio State University, Management and Human Resources, Columbus, OH/USA.

Sungmi **Jung**, PhD: A study of the trends of gender wage gap in Korea—comparison with the German case. Korea Labor Institute, Center for Labor Policy Analysis, Sejong/South Korea.

Prof. Dr. Patrick **Kampkötter**: Performance management and employee outcomes. Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, Lehrstuhl für Managerial Accounting, Tübingen/Germany.

Dr. Marc **Keuschnigg**: Die externe Validität des soziologischen Laborexperiments. Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Institut für Soziologie, München/Germany.

Dr. Elina **Kilpi-Jakonen**: Elterngenerationale kumulative Disadvantage und Ressourcenausgleich (INDIRECT). University of Turku, Department of Social Research, Turku/Finland.

Prof. Byung-Yeon **Kim**: The effect of income inequality on trust: evidence from privatization in East Germany. Seoul National University, Department of Economics, Seoul/South Korea.

Prof. Toru **Kitagawa**: Predicting unemployment spell length. University College London, Department of Economics, London/UK.

Prof. Dr. Marcus **Klemm**: The Importance of response shifts for the economic analysis of life satisfaction data. Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften Würzburg-Schweinfurt, Würzburg/Germany.

Prof. Melanie **Krause**, PhD: Income inequality as well as regional inequality in German urban areas. Universität Hamburg, Fakultät für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften, Hamburg/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Michael **Kurschilgen**: What drives normative change? Technische Universität München, TUM School of Management, Munich/Germany.

Giampaolo **Lecce**, PhD: In difference we trust: heterogamous marriages and cultural transmission. Yale University, Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics, New Haven, CT/USA.

Dr. Tim **Leibert**: Wohnstandortentscheidungen im Lebenslauf. Mobilitätsbiographien junger Erwachsener in Deutschland. Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde, Regionale Geographie Europas, Leipzig/Germany.

Dr. Gunter **Mahlerwein**: Wahlverhalten von Spätaussiedlern, Parteipräferenzen und politische Meinungsbildung. Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Neuere Geschichte, Mainz/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Martina **Metzger**: Effects of homeownership and mortgage payments on disposable income. Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin, Department of Business and Economics, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Cho Joon **Mo**: A study to classify the type of retirement process among the middle and old aged workers in Korea, Germany and the U.S.—focusing on middle class breakdown. Sungkyunkwan University, Graduate School of Economics, Seoul/South Korea.

Associate Prof. Anders **Milhøj**: Did the regional German smoking bans in 2007-2008 affect consumption of smoking? University of Copenhagen, Økonomisk Institut, Copenhagen/Denmark.

Dr. Andrea **Mühlenweg**: Interaktionen von Bildung, Gesundheit und Arbeitsfähigkeit—Quantifizierung von Bildungseffekten mittels Routine- und Befragungsdaten. WifOR Wirtschaftsforschung, Forschungsbereich Gesundheitsökonomie, Darmstadt/Germany.

Prof. Wim A. **Naudé**, PhD: Understanding inequality in Germany: the investment-innovation-immigration nexus. Maastricht University, School of Economics and Business, Maastricht/The Netherlands.

Paola **D'Orazio**, PhD: Income distribution, consumers' indebtedness and effectiveness of fiscal policies. Ruhr Universität Bochum, Makroökonomik, Bochum/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Valeria **Pulignano**: How are social divides produced within contemporary European labour markets? KU Leuven, Centre for Sociological Research, Leuven/Belgium.

Prof. Dr. Nicolas **Pech**: L'effet des limitations fonctionnelles: Modélisation statistique par la régression logistique. Aix-Marseille University, UFR Sciences, Département de Mathématiques, Marseille/France.

Prof. Kim **Putters**: Course econometric analysis of panel data—SOEP in the college classroom. The Netherlands Institute for Social Research, The Hague/The Netherlands.

Prof. Dr. Sebastian **Siegloch**: Heterogene Erwerbsbiographien in Deutschland. Universität Mannheim, Wirtschaftspolitik und Politische Ökonomie, Mannheim/Germany.

Dr. Dana **Sisak**: Do individuals give up earnings for more self-determination on the job. Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, Economics, Rotterdam/The Netherlands.

Prof. Dr. André **Steiner**: Soziale Ungleichheit in Ostdeutschland 1980–2000. Arbeitnehmerhaushalte im Umbruch. Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam, Potsdam/Germany.

Prof. Margit **Tavits**: Concentration camp location and contemporary political views. Washington University in St. Louis, James Spriggs, St. Louis, MO/ USA.

Assistant Prof. Dr. Yukiko **Uchida**: Cross-cultural study of happiness and personality. Kyoto University, Kokoro Research Center, Kyoto/Japan.

Prof. Dr. Alfred **Ultsch**: Savings rates in a first world country—dependencies and impacts several years in the past. Philipps-Universität Marburg, Fachbereich Mathematik und Informatik, Marburg/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Ferdinand **Vieider**: Temporal variability of risk preferences. University of Reading, Department of Economics, Reading/UK.

Dr. Andrea **Vierkötter**: Untersuchung von Luftschadstoffeffekten auf die Hautalterung in BASE-II. IUF - Leibniz Institut für umweltmedizinische Forschung, Düsseldorf/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Jens **Vogelgesang**: Weight gain and eHealth. Universität Hohenheim, Institut für Kommunikationswissenschaft, Stuttgart/Germany.

Prof. Bogdan **Voicu**: Migrants' life courses: dealing with uncertain, highly destandardized biographies in Romania. Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Sociology, Sibiu/Romania.

SOEP publications

Recently published

Journal publication

Lower life satisfaction after job loss, but emotional well-being recovers more rapidly than expected

Even long periods after job loss, unemployed people fail to return to the levels of life satisfaction they showed prior to unemployment. A recent study by SOEP Director Jürgen **Schupp** at DIW Berlin and sociologists Christian **von Scheve** and Frederike **Esche** at Freie Universität Berlin shows,

using SOEP data, that it is not due primarily to emotional factors but rather to cognitive perceptions of well-being. The results of the study are published in the most recent issue of the *Journal of Happiness Studies*.

Based on SOEP data collected between 2007 and 2014, the researchers used panel econometric statistical methods to study changes in life satisfaction and emotional well-being prior to and following job loss. Life satisfaction measures the cognitive components of well-being, that is, the overall evaluation of current emotional state, whereas the affective components refer to current emotional states. In contrast to past studies, the researchers did not use composite measures of emotional well-being but rather examined the four discrete emotions surveyed in the SOEP (anxiety, anger, sadness, happiness) separately. This allowed them to produce the first differentiated analysis of changes in specific emotions resulting from unemployment.

Findings from the study showed that life satisfaction shows a sustained decline following job loss and that the unemployed experience sadness and a lack of happiness much more frequently over the longer term. Job loss is not, however, accompanied by a more frequent experience of anxiety and shows no significant correlation with the experience of anger. The data also show that changes in emotional well-being are independent of individual personality. According to SOEP Director Jürgen Schupp, “In phases of unemployment, all people are more anxious than before—no matter how anxious they are otherwise.”

“It is important to gain insight into the emotions that accompany unemployment because they influence not just how people feel, but also how they think and act,” says Christian von Scheve, professor of sociology at the Freien Universität Berlin. “Understanding how this affects people’s emotional well-being is crucial,” says Frederike Esche, research associate at the Institute of Sociology at the Free University Berlin. Examining not only the economic and social impacts of employment but also, as in more recent studies, the subjective experiences of unemployed people is therefore a promising and useful direction of research. Although past studies have documented the detrimental effects of unemployment for cognitive and affective well-being, up to now there have been no studies comparing these two dimensions. The present study closes this research gap.

von Scheve, Christian, Frederike Esche und Jürgen Schupp. 2016. The Emotional Timeline of Unem-

ployment: Anticipation, Reaction, and Adaptation. *Journal of Happiness Studies* (online first), (<http://doi.org/10.1007/s10902-016-9773-6>) (Pre-published 2013: SOEPpapers 593. Berlin: DIW Berlin)

DIW Economic Bulletin

Study on refugees who arrived in Germany between 1990 and 2010 points to possible solutions for future integration

How can Germany promote the integration of refugees, especially those who arrived in large numbers over the last two years? To answer this question, a group of social scientists and economists at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) and Humboldt University Berlin took a look at refugees who arrived in an earlier phase of refugee immigration, between 1990 and 2010. Their key finding: despite initial difficulties, refugees who came to Germany between 1990 and 2010 were eventually able to catch up to other migrants in terms of employment and language skills.

Many young refugees invest in education in Germany

Compared to other migrants, refugees who arrived in Germany between 1990 and 2010 came with fewer formal qualifications, had lower German skills, took longer to find their first jobs, and were less likely to send children under three to daycare than other migrants. However, they were able to improve their language skills more rapidly and ultimately attained higher educational qualifications. In addition, children of refugees were more likely to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports.

“One hurdle for incoming refugees is that they barely speak any German upon arrival, while other migrants have the possibility of preparing in advance for their move to the host country,” explains Martin **Kroh**, Deputy Director of DIW Berlin’s Socio-Economic Panel, a longitudinal study.

Together with eight fellow researchers, Kroh analyzed data from a joint migration survey conducted by the SOEP and the Institute for Employment Research (IAB). Their analysis of refugees who came to Germany mainly between 1990 and 2010 provided insights into how recent refugees can be successfully integrated into German society. The existence of far more integration measures today than in the past provides reason for optimism: “The variety of measures and social initiatives gives hope for faster integration of today’s refugees,” says Kroh.

Refugees arrive with lower formal qualifications than other migrants

Compared to other migrants, a smaller share of refugees came to Germany with formal qualifications, and their overall qualification levels were lower. For example, 20 percent of the refugees surveyed left their home countries without completing school, while this figure was only ten percent for the group of other migrants. Despite this, refugees who attended school in Germany ultimately attained higher educational qualifications than other migrants. The proportions of refugees and other migrants with work experience upon arrival in Germany were similar, while refugees came with slightly more work experience overall.

Recent efforts to recognize informally acquired skills from abroad should be continued, according to Zerrin **Salikutluk**, research associate at the Berlin Institute for Integration and Migration Research (BIM) at Humboldt University Berlin. “Refugees should also be given more information on how to obtain recognition of their foreign qualifications and experience,” says Salikutluk. “In the past, only one-third of refugees applied for recognition.”

Refugees take longer than other migrants to find their first job in Germany

Besides qualifications and work experience, German language skills are an important prerequisite for integration into the German labor market. Although most refugees arrived with little knowledge of German, by 2013 they had reached similar levels of language proficiency to other migrants, which means their language skills improved more quickly over same time period.

The refugees surveyed took longer to enter the labor market than did other migrants. Even years after their arrival in Germany, they were more likely to be unemployed or earn lower incomes. Roughly two thirds of all refugee men but only one fourth of refugee women were able to find a job within their first five years of arriving in Germany. They worked primarily in small enterprises, manufacturing, and hospitality industry.

“Participation in the German educational system and frequent use of German, especially at work, are positively correlated with language acquisition,” says Elisabeth **Liebau**, research associate at the SOEP. Ensuring that refugees have rapid access to educational opportunities and the labor market is one means of helping them to improve their language skills faster.

Social contacts also played a key role in employment: roughly half of all refugees surveyed found their first job in Germany with the help of friends, acquaintances, or relatives. This pattern was even more prevalent among other migrant groups.

Children from refugee backgrounds more likely to participate in extracurricular sports

Children of refugees took advantage of special non-compulsory educational and leisure programs offered in school as frequently as or even more frequently than other children. However, refugee children in primary and secondary school took part less frequently in extracurricular programs outside of school such as sports clubs or music lessons. Refugee children under the age of three were less likely to be in daycare, and also attended parent-child groups less frequently.

“Early education offers ample potential for successful integration, and this needs to be utilized even more,” recommends C. Katharina **Spieß**, Head of the Department of Education and Family at DIW Berlin. Possibilities include more intercultural oriented programs and the recruitment of volunteers and staff from migrant backgrounds.

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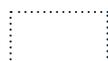
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Workshop

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This conference aims to bring together researchers from several countries to present and discuss their work. We invite contributions addressing ECEC quality in a broader sense: Apart from effects of pedagogical quality on child development, studies may focus on parent-teacher cooperation or other aspects of childcare which might affect children or their parents.

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- Social inequalities in access to ECEC services of varying quality
- Parent-teacher cooperation and interactions
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- Different ways of conceptualizing and measuring ECEC quality

Moreover, the workshop will conclude the **K²ID-SOEP project** (www.k2id.de) funded by the Jacobs Foundation since 2013. This project has collected data on the quality of ECEC centers attended by children who are sample members of the Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP), which is the longest running German household panel. Based on these new data, the project team will present some findings relating to social inequalities in access to and

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