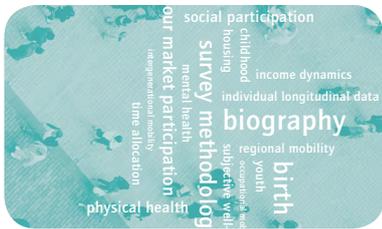
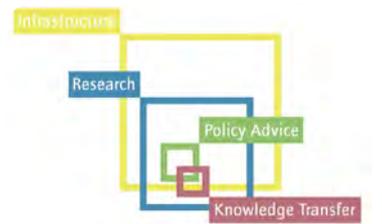


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The SOEP is an integral part of Germany's research infrastructure and is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and state governments at DIW Berlin under the framework of the Leibniz Association.



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Jürgen Schupp  
 Director of the Research  
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 Professor of Sociology at  
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## A note on ...

### Quality of Life in Germany

How is the quality of life in Germany? When seeking answers to this question, we are confronted with an extremely differentiated and fairly divergent picture, at least based on SOEP data. On the one hand, people in Germany are more satisfied with their lives today than they have been for some time. This was the main finding of a [report](#) released on March 20, 2017, for World Happiness Day based on SOEP data. On the other hand, in debates surrounding the German Parliament's Fifth Poverty and Wealth Report, concerns were raised about an increasing divide within the country. Federal Labor and Social Minister Nahles, who was responsible for the report, was not alone in warning of this trend: The report's finding that the lower 40% of income groups did not share in the overall rise in real wages in Germany—actually reporting lower wages in 2015 than in the mid-1990s—is also reflected in secondary analyses and research reports based on SOEP data. Parliamentary debate on the report earlier this summer focused on the question of whether more vigorous efforts are needed to combat income and wealth inequality in Germany to ensure that people from different social strata can enjoy the fruits of economic growth. Questions about the income and wealth distribution and about people's subjective perceptions of their living conditions remain at the center of political debates in Germany in the run-up to parliamentary elections this September.

In light of these seemingly contradictory findings, how has quality of life changed in Germany over the last ten years, both in regard to objective living conditions and in regard to people's subjective perceptions of these conditions? Data show that the rise in real income—first in West Germany and since 1990 in unified Germany—was initially not accompanied by a rise in average life satisfaction among the adult population. Only after 2005 did life satisfaction begin to increase from year to year in Germany as a whole to reach the levels observed in West Germany in the mid-1980s.

Social scientist **Wolfgang Zapf**, who celebrated [his eightieth birthday in Berlin](#) last April and is one of the founders of the SOEP, developed the concept of quality of life in the 1980s, highlighting that one of the main objectives of a society with high quality of life is to achieve living conditions that are both objectively good and subjectively perceived as good. Theoretically and empirically, when ob-

jective and subjective living conditions coincide, one may find either dissatisfaction accompanying objective or material deprivation, or satisfaction accompanying material well-being. But there are also situations where the two do not coincide. Dissonance, according to Zapf's definition of the concept, describes a state of dissatisfaction in the face of objectively good living conditions. The reverse case, in which satisfaction coincides with bad living conditions, is referred to as adaptation. Diverse empirical studies—particularly in the field of happiness and life satisfaction research, which has grown exponentially in recent years—have explored the variation in objective living conditions and the important role that close, diverse social relationships play along with objective material living conditions. The government report "[Wellbeing in Germany](#)", which was just published in English a few weeks ago, has underscored the significance of this role.

A paper published recently in the journal [Wirtschaftsdienst](#) compared positive and negative life satisfaction in Germany within the individual income deciles over the period 2005 to 2015. The key finding was that the share of the population in the top income quintile that reports a high level of subjective well-being has increased slightly to almost six percent of the total population. The group characterized as "dissonant", that is, having an objectively high income position but low subjective well-being, is extremely small. But also in the lowest income quintile, only a small group reports being dissatisfied overall; here, too, the group that reported being dissatisfied overall was larger in 2005 than in 2015, ten years later. The greatest increase occurred among those in the lowest income quintile reporting high life satisfaction, that is, exhibiting "adaptation" according to Zapf's schema. Also, the percentage of the population falling into one of the lowest four income quintiles but still reporting dissatisfaction declined. The largest difference is seen in the middle income groups, which reported being very satisfied more often in 2015 than they did in 2005. Further analyses suggest that these changes have been accompanied a growing divergence between objective material living conditions and subjective evaluations of these conditions. Solving this puzzle will continue to present a challenge for the research, and SOEP data offer a promising means of understanding this aspect of social change in Germany.

## German Section

Bericht:

### SOEPCampus- Veranstaltungen in Bochum, Gießen und Mannheim

In den vergangenen Wochen fanden an gleich drei deutschen Universitäten Einführungsveranstaltungen in das SOEP statt. Anfang Mai stellten Knut **Wenzig** und Paul **Schmelzer** in einem zweitägigen Workshop das SOEP an der Ruhr-Universität Bochum vor.



*Knut Wenzig stellt unser Metadatenportal "paneldata.org" vor.*

In der dritten Juniwoche fand zum ersten Mal eine SOEPCampus-Veranstaltung an der Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen am Fachbereich Wirtschaftswissenschaften statt. Vonseiten des SOEP wurde der Workshop von Markus M. **Grabka** geleitet. Die zehn hoch motivierten Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer zeigten vor allem Interesse an Fragestellungen aus den Bereichen Einkommens- und Vermögensanalysen, aber auch im Hinblick auf die Nutzung von Informationen aus dem Bereich behavioral economics.

Bei der zweitägigen SOEPCampus-Veranstaltung in Mannheim eine Woche später stellten am ersten Tag Diana **Schacht** und Knut **Wenzig** den SOEP-Datensatz sowie die diversen Serviceleistungen des SOEP den insgesamt 26 wissenschaftlichen MitarbeiterInnen, Promovierenden und Studierenden verschiedener deutscher Universitäten und Forschungsinstitute aus den Fachbereichen Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Sozialwissenschaften, Soziologie, Psychologie sowie Geoinformatik vor. Am zweiten Tag gab Alexandra **Fedorets** eine Einführung in die Methoden der Paneldatenanalyse mit praktischen Übungen mit den SOEP-Daten. Die Veranstaltung soll auch im kommenden Jahr wieder stattfinden.

Ausblick:

### Kommende SOEPCampus- Veranstaltung in Frankfurt am Main

Die nächste SOEPCampus-Veranstaltung, zu der sich auch externe Teilnehmer anmelden können, wird am 18. und 19. September an der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt stattfinden. Nähere Informationen hierzu sowie den Anmeldelink finden Sie auf unserer [Homepage](#).

### Besuch beim Bundespräsidenten

Bundespräsident Frank-Walter **Steinmeier** hat das Engagement der Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer der Langzeitstudie Sozio-oekonomisches Panel (SOEP) ausdrücklich gewürdigt. Anlass war ein Treffen Ende Juni in Schloss Bellevue, zu dem Bundespräsident Steinmeier SOEP-Direktor Jürgen **Schupp**, DIW-Vorstandsmitglied Gert G. **Wagner** sowie eine Interviewerin und eine Befragte der Studie eingeladen hatte. Mit dieser Einladung würdigte der Bundespräsident die Bereitschaft der mehr als 30.000 Befragten, die seit Jahren oder teilweise sogar Jahrzehnten ihre Zeit für die wissenschaftliche Erhebung des SOEP zur Verfügung stellen.

Wichtige Themen des Gesprächs waren Forschungsergebnisse auf Basis der SOEP-Daten vor allem zur Entwicklung der Einkommens- und Vermögensverteilung und zur Lebenssituation von geflüchteten Menschen in Deutschland. Der Bundespräsident interessierte sich aber auch für den praktischen Ablauf der SOEP-Erhebung und



*Interviewerin und Befragte vor dem Schloss Bellevue. Ein weiteres Foto gibt es auf unserer Homepage:  
[http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.hp?id=diw\\_01.c.562490.de](http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.hp?id=diw_01.c.562490.de)*

wurde darüber von der Interviewerin und der Befragten aus erster Hand informiert. Jürgen Schupp und Gert G. Wagner erläuterten zudem die Bedeutung, die Erhebungen wie das SOEP als Teil der Forschungs-Infrastruktur inzwischen weltweit haben. Sie stellten auch die forschungspolitische Bedeutung der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft heraus, unter deren Dach – auch in enger Zusammenarbeit mit Universitäten – wichtige Infrastruktureinrichtungen der Forschung wie das „Nationale Bildungspanel (NEPS)“ und der deutsche Teil des „European Social Surveys (ESS)“ angesiedelt sind. Schupp und Wagner betonten ausdrücklich, dass die regelhafte Förderung solcher großer sozialwissenschaftlichen Studien durch das Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) und die Länder vor allem im Rahmen der Leibniz Gemeinschaft, aber auch der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft und der Helmholtz-Gemeinschaft Deutscher Forschungszentren weltweit forschungspolitischen Vorbildcharakter hat.

Bundespräsident Frank-Walter Steinmeier ist der dritte Bundespräsident, nach Horst Köhler und Joachim Gauck, der sich im Schloss Bellevue über das SOEP informiert hat.

## Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften in Berlin



*Gert G. Wagner, Vertreter des SOEP im Vorstand des DIW Berlin, informierte den Regierenden Bürgermeister von Berlin, Michael Müller, über die Migrationsstichproben des SOEP, insbesondere die Stichproben M3 und M4 zur Fluchtzwanderung.*

Auch in diesem Jahr hat Markus M. **Grabka** bei der langen Nacht der Wissenschaften in Berlin am 24. Juni im Haus der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft seine Erkenntnisse zur Einkommensverteilung in Deutschland auf Grundlage der SOEP-Daten vorgestellt. Ebenfalls SOEP-Daten verwendete Stefan **Bach** in seinem Vortrag am gleichen Ort über die

möglichen Wirkungen von Steuerentlastungen für die Mittelschicht.



## „Allez SOEP“ beim Berliner Firmenlauf

Am 21. Juni fand der Berliner Firmenlauf statt. Unser Team „Allez SOEP“ war auch tatkräftig mit dabei: Michaela **Engelmann**, Alexandra **Fedorets**, Sebastian **Kollmann**, Simon **Kühne**, Lea-Maria **Löbel**, Lisa **Reiber** und Diana **Schacht** haben (zusammen mit 17-Tausend anderen Läuferinnen und Läufern) die 5,5-Kilometer-Strecke rund um den Berliner Tiergarten erfolgreich absolviert.

## Data & Service

### Update to the 2015 SOEP-IS data release

There has been a small update to the most recently released SOEP-IS data surveyed in 2015 (DOI: 10.5684/soep.is.2015.1). The updates are the following:

- inclusion of individual and household weights
- correction of occupational prestige scores for respondents' parents in the bioparen dataset
- minor label corrections in the inno dataset.

### Call for Proposals for the SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS)

Deadline December 31, 2017 for 2018 survey

#### Use SOEP-IS for new research questions

SOEP users are invited to submit proposals for the next round of the SOEP Innovation Sample (SOEP-IS). For those not yet familiar with SOEP-IS, this unique innovation sample offers great potential as a source of household micro-data, particularly for researchers seeking information that is not available in SOEP-Core—for example, specific information on households or on people's opinions. SOEP-IS can accommodate not only short-term experiments but also longer-term survey modules that are not suitable for SOEP-Core, whether because the survey instruments are still relatively new or because of the specific issues dealt with in the research. Up to now, the SOEP-IS has included (complex) economic behavioral experiments, Implicit Association Tests (IAT), and complex procedures to measure time use (Day Reconstruction Method, DRM).

The SOEP-IS was launched in 2011, and each year since then, researchers at universities and research institutes worldwide have been invited to submit proposals for inclusion in the subsequent year's survey. A competitive referee process is conducted to select the "best" research questions and operationalizations for implementation in the SOEP-IS. The SOEP Research Data Center distributes the SOEP-IS data to external users as an independent dataset.

Data from SOEP-IS modules are provided exclusively to the researchers who submitted the respective proposals for an initial 12-month period. After this embargo has ended, the data are released to the entire SOEP user community for secondary analysis. An overview of all SOEP-IS modules to date can be found [here](#).

In 2015, almost 5,500 people in nearly 3,500 households participated in the SOEP-IS. Many of these women and men have been answering SOEP-Core questions since 1998 as part of a SOEP-Core boost sample, while others joined in 2009. These individuals provide a wealth of longitudinal data to the SOEP-IS.

As a new technical feature, the 2014 SOEP-IS premiered the use of 111 smart phones for data collection using the Experience Sampling Method (ESM). If you have an idea for using ESM in the SOEP-IS, please contact us for details.

#### Deadlines

Researchers interested in submitting questions should contact SOEP Survey Management by **November 30, 2017**, 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, 2017. Send us your proposal!

Applications should be submitted in English to [soep-surveymanagement@diw.de](mailto:soep-surveymanagement@diw.de).

#### Evaluation

A subcommittee of the SOEP Survey Committee will then evaluate and rate the relevance and significance of the proposed questions. If the proposed project already has funding from the DFG or other funding agencies, this step of external evaluation will be skipped. Since projects funded by the DFG and other organizations providing research funding also require a guarantee of survey methodological feasibility, interested researchers should contact SOEP Survey Management before submitting an application for funding.

#### Contact

If you have any questions, please contact David Richter ([drichter@diw.de](mailto:drichter@diw.de)).

#### Top-up funding from the German Research Foundation (DFG) for SOEP-IS proposals

For those interested in submitting a proposal for SOEP-IS: Please note that the German Research

Foundation (DFG) welcomes funding applications that include planned data collection in the SOEP-IS framework. The DFG has several requirements for such applications. First, any project funding it provides may be used only to cover the additional work created by the project (not to cover the basic costs of SOEP-IS data collection). Second, the DFG only funds projects for which the funding preconditions have been met by the time of the funding decision. To meet these preconditions, applications involving SOEP-IS must contain the following information:

- A general description of the SOEP Innovation Sample and the project selection process.
- A commitment from DIW Berlin that if the DFG approves project funding, the data for the project will be collected as described in the application.
- A binding commitment for the specific date that the data will be provided to the DFG project for analysis.
- As a rule, the DFG does not provide funding for data collection in SOEP-IS because this is already covered by the survey's core funding. Exceptions to this rule may be made if applicants demonstrate that the inclusion of additional survey modules in SOEP-IS creates additional work. This would result, for example, from the inclusion of behavioral experiments or other non-survey elements (e.g., collection of biomarkers). Funding applications to the DFG that include data collection in SOEP-IS must therefore include a transparent calculation of costs that clearly distinguishes between the additional work required as part of the planned DFG-funded project and the survey work covered by the survey's core funding.

Detailed information can be found on our website at [www.diw.de/soep-is](http://www.diw.de/soep-is).

**Reminder:**  
**Call for proposals for the  
 2018 IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey  
 of Refugees**

**Deadline: August 1, 2017 for the 2018 Survey**

The IAB, BAMF, and SOEP invite researchers to submit proposal for questions to be added to the Refugee Survey questionnaire in 2018—the third wave of the survey. If you would like to suggest any additional questions or items on refugees that

are relevant to your current or future research and that would benefit from the longitudinal character of the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Survey, we would be happy to hear from you. A short summary is necessary until August 01. If the idea is methodological possible for the survey, a proposal have to be submitted until September 30.

Criteria for the selection of items or questions are: scientific excellence, novelty in the context of the existing questionnaires, relevance for a wide range of data users, applicability in the context of a longitudinal household survey, comparability with other SOEP migration or general population surveys, as well as efficiency of implementation. Please note that the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Survey is a computer-assisted face-to-face survey using audio files in five different languages.

For more information on the project, see [DIW Berlin project site](#).

Questionnaires so far:

[Integrated Individual- and Biography Questionnaire](#) (German and English)

[Household Questionnaire](#) (German and English)

## Protecting the SOEP data

### Attention Dropbox users!

Synchronization and cloud services like “Dropbox” are frequently used for exchanging data. But by using these services, you give up control over your data and also over the data that you exchange through them, since you don't know who last saved the data, where they were saved, or what right the data provider has to these data.

SOEP users should be aware that by using these services, they are providing their consent for services like Dropbox to access their computers. This applies to all files in the folder “My Dropbox” and all other files that are linked (even inadvertently) with Dropbox. This clearly violates the data protection regulations on the use of the SOEP data that you have agreed to by signing your user agreement!

We would therefore like to remind you that the SOEP data may only be stored on protected computers. Please carry out all necessary measures to prevent any access to the SOEP data on your computer.

If you want to send us data for our replication service ([Archive for Re-analysis of Published Findings](#)), please use the cryptshare server hosted by us at <https://cs-soep.diw.de/>. After briefly registering, you can distribute the data using a secure, encrypted server.

## New SOEP Survey Papers

Since the last SOEPnewsletter in April, a number of SOEP Survey Papers have been published, especially on SOEP-IS: both data documentation on the current data release and the English questionnaires for survey years 2011 to 2015 have now been officially released (for each question with reference to the respective variables).

From the depths of our archives, we have unearthed a very old questionnaire: in 1987 there was an additional questionnaire with biographical questions that we have now published in addition to the existing [SOEP Survey Paper 80](#) (“SOEP 1987 - Erhebungsinstrumente 1987 [Welle 4] des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels”) as [SOEP Survey Paper 463](#) (in German only).

## BRISE fieldwork underway

The Bremen Initiative to Foster Early Childhood Development (BRISE) is a longitudinal study that systematically investigates the effects of early childhood intervention. BRISE will monitor around 1,000 mothers from Bremen who are expecting a child between spring 2017 and the end of 2018, along with their families. One-quarter of the mothers will be selected to participate in a chain of interventions. The early childhood and preschool programs forming that chain—home-based as well as center-based interventions—are all integrated into everyday life and most of them are already established in Bremen. The intervention begins in the prenatal period and ends after the children start elementary schooling. It is fine-tuned to the children’s development stage. The control group will consist of families who decide for themselves in which and in how many of Bremen’s programs they enroll. Over a period of up to two years, approximately 1,000 disadvantaged families in Bremen will be included in our sample. A series of indicators will be used to determine whether or not a family is disadvantaged: low education

level, cramped housing, psychological problems, prison terms, early (underage) parenthood, single parenthood, chronic impairments, migration background, etc. The intervention will be implemented in ten Bremen neighborhoods, while the remaining neighborhoods will serve as the control group. The neighborhoods are as comparable as possible with regard to social structure and demography. The assignment to groups based on neighborhood is done to ensure that the infrastructures required for the chain of interventions are actually available to and reachable by the families that will be utilizing them.

Mothers are already being recruited for the study, and they will be interviewed during pregnancy in the coming weeks. The survey is being conducted by the University of Bremen. The BRISE version of the SOEP will go into the field two months after birth, at the earliest in November 2017. As in the SOEP, respondents will be surveyed on household characteristics and will also be given the SOEP mother-child questionnaire when the children are seven months old (around May of 2018 for the first children). At the first point of measurement after birth, in addition to SOEP questionnaires, instruments dealing with educational self-efficacy, the desire for extrafamilial childcare, the care environment (e.g., CHAOS scale), and (attitudes toward) breastfeeding are administered. Because of the high burden of the various BRISE surveys on families, a condensed version of the SOEP questionnaire will be used. Also not all household members will be interviewed, but primarily the mother and father of the BRISE child. In contrast to the regular SOEP survey, recruitment will take place gradually over a period of 16 months until the goal of 1,000 mothers and children is reached. Independent of survey year, the reference for the first BRISE-SOEP survey will be the 2017 questionnaires. Another difference from the regular SOEP is that the interviewers will not be provided by Kantar Public but by the University of Bremen. The same person will be responsible for each of the 100 families across all points of measurement. This will guarantee consistency in personal contact and should reduce attrition of BRISE children and households to a minimum. The use of SOEP survey instruments will provide the household context and a focus on the socio-economic resources for the BRISE children’s parents in order to study how these factors moderate the effects of the intervention on other relevant factors for the social, emotional and cognitive development of the BRISE children.

For more information, see the BRISE website: <http://www.brise-bremen.de/wissenschaft-en.php>

## Events & Activities

### Announcing the eleventh international "Methods for PhD" research workshop

September 10–15, 2017,  
Akademie Sankelmark, Flensburg (Germany)  
and University of Southern Denmark, Kolding (Denmark)

#### Program

Once again this year, the workshop will be offering a wide range of courses helping PhD students to develop their methodological skills. Details are available at <http://hermes.hsu-hh.de/doctoralstudy/irws/programme/>. The following DIW Berlin staff members will be giving presentations: Elke **Holst** (with Andrea **Schäfer**) on quantile regression; David **Richter** on questionnaire design; and Nicolas **Legewie** on qualitative interviewing.

#### Fees & refugee scholarships

469 euros (including accommodations and meals)  
299 euros (not including accommodations; lunch and dinner included)

The organizers are offering up to three funded scholarships to support refugee postgraduate students living in Germany. Full details including eligibility criteria and how to apply for a scholarship can be found on the workshop website.

Participants can get a certificate for five credit points (according to the European Credit Transfer System).

#### Contact & Registration

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the workshop committee ([irwsnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:irwsnetwork@gmail.com)).

Please register for the workshop at the [workshop website](#).

#### Organizers

Helmut-Schmidt-University/University of the

FAF Hamburg, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

Institute for Employment Research (IAB), The Research Institute of the Federal Employment Agency in Nuremberg

University of Southern Denmark, Department of Entrepreneurship and Relationship Management

Akademie Sankelmark im Deutschen Grenzverein e.V.

### Report : Seventh ESRA Conference in Lisbon

The seventh conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) was held in Lisbon, Portugal, from July 17 to 21, 2017. The conference was hosted jointly by the University of Lisbon's School of Economics and Management (ISEG), Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Management (CSG), and Institute for Social Sciences (ICS).

The SOEP had an exhibition stand at the conference, where Janina **Britzke** and Christine **Kurka** provided information to attendees about the wide range of analyses that can be carried out with the SOEP data with a focus on survey research and on migration. They also offered participants the opportunity to go through the paper version of the personal questionnaire used in the SOEP Refugee Sample in 2016; test the relaunch of SOEPinfo at <https://paneldata.org>; or take the grip strength test, a recognized tool to measure respondents' health status that attracted a great deal of interest among visitors, some of them coming back repeatedly.

As at previous ESRA conferences, a number of SOEP staff members presented their research findings and applications of new survey methods in different SOEP samples, and some chaired sessions. Presentations addressed recent developments in the SOEP, including question order effects in HH surveys, different methodologies for measuring work hours in Germany, and the role of metadata in survey data management.

There was high interest among conference attendees in the session "Integrating migrants into representative cross-sectional and longitudinal survey designs (I&II)" chaired by SOEP Director Jürgen **Schupp**. The aim of the session was to identify good practices for designing and running cross-

sectional and longitudinal surveys that include migrants and refugees, and to discuss specific problems and obstacles that arise when integrating these populations into existing survey designs. There was a lively discussion on challenges, shortcomings and sampling difficulties, and on potential strategies for overcoming these problems. In his presentation of the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee

Survey, which started with its first wave in 2016, Jannes **Jacobsen** (SOEP) focused on the sampling design and response behavior, and provided insights into the practical implementation of a large-scale sample of refugees in Germany.

Below is a complete list of presentations by SOEP staff:



## List of presentations at ESRA Conference in Lisbon by SOEP staff:

**The German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP):  
Overview and new developments**

Jan Goebel

**Prevalence and Magnitude of Question Order Effects in Household Surveys**

David Richter, Martin Kroh

**Capturing actual work hours and preferred work hours in Germany—Methodical differences in SOEP and the Mikrozensus**

Julia Bringmann, Elke Holst

**The Sampling Design of the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Survey**

Martin Kroh, Simon Kühne, Manuel Siegert (Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF-FZ)), Jannes Jacobsen

**Translations into rare languages and foreign languages skills of refugees in Germany**

Jürgen Schupp, Jannes Jacobsen

**Measuring Sexual Orientation in Household Panel Surveys**

Martin Kroh, David Richter, Simon Kühne

**Interpersonal Inferences and Interviewer Effects in Face-to-Face Surveys**

Simon Kühne

**Structured Derivation of Variables from Occupational Classifications with Stata**

Daniel Bela (LifBi) , Knut Wenzig

## InGRID-2 project kick-off

On June 1 and 2, 2017, the kick-off meeting of InGRID-2 was held at KU Leuven, Belgium.



Building on the achievements of the first InGRID project, a consortium of nineteen key actors from the European Research Area was assembled to serve in InGRID-2 and help in providing the necessary European data and policy expertise on inclusive growth. The SOEP at DIW Berlin is a new

member of the InGRID research infrastructure, and the SOEP Research Data Center (RDC-SOEP) will serve as the InGRID-2 data center for the next four years. You can apply to RDC-SOEP for visiting researcher grants.

Integrating, opening, widening and innovating the InGRID research infrastructure is a key goal of the InGRID-2 project. In addition to providing grants for visiting researchers, InGRID-2 will organize summer schools and expert workshops. Innovations in data integration and harmonization, updates to analytical tools, and the optimization of policy indicators will be addressed in the project's main thematic research areas.

This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under grant agreement no. 730998.

<http://inclusivegrowth.be/>

[http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/210186\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/210186_en.html)

The first call to apply for visiting researcher grants at SOEP in Berlin is out. More information at

<http://inclusivegrowth.be/visiting-grants>.

If you would like to be kept up to date on the call for applications and on the activities in InGRID-2, please register here:

<https://inclusivegrowth.be/news/registration-InGRID-updates>

## FZD network for civil society research in Germany

### Subscribe to the new Forum Zivilgesellschaftsdaten (FZD) newsletter

Numerous individual surveys are utilized in the data-based monitoring of civil society processes in Germany. With the Forum Zivilgesellschaftsdaten (forum for civil society data, FZD), the ZiviZ initiative aims to promote networking among these surveys. FZD brings organizations and researchers that provide statistical data on civil society together at the same table with the goal of building a strong research data infrastructure. The Socio-Economic Panel is playing a central role in this project as one of the only panel surveys in Germany that includes questions on social engagement, donations, and volunteer activities. The project is funded by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women, and Youth (BMFSFJ) and is hosted by ZiviZ.

As of this year, FZD is publishing a quarterly newsletter on research and the activities of the forum.

<http://www.ziviz.de/projekte/fzd/newsletter>

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## 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. We also encourage researchers from outside DIW Berlin to attend the seminars and 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 from the organizers Cortnie Shupe ([cshupe@diw.de](mailto:cshupe@diw.de)) and Katharina Poschmann ([kposchmann@diw.de](mailto:kposchmann@diw.de)).

If you are interested in finding out more about past presentations, please contact the presenters directly.

Presentations in the last months have included:

Jörg **Hartmann** and Diana **Schacht** (Universität Göttingen & DIW Berlin/SOEP): The long-term consequences of refugees' initial residential allocation in Germany. April 19, 2017.

Rekesh **Kochhar** (Pew Research Center): Middle Class Fortunes in Western Europe and the U.S. May 2, 2017.

Christina **Böll** (Hamburgisches WeltWirtschafts-Institut): Dauerhaft ungleich—berufsspezifische Lebenserwerbseinkommen von Frauen und Männern in Deutschland. May 3, 2017.

Klaudia **Erhard** (DIW Berlin /SOEP): Vorstellung eines Metafiles über alle SOEP-Datensätze und ihrer Variablen. May 31, 2017.

Nicolas **Legewie** (DIW Berlin / SOEP): Turning Points in Life Courses: Conceptualization, Measurement and Typology. June 14, 2017.

Simon **Kühne** (DIW Berlin /SOEP): Interpersonal Perceptions and Interviewer Effects in Face-to-Face Surveys. June 28, 2017.

Guillermina **Jasso** (New York University): Are Top Shares a Good Measure of Inequality? July 4, 2017.

Alexander **Mosthaf** (Universität Mainz): Dynamic binary panel data models in presence of autocorrelation in the error term. A Monte-Carlo study. July 12, 2017.



## People & Papers

### Five Questions to Nicolas Ziebarth



Nicolas Ziebarth is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell University. He studied economics and business studies at HU and TU Berlin and was a member of the first DIW Graduate Center cohort from 2006 to 2011. During this time, Nicolas Ziebarth worked in the SOEP department at DIW Berlin. His dissertation, entitled “Sickness Absence and Economic Incentives,” was supervised by Gert G. Wagner and was awarded the 2011 Upjohn Institute Dissertation Award. His research is in the field of applied health and labor economics, focusing on the interaction of social security systems with labor markets and population health, as well as the driving forces and implications of health-related behavior.

We spoke to Nicolas Ziebarth at the last SOEP Conference in Summer 2016.

#### 1. *When did you discover the SOEP?*

During my master’s studies at TU Berlin, I took a microeconomics course with Joachim Frick. He taught us how to analyze data. Up to that point I had never worked with a data set. That was when I realized I could use microdata to find empirical answers to the questions I’m interested in. I got excited not only about the SOEP but also about microeconomic research. After Joachim’s course, I knew I wanted to do microeconomics and also pursue a PhD.

#### 2. *Soon after completing your PhD, you took a teaching position in the United States. How has your European perspective affected your teaching and research in a US context?*

I think the fact that I am German and moved to the US after my PhD was helpful for my perspective on health care in the United States. Sometimes people ask me why they hired a German to teach students the US health care system. I think it actually helps a lot because if you have an outsider perspective, you’re able to analyze things from a less emotional, more rational perspective. In the United States, people either hate Obamacare or they love Obamacare and there’s nothing in between. That’s something we don’t have in Germany—that people are so emotionally and ideologically involved in the question of whether everybody should have health insurance or whether the state should force you to have health insurance.

#### 3. *In addition to the different understandings of health policy in the United States and Germany, does the research mentality also differ between the two countries?*

Americans are generally more optimistic than Germans. Germans have the tendency to be a little grumpy and to complain a lot. Americans are very different, and that translates into the research culture and environment as well. We have live-

ly debates about numerous topics, but you don’t have people complaining so much about things. In the US, people are very optimistic and excited about what they do.

#### 4. *You do applied research on health and health care systems. What motivates you to work in that line of research?*

It’s really important to me to do applied research that hopefully will be used by policy makers or governmental institutions or somebody outside the research community. That’s a driving force in my research. An example of how my research translated into policy recommendations was a paper where we examined the health effects of daylight savings time. Twice every year, there’s a big discussion in the media whether daylight savings is bad for us. A lot of studies have claimed that you have negative health effects in spring. In our study, we found positive effects in fall, when a lot of sleep-deprived people get an extra hour of sleep. At the time of our study, there was a debate in German Parliament on whether to abolish daylight savings. They commissioned a government report, and I was in discussions with the main author, who integrated our findings nicely into the report. It’s satisfying when you see somebody using your research. As a researcher, you’re always asking yourself: Why am I doing this? For the 50 or 100 or 200 other people working in this field? I want to at least see my research translate into some real-world interest.

#### 5. *You’ve been working with the SOEP data since your master’s thesis. What’s your experience with the SOEP?*

The SOEP data are fantastic—the longitudinal dimension, the panel framework, representativeness, and great measures of personality traits, cognitive skills, risk aversion, and health that you don’t find in any other data.

Our SOEP People video interview with Nico Ziebarth can be found in the DIW Media Center at:

[http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw\\_01.c.562318.de](http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.562318.de)

## Just released: The 2016 SOEP Wave Report and our new SOEP brochure “Living in Germany”

We are pleased to present two new publications about the SOEP study.



SOEP Wave Report

First, the 2016 SOEP Wave Report offers a glimpse of our work over the last year. It contains a look at important developments in the SOEP studies, fieldwork reports from Kantar Public, projects and activities of the SOEP Research Data Center, and selected publications using SOEP data. The complete texts of several recent DIW Wochenberichte, published in English in the DIW Economic Bulletin, reflect the wide range of SOEP-based research on subjects ranging from the declining size of the middle class in Germany and the United States, to German public opinion on refugees, to how much of their free time young people spend using computers, smartphones, and tablets.



Second, our new brochure “Living in Germany” offers a compact source of information about the kinds of research currently being done with SOEP data and key findings from these studies. In it, we present a selection of research results with significant implications for society and policy making from the more than 7,000 papers published to date using SOEP data. And we introduce some of the researchers from all over the world who are using SOEP data in their research. We also highlight the most important events in the history of the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) study.

Both publications are available online.

[SOEP Wave Report 2016](#)  
[Living in Germany PDF](#) | [EPUB](#).

We would also be happy to send you a print copy of our publications (send us a request at [soepmail@diw.de](mailto:soepmail@diw.de)).

We hope you enjoy reading them!

## Government Report on Wellbeing in Germany

The Government Report on Wellbeing in Germany is now also available in English. The report contains numerous indicators based on SOEP data. These include indicators of net household income, risk of poverty rate, job satisfaction, and the development of preferred, agreed, and actual working hours of women and men, costs for rent and utilities as a share of net household income, and also indicators of subjectively assessed current health.

A new [Collection of Essays on Wellbeing](#) by the Members of the Scientific Advisory Board is also available for download as a PDF file. One of the authors is Gert G. **Wagner**, Member of the DIW Berlin Executive Board.

## Staff and community news



Magdalena **Krieger** joined the SOEP in July and is the second PhD candidate in the MORE study. Magdalena previously earned her Master’s in Migration Studies at the University of Oxford. As part of her studies, she focused on aspects of the political economics of international labor migration. Her master’s thesis examined how immigration programs could address the lack of specialist doctors in Germany.



Lea-Marie **Löbel** joined the SOEP team in May. She is a PhD candidate in the intervention study “Mentoring for Refugees (MORE).” Previously, Lea worked as an intern at the Berlin office of the International Labour Organization.

She obtained her Master’s Degree in Public Policy and Human Development at the United Nations University MERIT in Maastricht with a focus on social protection systems. For her thesis, she analyzed the non-take-up of social benefits among Germany’s migrant population using SOEP data.



Holger **Lüthen**, Post-Doc, joined the SOEP group in May 2017. He studied economics at Freie Universität Berlin and graduated with a dissertation entitled “Essays on long-term labor market developments and retirement in Germany”.



Christian **Westermeier** successfully defended his dissertation at the Freie Universität Berlin in May 2017. His thesis, entitled “Exploring the possibilities and boundaries of survey data for the analysis of wealth and wealth transfers”

was supervised by Prof. Dr. Dr. Giacomo **Corneo** (Freie Universität Berlin) and Prof. Dr. Carsten **Schröder** (Freie Universität Berlin and SOEP at DIW Berlin). We congratulate Christian on his success and wish him all the best for his career.

## SOEP staff activities

### Paper presentations July–September 2017

Charlotte **Bartels**: Income concentration in Germany, 1871-2013. **HWR Seminar “Current Research Topics in Economics”**, July 5, 2017, Berlin/Germany.

Charlotte **Bartels** and Dirk **Neumann**: Redistribution and Insurance Around the World. Public Finance and Development. **Seventh Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)**, July 17-19, 2017, New York/USA.

Charlotte **Bartels** and Maria **Metzing**: An Integrated Approach for Top-corrected Gini. Public Finance and Development. **Seventh Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)**, July 17-19, 2017, New York/USA.

Daniel **Bela** and Knut **Wenzig**: Structured Derivation of Variables from Occupational Classifications with Stata. **7th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)**, July 17-21, 2017, Lisbon/Portugal.

Timm **Bönke**, Markus M. **Grabka**, Carsten **Schröder**, Edward N. **Wolff**: A head-to-head comparison of augmented wealth in Germany and the United States. **Public Finance and Development. Seventh Meeting**

**of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)**, July 17-19, 2017, New York/USA.

Julia **Bringmann** and Elke **Holst**: Capturing actual work hours and preferred work hours in Germany—Methodical differences in SOEP and the Mikrozensus. **7th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)**, July 17-21, 2017, Lisbon/Portugal.

Alexandra **Fedorets**, Marco **Caliendo**, Malte **Preuss**, Carsten **Schröder**, Linda **Wittbrodt**: The Short-Term Distributional Effects of the German Minimum Wage Reform. (1) **Seventh Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)**, July 17-19, 2017, New York/USA; (2) Summer School “Econometrics of Panel Data and Network Analysis”, July 31-August 4, 2017, Berlin/Germany; (3) 32nd annual congress of the European Economic Association (**EEA-ESEM 2017**), August 21-25, 2017, Lisbon/Portugal; (4) **Alternative Geld- und Finanzarchitekturen. VfS-Jahrestagung 2017**, September 3-6, 2017, Vienna/Austria; (5) **29th EALE Conference**, September 21-23, 2017, St. Gallen/Switzerland.

Alexandra **Fedorets** and Kai-Uwe **Müller**: Where the minimum wage bites workers. Factor substitutability and innovativeness at the workplace. Workshop zum wissenschaftlichen Austausch über aktuelle Ergebnisse der Mindestlohnforschung, September 12-13, 2017, Berlin/Germany.

Jan **Goebel**: The German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP): Overview and new developments. **7th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)**, July 17-21, 2017, Lisbon/Portugal.

Martin **Kroh**, Simon **Kühne**, Manuel **Siegert**, Jannes **Jacobsen**: The Sampling Design of the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Survey. **7th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)**, July 17-21, 2017, Lisbon/Portugal.

Martin **Kroh**, David **Richter**, Simon **Kühne**: Measuring Sexual Orientation in Household Panel Surveys. **7th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)**, July 17-21, 2017, Lisbon/Portugal.

Simon **Kühne**: Interpersonal Inferences and Interviewer Effects in Face-to-Face Surveys. **7th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)**, July 17-21, 2017, Lisbon/Portugal.

Lisa **Pagel**: Geflüchtete Kinder und Jugendliche in Deutschland: Beschulung und häusliche Bedingungen. Educational Research and Governance. **82. Tagung der Arbeitsgruppe für Empirische Pädagogische**

Forschung (AEPF), September 25–27, 2017, Tübingen/Germany.

David **Richter** and Martin **Kroh**: Prevalence and Magnitude of Question Order Effects in Household Surveys. [7th Conference of the European Survey Research Association \(ESRA\)](#), July 17–21, 2017, Lisbon/Portugal.

Diana **Schacht**, Jörg **Hartmann**: The long-term consequences of refugees' initial residential allocation in Germany. Institutions, Inequality and Social Dynamics. [European Consortium for Sociological Research \(ECSR\) 2017 conference](#), August 31–September 2, 2017, Milan/Italy.

Jürgen **Schupp**, Jannes **Jacobsen**: Translations into rare languages and foreign languages skills of refugees in Germany. [7th Conference of the European Survey Research Association \(ESRA\)](#), July 17–21, 2017, Lisbon/Portugal.

Shlomo **Yitzhaki**, Carsten **Schröder**: PISA Country Rankings and the Difficulty of Exams. [Annual Congress of the European Economic Association \(EEA\)](#), August 21–25, 2017, Lisbon/Portugal.

### Paper presentations April – June 2017

Charlotte **Bartels** and Maria **Metzing**: An Integrated Approach for Top-corrected Ginis. [International Conference on Public Economics](#), June 12–13, 2017, Aix-en-Provence/France.

Charlotte **Bartels** and Dirk **Neumann**: Redistribution and Insurance Around the World. Public Finance and Development. [ZEW Public Finance Konferenz](#), May 8–9, 2017, Mannheim/Germany.

Michele **Battisti** and Alexandra **Fedorets**: The gender wage gap in Germany: Field of study and occupational choice. [The International Conference on PIAAC and PIAAC-Longitudinal](#), April 5–6, 2017, Mannheim/Germany.

Luise **Burkhardt**, Daniel D. **Schnitzlein**, Jürgen **Schupp**: The relationship between cognitive skills and risk aversion. New evidence from German panel data. [The International Conference on PIAAC and PIAAC-Longitudinal](#), April 5–6, 2017, Mannheim/Germany.

Alexandra **Fedorets**, Marco **Caliendo**, Malte **Preuss**, Carsten **Schröder**, Linda **Wittbrodt**: The Short-Term Distributional Effects of the German Minimum Wage Reform. 31st Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics ([ESPE 2017](#)), June 14–17, 2017, Glasgow/UK.

Dan **Gillman**, Arofan **Gregory**, Larry **Hoyle**, Knut **Wenzig**: Sample Use Cases for the DataDictionary View in DDI Views (DDI4). North American Data Documentation Initiative (NADDI) [2017 Annual Conference](#), April 4–7, 2017, Ithaca / NY/USA.

Jannes **Jacobsen** and Lisa **Pagel**: Surveying the refugee population in Germany – Experiences from the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Sample. [The International Conference on PIAAC and PIAAC-Longitudinal](#), April 5–6, 2017, Mannheim/Germany.

Simon **Kühne**: Interpersonal Inferences and Interviewer Effects in Face-to-Face Surveys. Embracing Change and Diversity in Public Opinion and Social Science Research. [72nd AAPOR Annual Conference](#), May 18–21, 2017, New Orleans, LA/USA.

Katharina **Poschmann**: Job-related training, learning opportunities at work and personality traits. [The International Conference on PIAAC and PIAAC-Longitudinal](#), April 5–6, 2017, Mannheim/Germany.

David **Richter** and Martin **Kroh**: Prevalence and magnitude of question order effects in household surveys. [The International Conference on PIAAC and PIAAC-Longitudinal](#), April 5–6, 2017, Mannheim/Germany.

Diana **Schacht**, and Jörg **Hartmann**: Panel “Refugee integration in Germany and the Netherlands: Evidence from the past and present”. Migration, Diversity and the City. [14th IMISCOE Annual Conference](#), June 28–30, 2017, Rotterdam/The Netherlands.

Diana **Schacht** and Jörg **Hartmann**: The long-term consequences of refugees' initial residential allocation in Germany. Migration, Diversity and the City. [14th IMISCOE Annual Conference](#), June 28–30, 2017, Rotterdam/The Netherlands.

Diana **Schacht**: Does urban place of residence affect refugees' integration process? A study of recently arrived refugees in Germany. Migration, Diversity and the City. [14th IMISCOE Annual Conference](#), June 28–30, 2017, Rotterdam/The Netherlands.

Daniel D. **Schnitzlein**: Do cognitive skills foster trust? Evidence from 30 countries around the world. (1) Annual Conference of the Scottish Economic Society, April 24–26, 2017, Perth/UK; (2) [The International Conference on PIAAC and PIAAC-Longitudinal](#), April 5–6, 2017, Mannheim/Germany.

## Presentation at policy forums (April – July)

Elke **Holst**: Opening and Closing Speech. DIW Women's Finance Summit (WFS), May 22-23, 2017, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Zur Zukunft von Gender und Diversity: Dach oder Tarnkappe? (Discussion). Gender und Diversity in Wissenschaft und Praxis. Gedenkkolloquium für Gertraude Krell, April 22, 2017, Berlin/Germany.

Elke **Holst**: Frauen in Spitzenpositionen—Ergebnisse des Managerinnen-Barometers 2017. Berliner Energietage, May 3, 2017, Berlin/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Geflüchtete in Deutschland: Was wissen wir? Erste Ergebnisse der IAB/BAMF/SOEP Erhebung. Berliner Regionalgruppe des Berufsverbandes Deutscher Markt- und Sozialforscher e.V. (BVM), May 24, 2017, Berlin/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Geflüchtete in Deutschland: Design, Realisierung und erste Ergebnisse der IAB/BAMF/SOEP-Erhebung. Präsentation beim BMFSFJ, June 8, 2017, Berlin/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: [Ein Kommentar aus Sicht der Wissenschaft](#). Vielfalt Verstehen—Zusammenhalt stärken. Erste Ergebnisse des ZiviZ Surveys 2017. Tagung des Stifterverbandes, July 29, 2017, Berlin/Germany.

Jürgen **Schupp**: Soziale Aspekte sowie kollektive Phänomene von Scham. Scham – ein notwendiges Gefühl. [Tagung](#) der Katholisch-sozialen Akademie Franz Hitze Haus in Zusammenarbeit mit der EOS-Klinik für Psychotherapie Münster, July 24, 2017, Münster/Germany.

## University teaching (Summer term 2017)

Diana **Schacht**: Introduction to Stata. Seminar. FU Berlin

Paul **Schmelzer**: Advanced Multivariate Analysis. MA-Seminar. Freie Universität Berlin

Christian **Schmitt**: Messung und demographische Analyse des Wandels der Lebensformen. Übung. Universität Rostock

Christian **Schmitt**: Absolventenstudie. Forschungspraktikum. Universität Rostock

Daniel **Schnitzlein**: Intergenerational Mobility. Vorlesung. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Daniel **Schnitzlein**: Labor Economics. Vorlesung. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Daniel **Schnitzlein**: Seminar zur Bildungsökonomik. Seminar. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Carsten **Schröder**: Staat und Steuern. Vorlesung. FU Berlin

Carsten **Schröder**: Ungleichheitsmessung. Vorlesung. FU Berlin

Jürgen **Schupp**: Lebensqualität, subjektives Wohlbefinden und "Gut Leben in Deutschland". Hauptseminar. Freie Universität Berlin

## Short term special courses (May – November 2017)

Paul **Schmelzer**, Knut **Wenzig**: Einführung in die Analyse von Paneldaten. SOEPcampus@RU Bochum, May 4-5, 2017, Bochum/Germany.

Diana **Schacht**, Knut **Wenzig**: Einführung in das SOEP. SOEPcampus@Uni Mannheim, June 26-28, 2017, Mannheim/Germany.

Alexandra **Fedorets**, Knut **Wenzig**: Einführung in die Analyse von Paneldaten. SOEPcampus@Uni Mannheim, June 26-28, 2017, Mannheim/Germany.

Knut **Wenzig**: Einführung in das SOEP (Besuch von Studierenden der HTW Berlin). June 19, 2017, Berlin/Germany.

Nicolas **Legewie**: Qualitative Interviewing. 11th International Research Workshop (IRWS) - Methods for Ph.D., September 10-15, 2017, Sankelmark/Germany.

David **Richter**: Questionnaire Design. 11th International Research Workshop (IRWS) - Methods for Ph.D., September 10-15, 2017, Sankelmark/Germany.

Andrea **Schäfer** and Elke **Holst**: Quantile Regression. 11th International Research Workshop (IRWS) - Methods for Ph.D., September 10-15, 2017, Sankelmark/Germany.

Hannes **Kröger**: Einführung in die logistische Regression für SozialwissenschaftlerInnen. GESIS Workshop, November 8-10, 2017, Mannheim/Germany.

## SOEP visitors

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

Becker, Liz, Universität Potsdam/Germany  
 Krekel Christian, London School of Economics and Political Science, London/UK  
 Kröger, Lea, European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole (Florence)/Italy  
 Luhmann, Sibylle, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany  
 Maxwell, Rahsaan, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill/USA  
 Nover, Justus, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen/Germany  
 Ordemann, Jessica, Universität Leipzig/Germany  
 Rohrer, Julia, Universität Leipzig/Germany  
 Salikutluk, Zerrin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany  
 Sander, Julia, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin/Germany  
 Schmidt, Tanja, Institut für empirische Sozial- und Wirtschaftsforschung Berlin (INES)/Germany  
 Schroeder, Christofer, Stockholm School of Economics/Sweden  
 Siebert, Stefan, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany  
 Sievert, Stephan, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin/Germany  
 Stoyanova, Anastasia, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany  
 Tucci, Ingrid, LEST, Aix-en-Provence/France  
 Walther, Lena, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin/Germany  
 Winke, Tim, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany

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

Chadi, Adrian, IAAEU, Universität Trier/Germany  
 Dahmann, Sarah, University of Sydney/Australia  
 Denzer, Manuel, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz/Germany  
 Dochow, Stefan, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)/Bremen University/Germany  
 Hardy, Melissa L., Pennsylvania State University/USA  
 Kempf, Andreas Oskar, Deutsche Zentralbibliothek für Wirtschaftswissenschaften (ZBW)/Germany  
 Roth, Sophie-Madeleine, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München/Germany  
 Steckenleiter, Carina, Universität St. Gallen/Switzerland  
 Stella, Luca, Universität Wuppertal/Germany  
 Werner, Konstantin, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona/Spain

## New data users

Dr. Jennifer **Apolinário-Hagen**: Einstellungen und Präferenzen in Bezug auf web- und app-basierte Angebote im Bereich psychischer Gesundheit. Fern-Universität Hagen, Institut für Psychologie, Hagen/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Christian **Bauer**: Vermögenssteuer statt Einkommensteuer. Universität Trier, Fachbereich IV Volkswirtschaftslehre, Trier/Germany.

Dr. Sait **Bayrakdar**: Families and housing tenure in young adulthood. University of Cambridge, Department of Sociology, Cambridge/UK.

Prof. Dr. Lutz **Bellmann**: Determinanten von atypischer Beschäftigung bei Arbeitsmarkteintritt von Akademikern und die Auswirkungen im weiteren Erwerbsverlauf. Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung, Nuremberg/Germany.

Prof. Fabrizio **Bernardi**: Inequality in educational opportunities and social mobility. European University Institute, Department of Political and Social Sciences, San Domenico di Fiesole/Italy.

Assistant Prof. Pietro **Biroli**: Impact of the German praxis fee on the number of doctor visits. University of Zurich, Department of Economics, Zurich/Switzerland.

Prof. Dr. Gerhard **Blickle**: Persönlichkeitseigenschaften zur Vorhersage von Berufserfolg. Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Institut für Psychologie, Bonn/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Frank **Bösch**: Beschäftigung nach der „Gastarbeit“. Türkische Arbeitswelten in West-Berlin seit den 1970er Jahren. Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam/Germany.

Dr. Miriam **Brandt**: Impact of different representations of scientific information on people's knowledge and attitudes. Leibniz-Institut für Zoo- und Wildtierforschung (IZW) im Forschungsverbund Berlin e.V., Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Alessio J.G. **Brown**: What is the effect of the introduction of the nation-wide minimum wage in Germany (in 2015) on the wage, employment and underemployment of low-wage migrants? Maastricht University, UNU-MERIT, Maastricht/The Netherlands.

Prof. Dr. Thiess **Büttner**: Wie wirken sich unterschiedliche Erwerbsbiografien auf die Lebenssteuerbelastung von Individuen aus? Untersuchung der Progressions-

wirkung des Steuersystems im Zusammenhang mit einer Verkürzung des Erwerbszeitraumes. Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Fachbereich Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Nuremberg/Germany.

Assistant Prof. Pamela **Campa**: Politico-economic regimes and attitudes: female workers under state-socialism. University of Calgary, Department of Economics, Calgary/Canada.

Dr. Vasco **Carvalho**: A study on the marginal impact of interest rate changes on consumption—differential effects for capitalists and workers. University of Cambridge, Faculty of Economics, Cambridge/UK

Prof. Dr. Ulrike **Cress**: Impact of different representations of scientific information on people's knowledge and attitudes. Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien, Knowledge Construction Lab, Tübingen/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Dirk **Czarnitzki**: Evaluating european policies: the added value of household level data. KU Leuven, Department of Managerial Economics, Strategy and Innovation, Leuven/Belgium.

Dr. Ulrich **Fahl**: The significance of energy poverty on the assessment of residential energy demand and emissions in Germany: a model supported energy system analysis of income-dependent energy carrier and technology options. Universität Stuttgart, Graduierten- und Forschungsschule, Stuttgart/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Christian **Fiebach**: Lebenssituation und Lebensqualität junger Erwachsener nach schweren Schädel-Hirntraumen im Kindesalter und stationärer Rehabilitationsbehandlung. Goethe Universität, Institut für Psychologie, Frankfurt a. M./Germany.

Bernhard **Franke**: Perceived discrimination in Germany. Antidiskriminierungsstelle des Bundes, Referat Forschung und Grundsatzangelegenheiten, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Michael **Gilroy**: International comparison of income inequality. Universität Paderborn, Chair of International Economics and Management, Paderborn/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Anja **Göritz**: Resilientes Verhalten messen und fördern (Resilire—Altersübergreifendes Resilienzmanagement). Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Institut für Psychologie, Freiburg/Germany.

Prof. Theocharis **Grigoriadis**, PhD: Do religious motivated terrorist attacks cause labor market discrimination? Freie Universität Berlin, Osteuropa-Institut, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Veronika **Grimm**: Inheritances and consumption: behavioral and non-monetary aspects. Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Lehrstuhl für VWL, insbesondere Wirtschaftslehre, Nuremberg/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Alfred **Gutschelhofer**: "Quality of life" von Entrepreneuren. Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Graz/Austria.

Prof. Dr. Anke **Hassel**: Labour migration and industrial relations: institutional continuity and change in a cross-sectoral perspective. Hertie School of Governance, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Wolter **Hassink**: Econometric analysis of rent to owning transition on the housing market. University of Utrecht, School of Economics, Utrecht/The Netherlands.

Prof. Michael **Hout**: Religion, religiosity and fertility among immigrant populations in Europe. New York University, Department of Sociology, New York, NY/USA.

Prof. Dr. Liliane **Jodkowski**: Soziale Verteilungsanalyse (Einkommensverteilung, subjektives Wohlempfinden, Armutsgefährdung). Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Berlin, Allgemeine VWL, Berlin/Germany.

Dr. Till **Kaiser**: Lebenszufriedenheit, Persönlichkeitsentwicklung, soziale Ungleichheit. Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Fakultät für Psychologie, Bochum/Germany.

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#### The smoking bans introduced ten years ago have had a positive health effect on passive smokers—especially younger people

According to a new study based on SOEP data, the smoking bans introduced in German restaurants and public places in 2007 have led to an improvement in the health of non-smokers in Germany. The study was conducted by economists at the Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU) and Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg and published recently in the renowned journal *Health Economics*.

The SOEP data show that the smoking ban has significantly improved the health of “passive smokers”—non-smokers who share a household with one or more smokers. “Especially young non-smokers under the age of 30 are rating their health status higher since the introduction of the smoking ban,” said Daniel **Kühnle** of the Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, one of the two authors. The probable reason: young men and women go out frequently, and they are now doing so in smoke-free clubs. Among young smokers, however, the study showed no positive health effects since the ban was introduced. Young male smokers reported lower health on average. “The sporadic nicotine withdrawal probably caused them stress, which affected their perceived health,” said Christoph **Wunder** of the Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, co-author of the study.

The older people are, the less their health appears to have benefited from the smoking ban. Among men and women aged 50 and older, the smoking ban had little to no effect on health. Overall, the positive effects of the smoking ban were more pronounced among women than among men.

The smoking bans introduced in 2007 went into effect in 2008 across all of Germany's federal states, although with some differences, and restricted smoking in enclosed public places, restaurants, clubs, and bars. To find out how the smoking ban affected people's health in Germany, the researchers used survey responses from 28,000 participants in the SOEP study who were interviewed both shortly before and shortly after the ban went into effect. Respondents rated their health on a five-point scale. The researchers used these ratings as an indicator for respondents' health status.

In some federal states, the smoking ban went into effect before fines for violations of the ban were introduced. But even in these states, compliance was apparently widespread, as the study's authors found positive health effects. Daniel Kühnle and Christoph Wunder attribute this primarily to the ban's apparent success in firmly establishing a social norm that many people held even before the ban. "From past studies, we know that most people in Germany were already in favor of a smoking ban even before the reform," said Daniel Kühnle.

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