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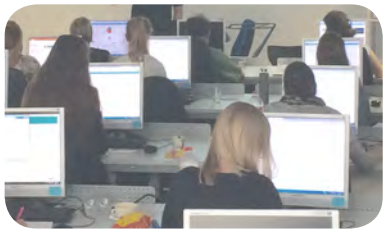

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Jürgen Schupp
Director of the Research Infrastructure SOEP and Professor of Sociology at Freie Universität Berlin

A note on ...

the SOEP's leadership team

I am happy to announce to our international SOEP user community that as of January 1, 2018, Stefan **Liebig** of the University of Bielefeld will become Director of the Socio-Economic Panel. He will simultaneously take a position as a member of the DIW Executive Board, replacing Gert G. **Wagner**, who will retire next year but remain a "Visiting Senior Research Fellow" with the SOEP group. And after six years as Director of the SOEP, I will be stepping down from this position but will remain on the SOEP leadership team, supporting Stefan as Vice Director alongside our three division heads.

Stefan Liebig, a SOEP Research Fellow since 2007, has used SOEP data in his research for many years. His work focuses on perceptions of social inequality and attitudes toward fairness and social justice. He also works on methodological issues in empirical social research, for instance, experimental designs for survey research, and co-published the 2017 Handbuch Empirischer Organisationsforschung, a reference work on empirical organizational research. Stefan is a member of the German Data Forum (Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten, RatSWD) and the Council for Scientific Information Infrastructures (Rat für Informationsinfrastrukturen, RfII), and has been responsible for the German component of the European Social Survey since 2014. He has held a professorship in social inequality and social structural analysis at Bielefeld University since 2008. He received his PhD from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin in 1998 and his teaching qualification (Habilitation) from LMU Munich in 2004, and subsequently taught methods of empirical social research at the University of Trier and social stratification and social structural analysis at the University of Duisburg-Essen.

Stefan Liebig will become the fourth Director of the SOEP. Hans-Jürgen **Krupp** founded the SOEP as part of German Research Association's Collaborative Research Center (Sfb 3) "Microanalytical Foundations of Social Policy" and served as its first director, remaining in this position up to 1988. In his capacity as president of DIW Berlin, he was responsible for giving the SOEP its home at DIW Berlin. After Hans-Jürgen Krupp took office as Senator for Finance in the State of Hamburg, Wolfgang **Zapf** (also a member of the Collaborative Research Center, and later president of the Berlin Social Science Center) acted as interim director of the SOEP for one year. In 1989, Gert G. **Wagner** took over as the second Director of the SOEP, and was responsible for elevating SOEP from project status to an institutionalized research infrastructure at DIW Berlin in 2002. In early 2011, Wagner was appointed to the DIW Executive Board, and Joachim **Frick** and Jürgen **Schupp** became joint directors of the SOEP. After Joachim Frick's untimely death in December 2011, the DIW Berlin Board of Trustees appointed me Director of the SOEP.

On page 13 of this newsletter, you will find the announcement of the 13th International SOEP User Conference on July 19-20, 2018. At this year's conference, the entire SOEP team and research community will celebrate Gert G. Wagner's numerous accomplishments on behalf of the SOEP. This is a particularly fitting venue, as it was Gert Wagner who launched the first SOEP User Conference in 1993. We are delighted that this conference will be held at the same location as it was 25 years ago: the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences (BBAW) on Gendarmenmarkt, in the center of Berlin.

Last but not least, we are pleased to announce that the data from the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Refugee Survey will be released to the international SOEP user community as part of the regular annual SOEP data release, v33 (see page 7 for details). The metadata and documentation on the data release will also be available by the end of November.

German Section

Ankündigung
SOEPcampus@DIW Berlin 2018

Workshop „Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten" am 28. Februar und 1. März 2018

Am 28. Februar und 1. März 2018 findet wieder unser jährlicher deutschsprachiger Workshop zur Einführung in die Analyse der SOEP-Daten im DIW Berlin statt. Neben Plenarveranstaltungen mit Vorträgen zu Inhalt, Struktur und Nutzungsmöglichkeiten der SOEP-Daten sowie der Hochrechnung und Gewichtung wird der Schwerpunkt dieses Workshops 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.

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

Anmeldeverfahren
Die Anmeldung für den Workshop ist ab dem 8. Januar 2018 auf der Website des SOEP möglich:

Aufgrund der begrenzten Teilnehmeranzahl empfehlen wir dann eine rasche Anmeldung.

Vormerkungen (Pre-Registration)
Sollten Sie sich bereits jetzt entscheiden, an dem Workshop in 2018 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

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.

Kosten
Die Teilnahme am Workshop ist abgesehen von einer geringen Verpflegungspauschale gebührenfrei. Die Reisekosten müssen jedoch selbst übernommen werden.

Bericht
SOEPcampus@Uni Frankfurt

SOEPcampus war am 18. und 19. September an der Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt zu Gast. In einem eineinhalbtägigen Workshop konnten fast 40 Studierende, Promovierende und wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeiter der Wirtschafts-, Sozial- und Erziehungswissenschaften die reichhaltige Datenbasis des SOEP nach einführenden Vorträgen in diversen praktischen Übungen näher kennenlernen. Zwei MitarbeiterInnen des SOEP, Knut **Wenzig** und Sandra **Bohmann**, beantworteten dem interessierten Publikum viele Fragen zur Entstehung und zum Aufbau des Datensatzes. Aufgrund der hohen Nachfrage ist eine Verstetigung der Veranstaltung in Frankfurt für 2018 vorgesehen.

Bericht
SOEP @ Statistische Woche

19. – 22. September 2017 in Rostock

In diesem Jahr war das SOEP erstmals auf der Jahrestagung der Deutschen Statistischen Gesellschaft (DStatG) „Statistische Woche" mit einem Informationsstand vertreten. Mit umfangreichem Informationsmaterial wurden die Tagungsteilnehmerinnen und -teilnehmer auf die Analysepotentiale der SOEP-Daten und Related Studies aufmerksam gemacht. Nicht nur Interessierte, die das SOEP bisher nicht nutzen, informierten sich an unserem Stand, wir konnten auch viele aktuelle und ehemalige SOEP-DatennutzerInnen bzw. Bekannte aus der SOEP-Community begrüßen und über neuere Entwicklungen informieren. So dienten wir gern

während der gesamten Woche mit unserem Stand als ein Treffpunkt zum Netzwerken der an Surveydaten interessierten Forschenden und freuten uns über den regen Besuch.

Auf großes Interesse stießen erwartungsgemäß die neuesten Veröffentlichungen zur IAB-BAMF-SOEP-Befragung von Geflüchteten, u.a. DIW Politikberatung kompakt 123 (s. auch S. 26). Aber auch die SOEPpapers zu Themen wie Einkommen, Gesundheit, Lebenszufriedenheit oder Internetnutzung und die Möglichkeit für DatennutzerInnen, ihre Forschungsergebnisse auf Basis von SOEP-Daten dort zu veröffentlichen, fanden Anklang.

Zwei SOEP-"Poweruser": Ulrich Rendtel, Freie Universität Berlin, und Notburga Ott, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, testen die Handgreifkraft

Der Klassiker am SOEP-Stand – der Handgreifkraft-Test – wurde auch von den TeilnehmerInnen der Statistischen Woche gerne ausprobiert. Das Interesse daran war nicht zuletzt deswegen groß, weil die Daten dieses Tests in einigen Vorträgen verwendet wurden, die im Rahmen der gemeinsam stattfindenden Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Demographie (DGD) gehalten wurden.

Eines der Schwerpunktthemen der Statistischen Woche war „Räumliche Mobilität", so dass viele Stadt- und RegionalforscherInnen vor Ort waren, die Interesse an den SOEP-Regionaldatensätzen äußerten, wenn sie diese nicht ohnehin schon nutzten. So kam es am Rande der Tagung auch zu einem regen Austausch mit SOEP-DatennutzerInnen bzw. solchen, die die Daten evtl. für ihre künftigen Analysen verwenden könnten.

Jan Goebel, Leiter des Forschungsdatenzentrums des SOEP und Regionaldatenexperte

Last, but not least stieß auch das Angebot des Forschungsdatenzentrum des SOEP (FDZ SOEP) und die Möglichkeiten der Auswertung von sensitiven Regionaldaten am DIW Berlin auf großes Interesse. Jan **Goebel**, Leiter FDZ SOEP, präsentierte dieses im Rahmen eines Pecha Kucha-Vortrags. (siehe unten).

Vorträge auf Basis von SOEP-Daten, welche auf der Statistischen Woche gehalten wurden, waren u.a.:

» Trends in der gesunden Lebenserwartung nach Sozialschicht in Deutschland
Rainer **Unger** (Universität Bremen)

» Die Entwicklung der Mieterhaushalte und ihrer Wohnkosten in Deutschland seit der Wiedervereinigung, dargestellt anhand des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels
Jan **Goebel** (SOEP at DIW Berlin)

» Veränderungen des Lebensumfeldes und Gesundheit: Eine Längsschnittanalyse auf Basis des GSOEP
Benjamin **Aretz** (Universität Rostock)

» Bildung und Demographie. Zum Verhältnis von sozialstruktureller Entwicklung und Geburtenrate (Poster)
Marc **Hannappel**
(Universität Koblenz-Landau)

» Female Employment after Migration: Evidence from the Recent Immigrant Sample of the German Socio-Economic Panel (Poster)
Cristina **Samper**
(Hertie School of Governance)

» Der Einfluss der Partnerschaftsbiographie auf die subjektive Gesundheit im Alter: Eine Längsschnittstudie auf Basis des SOEP
Georg **Wenau** (Universität Rostock)

» Educational status and long-term-care-free life expectancy among the German elderly
Olga **Grigoriev**, Gabriele **Doblhammer**
(Max Planck Institute for Demograhic Research)

Pecha-Kucha-Präsentationen

Erstmals bot die Statistische Woche einen Block von Präsentationen im Pecha-Kucha-Format an. Jede Präsentation besteht aus 20 Folien. Die Vortragenden erläutern exakt 20 Sekunden lang eine Folie, danach folgt das nächste Bild. Insgesamt dauert ein Vortrag somit 6 Minuten und 40 Sekunden. So erhält man in kurzer Zeit einen Überblick über ein breites Themengebiet.

In diesem Block präsentierten fünf Forschungsdatenzentren sowie MICROM Neuigkeiten zu ihren Datenbeständen und Auswertungsmöglichkeiten:

» Diana **López-Falcon**
„FDZ des Survey of Health, Aging and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)"

» Jan **Goebel**
„FDZ des SOEP"

» Wolfgang **Keck**
„FDZ der Rentenversicherung"

» Christoph **Nüßler**
„MICROM Datenbestand"

» Kerstin **Schmidtke**
„FDZ der Stat. Ämter des Bundes und der Länder"

» Dana **Müller**; Johanna **Eberle**
„FDZ der Bundesagentur für Arbeit im IAB"

Buchpublikation
Lebensbedingungen in Deutschland in der Längsschnittperspektive

Längsschnittliche Daten und Methoden spielen bei der Erforschung sozialer und ökonomischer Lebensbedingungen eine immer größere Rolle. Dies bezeugt zum Beispiel das starke Interesse an

Studien zu Übergängen im Lebenslauf. Der neu erschienene Band von Marco **Giesselmann**, Katrin **Golsch**, Henning **Lohmann** und Alexander **Schmidt-Catran** (Lebensbedingungen in Deutschland in der Längsschnittperspektive, Springer VS) versammelt nun längsschnittliche Studien zu verschiedenen Zielmerkmalen, die das ganze Spektrum ökonomischer und subjektiver Maße umfassen, welche in Soziologie, Ökonomie und Psychologie einschlägig sind.

Einen wichtigen Themenschwerpunkt bildet dabei das Forschungsfeld zu „Armut". So ordnen Henning **Lohmann** und Olaf **Groh-Samberg**, beide ehemalige SOEP-Mitarbeiter, den Zusammenhang zwischen Einkommensarmut und Deprivation in die längsschnittliche Analyseperspektive ein. Ihre SOEP-basierten Ergebnisse zeigen, dass Erwerbstätigkeit, auch wenn sie mit Einkommensarmut einhergeht, einen positiven Effekt auf den materiellen Lebensstandard und damit die gesellschaftlichen Teilhabechancen hat. Die ebenfalls auf Daten des SOEP beruhenden Beiträge von Katrin **Golsch** und Anja **Abendroth** sowie von Alexander **Schmidt-Catran** und Timo-Kolja **Pförtner** beschäftigen sich auch mit der Notwendigkeit einer multidimensionalen Betrachtung von Prekarität; erstere mit Blick auf subjektive Lebensbedingungen, letztere vor dem Hintergrund des Zusammenhangs von Armut und Gesundheit.

Weitere Studien, die unter Verwendung des Sozioökonomischen Panels durchgeführten wurden, analysieren die Auswirkungen des (rentenbedingten) Austritts aus der Erwerbsphase auf die individuelle Zeitverwendung (**Hess**, **Stich** und **Hofäcker**) und die intergenerationale Transmission subjektiv wahrgenommener Lebenszufriedenheit (**Katz**, **Bauer** und **Brüderl**).

Zusätzlich sind im Band mehrere, überwiegend didaktisch motivierte Texte enthalten, welche jüngere methodologische Entwicklungen zur Analyse längsschnittlicher Mikrodaten aufbereiten und diskutieren. So zeigt Jacques **Hagenaars**, dass sich querschnittliche Zufallsvariationen von Variablen in der Längsschnittperspektive zu scheinbaren Mustern auswachsen können. Steffen **Kühnel** und Anja **Mays** beschäftigen sich in ihrem Beitrag mit der Frage nach der Identifikation kausaler Effekte mit Hilfe von Fixed-Effects Regressionen, während der Beitrag von Marco **Giesselmann** und Michael **Windzio** die kausalen Potentiale von Fixed-Effects Regressionen und Ereignisanalysen vergleichend diskutiert. Die Studie von Frederike **Esche** und Jürgen **Schupp** bietet schließlich eine Analyse der Datenqualität aus retrospektiven Befragungen. Dabei wird eine spezifische Eigenschaft des SOEP ausgenutzt, nämlich dass hier sowohl retrospektiv als auch prospektive (bzw. zeitpunktbezogene) Messungen über Arbeitslosigkeit enthalten sind, deren Referenzzeiträume sich überlappen.

Der Band ist auch als Festschrift anlässlich Hans-Jürgen **Andreß'** 65. Geburtstages angelegt. Hans-Jürgen Andreß hat während seiner wissenschaftlichen Karriere nicht nur die Methodenentwicklung im Bereich längsschnittlicher Analysemethoden geprägt, sondern auch viele einflussreiche, SOEP-

basierte empirische Studien zu den Folgen kritischer Lebensereignisse vorgelegt. Wir freuen uns daher ganz besonders, dass mit der Herausgabe des Bandes nicht nur inhaltliche und methodologische Debatten befeuert werden, sondern auch einer außergewöhnlichen Wissenschaftlerpersönlichkeit eine Reverenz erwiesen wird.

Marco **Giesselmann**, Katrin **Golsch**, Henning **Lohmann**, Alexander **Schmidt-Catran** (Hrsg.). 2018. Lebensbedingungen in Deutschland in der Längsschnittperspektive. Wiesbaden: Springer VS. (https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-19206-8)

‚Wege zur Metropole Ruhr' – Endbericht veröffentlicht

Das SOEP wird zunehmend auch für qualitative Sozialforschung genutzt, so auch für ein von der Brost- und der Mercator-Stiftung finanziertes Doppel-Projekt „Soziologie in Bildern: Wege zur Metrople Ruhr".

Anhand von über 500 im Jahr 1972 repräsentativ ausgewählten Foto-Standorten im „Ruhrgebiet" wird der Wandel beschrieben, indem jetzt diese Standorte wieder fotografiert wurden (die ersten Schritte wurden vom SOEP finanziert, bevor die Brost-Stiftung das Projekt übernahm). Außerdem wurden Zensus-Daten und Luftbilder ausgewertet. Projektleiter waren Dr. Joachim **Scharioth** und Professor Jörg-Peter **Schräpler**, Ruhr Universität Bochum.

Gert G. Wagner bei der Vorstellung der Projektergebnisse
Foto: Frank Vinken | dwb

Die SOEP-Stichprobe kam ins Spiel, weil SOEP-Befragte, die in der Nähe eines der Foto-Standorte wohnen, gefragt wurden, ob sie anhand von Fotos über den Wandel ihrer Wohngegend reden möchten. So wurden mit 41 SOEP-Befragten Gespräche geführt. Gesprächspartner war Gert G. **Wagner**, der langjährige Leiter des SOEP und jetziges Vorstandsmitglied des DIW Berlin. Er berichtet darüber im Abschlussband des von der Mercator-Stiftung finanzierten Teilprojektes:

http://www.diw.de/documents/publikationen/73/diw_01.c.565157.de/wagner_goebel_ruhrgebiet_aufs.pdf

Eine Buchpublikation bereitet Gert Wagner vor.

Data Service

Coming soon
SOEP-Core data 1984–2016 (v33)
SOEP-Core, DOI: 10.5684/soep.v33

Available to users in the EEA countries for downloading free of charge (since we no longer have to cover production costs and mailing of the DVD).

SOEP-Core version 33 is expected to be released no later than **November 30**, 2017.

SOEP-Core international version, DOI: 10.5684/soep.v33i

The International Scientific Use version of the SOEP data (95%) is available to users outside the EEA countries for downloading free of charge (since we no longer have to cover production costs and mailing of the DVD). The data will be released no later than **November 30,** 2017.

(Pre-)Order now: SOEP-Core data 1984–2016 (v33)

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

In English: http://www.diw.de/SOEPorder

In German: http://www.diw.de/SOEPbestellung

After placing your order, you will receive a text-message on your cellphone containing your passwords. Please keep it on file: you will need the passwords to get both your preordered data and any additions or updates that come later. We expect to send you the data in December 2017 by cryptshare.

For users who have never downloaded the SOEPdata: Our experience with online data provision has been positive so far, and we 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.

SOEP-Core v33 – What's New
DOI: 10.5684/soep.v33

The new data distribution (1984–2016) "SOEP v33" provides, for the most recent survey year 2016, the usual wave-specific data files BGPBRUTTO, BGP, BGP_MIG, BGPKAL, BGPGEN, BGHBRUTTO, BGH, BGHGEN, BGKIND, and BFPLUECKE as well as the updated files with a longitudinal component (PFAD files, biography files, spell data, and weighting factors). Additional new samples, datasets, or variables are listed below:

1 New Sample IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey of Refugees in Germany (Samples M3/M4)

With version 33 of the SOEP data, we will also be releasing the integrated data from the first wave of 2016 IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey of Refugees in Germany sample as two supplementary samples to the SOEP. The samples are based on the overall population of refugees, independent of residency status, who arrived in Germany between January 1, 2013, and January 31, 2016. The samples were surveyed through additional funding from BA/IAB/BMAS in the case of M3 and from BMBF in the case of M4. Sample M4 contains a higher number of refugee families containing children and teenagers.

The data of IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey of Refugees in Germany will also be provided by the Research Data Center of IAB.

The German Central Registry of Foreigners (AZR) provided the data basis from which the sample was drawn. In this sample, 4,816 adults in 3,554 households were surveyed in 2016, and basic data was collected on 5,717 minors living in the same households. To conduct the survey, the questionnaire was translated into seven languages, in some cases interpreters were available. To address the specific situation of the target group, audio-assisted versions of the survey instruments were developed.

The survey is comprised of an integrated individual-life course questionnaire, a household questionnaire, and a questionnaire for interviewers. As was the case with samples M1 and M2 (IAB-SOEP Migration Surveys), participants were first asked for consent to linking their survey data with the IAB Integrated Employment Biography data. The Research Data Centre of the Federal Employment Agency at IAB will be providing the linked data to researchers as of Spring 2018.

The study design is described in detail in: Martin **Kroh** et al. 2016. Das Studiendesign der IAB-BAMF-SOEP-Befragung von Geflüchteten. SOEP Survey Papers 365: Series C. Berlin: DIW Berlin / SOEP.

1.1 Integration into SOEP and original data (BGP and BGP_REFUGEES)

The original data from the survey instruments used in Samples M3 and M4 can be found in original format in the dataset BGP_REFUGEES, where the individual and the biographical questionnaires are combined. The variables are also integrated into the other standard or generated datasets:

- Variables equivalent to those in the individual questionnaire in other samples are included in the dataset BGP. Also included in BGP are all variables which will be asked more than once, but specific to the refugee questionnaire.
- Variables equivalent to those in the biographical questionnaires in other samples are included in the respective biographical datasets (e.g., BIOMARSM).
- The comprehensively surveyed migration biography can be found in the new dataset REFUGSPELL.

2 New datasets / variables

2.1 Datasets directly based on survey instrument (like $P and $H)

2.1.1 $PINSTRUMENT and $HINSTRUMENT

With the integration of the new migration samples since 2013, the $P and $H datasets include data from more survey instrument. The basis remains the paper version of the questionnaire from samples A-L1, but it is supplemented by data from sample-specific survey instruments. To make it easy for users to understand, there is now a variable in $H and $P identifying the particular instrument from all waves starting with BD (2013).

2.1.2 Additional variables on occupational codes

There are now many more variables containing coded occupational information in the different questionnaire-specific datasets ($P, $JUGEND, $LUECKE, also $P_MIG and $P_REFUGEES). The variables can be identified by the suffixes denoting the classification used. ISCO-88 and KldB92 are available for all occupations: older $P-files contain ISCO-68, newer files contain ISCO-08 and KldB2010.

2.1.3 $JUGEND

Since 2000 (wave Q), first-time respondents between the ages of 16 and 17 have received a separate biographical questionnaire with additional age-group-specific questions, for instance, about their relationship to their parents or about what they do in their free time. Up to now, only some of the data collected from this survey have been processed and provided to users in dataset BIOAGE17. Starting with the current data release, the complete data will be provided in individual $JUGEND datasets.

2.2 New variables in PPFAD

2.2.1 SEXOR

The variable SEXOR combines information on the sexual orientation of respondents from various sources in the SOEP. In 2016 (wave BG), for the first time, the SOEP included a direct question about sexual orientation (self-reported).

2.2.2 BIRTHREGION

This variable tells which federal state the respondent was born in for respondents who were interviewed after 2012 and who reside in Germany's current federal states. Data users interested in obtaining more specific information on place of birth at the level of the municipality can access this data on a guest visit to the SOEP Research Data Center (contact soepmail@diw.de for details).

2.3 BIOAGEL

BIOAGEL now contains information from the new questionnaire for 13- to 14-year-olds that was introduced in 2016 (v33). The questionnaire contains items on personality, leisure time activities, personal networks, educational aspirations, and family life, and is completed by the young people themselves. Many of the questions included here stem from the questionnaire for 11- to 12-year-olds introduced in 2014 (v31). For those respondents who already completed this questionnaire, we now provide longitudinal information on development in many areas such as personality and educational aspirations.

2.4 REFUGSPELL

For migration biographies in the refugee samples, we created the new spell data set REFUGSPELL. The variables in MIGSPELL and REFUGSPELL are derived from different instruments and only partially overlap. The data structure allows the two data sets to be linked if desired. Detailed documentation will be provided by the biographical data documentation of the SOEP.

2.5 New variables in $PGEN

2.5.1 $P_RELI (Religious affiliation)

An integrated version of religious affiliation variable for all respondents in 2016 since additional

differentiations were used to survey the migration samples.

2.5.2 PICORIG[A-C]$$ (Party Identification in Country of Origin)

- PICORIGA16
  Party Identification in Country of Origin
- PICORIGB16
  Party Identified with in Country of Origin
- PICORIGC16
  Party Family of PI in Country of Origin

2.5.3 Current residency status

This variable will be a harmonized version of the current residency status variable for all immigrants in the corresponding samples including the new refugees sample.

2.6 New variables in $PEQUIV

- KIDY$$ Income of Children in Household
- FKIDY$$ Imputation Flag for Income of Children in Household
- IWITH$$ Profit Withdrawal
- FWITH$$ Imputation Flag for Profit Withdrawal

2.7 Gripstrength data for 2016

GRIPSTR update: The data on grip strength from the survey year 2016 is now included in the GRIPSTR dataset.

3 Revisions and bug fixes

3.1 Variables in PPFAD

3.1.1 GERMBORN, CORIGIN and IMMIYEAR:

Information on the country of birth (GERMBORN, CORIGIN) and the year of immigration (IMMIYEAR) is no longer compared with and coded according to the previous year's information in PPFAD. Instead, all information available on a respondent in the SOEP is collected and compared to code these variables. Efforts have been made (1) to give information on all respondents, dramatically reducing the number of missing values, and (2) to avoid group categories for the country of birth such as Eastern Europe (now, e.g., Poland). Three new variables, GERMBORNINFO, CORIGININFO, and IMMIYEARINFO, are introduced in v33 to indicate the quality of information given in GERMBORN, CORIGIN, and IMMIYEAR.

3.1.2. MIGBACK and MIGINFO:

The changes in GERMBORN also influence MIGBACK and MIGINFO, resulting in some value changes and a stronger focus of MIGINFO on the availability of parental information.

3.1.3. LOC1989:

Different proxies were used to code the respondents' place of residence in 1989 (variable LOC1989), resulting in some value changes. A new variable, LOCINFO, has been introduced in v33 to indicate the quality of the information in LOC1989.

3.2 BIOIMMIG

The target population and sample size of the BIOIMMIG dataset has changed. The dataset is no longer limited to respondents who were born abroad and had non-German citizenship. In addition, cases without valid BIOIMMIG information in any wave or only with valid information on BISCGCF, are no longer included in the dataset.

3.3 Update of PWEALTH and HWEALTH

Up to now, the former FiD samples were not integrated into the data for 2012 even though these samples also received wealth questionnaires. With the current data release, these cases have now been integrated.

3.4 BIOPAREN

BIOPAREN was build new from the scratch. We excluded redundant variables and changed the variable names to English for consistency (which means that VNR is now FNR). Please see the documentation for a full list of changes and an overview of the new variable names.

3.5 $PGEN

With variables DEGREE$$, FIELD$$, and TRAIN[A-D]$$, discrepancies had appeared in the retrospectively reported data. The classification was improved to deal with inconsistencies in multiple answers. The conversion key for occupational information based on the ISCO-88 classification for TRAIN[A-D]$$ in KldB92 was extended from two to four digits, and the conversion key itself was revised.

3.6 $HGEN

In Wave BF, a major change took place in the way respondents were asked about rent, and respondents were asked to provide more detailed information on their rental expenses. It became clear from ex post analysis that the way these questions were asked was too complicated for some respondents and that it had resulted in a discontinuity in the time series. As a result, according to SOEP—as well as in the comparative statistics— the average rent had risen systematically over time, but not in 2014 or 2015. This discontinuity can be explained by the change in the questionnaire. Starting with wave BG, the questions on rent were therefore changed back to those in wave BD. In wave BG, migration samples M3 and M4 were are also part of

the SOEP. Since these respondents were not asked what they paid for utilities, no rental variable was generated for this group.

Mentoring of Refugees (MORE) study in the field

The scientific study MORE is designed to deliver first results on the role of civic engagement in the short- and long-term integration of refugees in Germany. The intervention study is being carried out by the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) in partnership with the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) and briq Institute on Behavior and Inequality in Bonn. It is funded through the so called "Leibniz Competition" funding scheme (funding line: for innovative research).

MORE-Team

Understanding and improving civic engagement in the German refugee context

Since 2015, two major phenomena in Germany have been the subject of increasing public and academic interest: the influx of hundreds of thousands of refugees to the country, and the commitment of large numbers of volunteers who wanted to help these newcomers upon their arrival.

As many refugees will be unable to return to their home countries in the foreseeable future, the question arises how to best integrate them into the German educational system and labor market and how to facilitate their participation in other aspects of social life.

For the purpose of this study, MORE has partnered with the social start-up Start with a Friend e.V., which has created more than 2500 mentor-like relationships (known in German as "Tandems") between refugees and locals since 2014. Like many other civic initiatives for refugees, Start with a Friend aims at creating friendships between refugees and locals and providing emotional as well as practical support. Locals who are interested in participating in the program can register on the Start with a Friend website.

Design of the Study

The **MORE** study uses a randomized controlled trial that will be conducted with participants of the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey of Refugees in Germany sample 2017 and 2018. Participants who are interested in participating in the study are being randomly selected into either the group of 300 participants (the treatment group) or the group of 500 non-participants (the control group). All participants will be matched with a local by Start with a Friend for a mentoring relationship. Both the treatment and the control group will be interviewed annually as part of the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey of Refugees in Germany sample. One of the main questions this study seeks to answer is whether active support from a mentor plays a causal role in expanding refugees' social network, improving language use, or aiding in the search for education or employment.

In addition to the survey of refugees, there will be a survey on how the mentoring relationship evolved. The participating mentors will be surveyed on their expectations and from their perspective the relationship with the refugee developed over time. This investigation will focus on the intensity of the mentoring relationship, shared activities, and the dynamics of the relationship over the course of the program. The data on refugees and locals can be combined for analysis.

All data and analyses will be made available. If the refugee has given consent, it will be possible to link the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey of Refugees in Germany samples with the Integrated Employment Biographies sample (IE) of the IAB.

K²ID-SOEP data available at the Research Data Center of the SOEP

DOI: 10.5684/k2id-soep-2013-15/v1

K²ID is short for "Kinder und Kitas in Deutschland," the German name of the surveys conducted as part of the project "Early childhood education and care quality in the Socio-Economic Panel"(K²ID-SOEP).

What kind of information does the K²ID data provide? The K²ID surveys went out to a sub-sample of participants in the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) study who have children below school age. An equivalent group of participants in the "Families in Germany" (FiD) study (which has now been fully integrated into the SOEP) was also included in the sampling frame. The total group of respondents received an additional questionnaire about their childcare arrangements with a focus on childcare quality. If respondents used an ECEC (early childhood education and care) institution, they were also asked to provide the address of the institution and to identify which specific group, if any, their children attend. In a second step, these ECEC institutions were contacted and asked to participate in a separate survey. The principals and the educators who work as group leaders at these ECEC institutions were given a questionnaire to collect additional information on quality and other relevant aspects of the childcare setting.

The K²ID-SOEP data are available for scientific research from the Research Data Center of the SOEP. Please contact the SOEPhotline at: soepmail@diw.de.

Further information and documentation can be found at: https://doi.org/10.5684/k2id-soep-2013-15/v1. Documentation on the dataset will be available soon at paneldata.org.

Call for Proposals
SOEP-IS 2018

Deadline: November 30, 2017

Researchers interested in submitting questions to the SOEP-IS 2018 survey 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 in English to soep-surveymanagement@diw.de.

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

2017 User Survey starts in November

Every year in late fall, our SOEP User Survey goes online. This year, the survey will begin on November 20, 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 how to enhance the user friendliness of the different SOEP studies and the accompanying documentation. We hope for high participation among our user community, including the new users who have joined since last year.

Data News from Ohio State University

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

Dean **Lillard** secured funding from the National Institute of Child and Human Development for a $155,000 two year R03 award titled "Facilitating the use of Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF) Data." The award will fund the development of web tools that will help support, enhance, and expand the use of the CNEF data.

The **CNEF** is a compendium of panel data from nine countries. It is a cooperative effort of individuals and institutions that, as of 2017, includes data from

- UK British Household Panel Study (**BHPS**),
- Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey (**HILDA**),
- Japan Household Panel Study (**JHPS**),
- Korea Labor and Income Panel (**KLIPS**),
- the US Panel Study of Income Dynamics (**PSID**),
- Russia Longitudinal Monitoring Study-Higher School of Economics (**RLMS-HSE**),
- Swiss Household Panel (**SHP**).
- Canadian Survey of Labor and Income Dynamics (**SLID**), and
- German Socio-Economic Panel (**SOEP**)

The CNEF harmonizes data common to two or more of the country-based surveys, allows researchers access to both the harmonized and original data, provides all harmonization algorithms, and focuses on some of the most successful nationally representative ongoing longitudinal micro-data sets in the world. Researchers around the world use CNEF data to study social science questions in a cross-country comparative framework. They study questions that are scientifically important and relevant to current policy debates.

For further information please contact: cnef@osu.edu

Events & Activities

Call for Papers
SOEP 2018 Conference

The 13th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2018) will be held in Berlin, July 19-20, 2018, at Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences (BBAW).

The conference provides researchers who use the SOEP with the opportunity to present and discuss their work with other researchers familiar with SOEP data. Researchers of all disciplines (e.g., economics, demography, geography, political science, public health, psychology, and sociology) who use the SOEP or the SOEP part of the Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF) are invited to submit an abstract. We encourage in particular submission of papers using the longitudinal features of SOEP as well as papers on survey methodology and cross national comparative analysis.

Besides the open call for paper submissions, we invite session contributions with four papers each on the following topics:

- Implications of Technological Change
- Intergenerational Transmission
- Low and Minimum Wages
- Migration and Integration (e.g., refugees, EU-enlargement)
- Unification of Germany

Keynote speakers

We are happy to announce as keynote speakers:

- Stephen **Jenkins** (LSE)
- Armin **Falk** (briq and University Bonn)

Scientific Committee

- Charlotte **Bartels** (DIW Berlin)
- Martin **Biewen** (University of Tuebingen)
- Diana **Schacht** (DIW Berlin)
- Fabian **Pfeffer** (University of Michigan)
- Holger **Görg** (IfW Kiel)

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: February 15, 2018

Please submit electronic versions of abstracts (up to 300 words) not later than Feb 15, 2018 to: soep2018@diw.de

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Submitters will be notified on acceptance of their paper by March 28, 2018.

Local Organizers

- Charlotte **Bartels** and Diana **Schacht** (program)
- Christine **Kurka** (conference management)

If you have any further questions please contact the local organizers at: soep2018@diw.de

www.diw.de/soep2018

At the 13th International SOEP User Conference the entire SOEP team and research community will celebrate Gert G. Wagner's numerous accomplishments on behalf of the SOEP. This is a particularly fitting venue, as it was Gert Wagner who launched the first SOEP User Conference in 1993. We are delighted that this conference will be held at the same location as it was 25 years ago: the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences (BBAW) on Gendarmenmarkt, in the center of Berlin.

Second call for
InGRID-2 visiting grants

A key activity of the InGRID-2 project is providing transnational access to research infrastructures with data and expertise within the fields of poverty and living conditions. Researchers are invited to apply for free-of-charge access to and support in one of the 11 research infrastructures. Next to access to statistical competence centers with expertise in social science statistical research, access will be granted to major surveys and tools such as LIS, IECM, ECHP, LWS, CNEF, SOEP, EUROMOD, IRISS, SPIN, CSB-MIPI, EWCS, ECS, ESENER, ICTWSS, WISCO, EU-LFS, EU micro data sets, … in research infrastructures with extensive experience in working with these data.

The second call for visiting grants is now open until December 10, 2017, for visits from March 2018 onwards.

The SOEP at DIW Berlin offers expertise in multidisciplinary advanced methodological skills and provides SOEP database. Researchers can apply for a visit from 5 to 15 working days.

More information at
http://www.inclusivegrowth.eu/visiting-grants/second-call-for-ingrid-2-visiting-grants-2

Workshop
TwinLife 2018

July 18, 2018 @ DIW Berlin

TwinLife – A genetically informative study on the development of social inequality (www.twin-life.de/en)

Background

TwinLife is a longitudinal twin family study to investigate the development of social inequalities across the life course. Data collection of the long-term project began in 2014 with the survey of 4,097 pairs of twins and their families. To capture important life transitions and developmental trajectories (i.e. school enrollment, job entry) a cohort sequential design was established including four cohorts of twins (5, 11, 17, and 23 years of age at the first measurement occasion). In addition, following an Extended Twin Family Design (ETFD), twins' biological and step parents, and, if applicable, one sibling, as well as partners of the older twins were surveyed (including overall 19,163 individuals for the first wave of data collection). All twin families are interviewed on an annual basis comprising an extensive face-to-face home interview every second year and a shorter telephone interview in the years between. Content wise, TwinLife offers a database to study the role of social and genetic mechanisms as well as their interplay over the life course. We focus on social inequalities in six important areas of life: 1) Education and academic performance 2) career and labor market attainment 3) integration and participation in social, cultural and political life 4) quality of life and perceived capabilities 5) physical and psychological health and 6) behavioral issues and deviant behavior.

The data of the first household interview of the whole sample (4.097 twin families) is available as Scientific Use File (SUF) and can be obtained via the Gesis Data Catalogue DBK: doi: 10.4232/1.12888

Workshop program

The workshop will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at DIW Berlin. The first half of the workshop provides a basic introduction into the content and the data structure of the TwinLife survey data, including an overview about the scope and the study design of TwinLife. The second half of the workshop comprises a hands-on introduction into the basic concepts of genetically sensitive research and behavioral genetics by means of selected examples of how behavior genetic research can be used in an interdisciplinary context. Applying practical exercises, specific models are introduced, implemented, and discussed. Examples are based on the TwinLife data to give participants the opportunity to get in touch with the data set. In preparation of the workshop, we will get in touch with the participants and ask for specific questions, interests and suggestions in order to optimize the workshop program.

Location & registration

The workshop will be held at the DIW Berlin. Please register by February 28 sending a mail to info@twin-life.de. Please provide your name, affiliation and research interests. The workshop is free of charge but you will need to arrange your own travel and accommodation.

Report

SOEP@VfS 2017

2017 Annual Conference of the "Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS)", September 3 – 6, 2017, Vienna, Austria

The 2017 annual meeting of the "Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS)" took place in Vienna, Austria, from September 3 to 6, and was organized by the Faculty of Business, Economics and Statistics at the University of Vienna. It consisted of a core conference, with invited lectures on "Alternative Structures for Money and Banking," and an open meeting with mixed topics. The presentations and sessions at the open meeting spanned diverse areas of economics. As in previous years, SOEP and DIW Berlin had an information booth at the conference venue, where attendees could find general information about the SOEP and recent developments in the SOEP study, like the migration sample and IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey of Refugees in Germany samples.

Numerous papers presented at the conference were based on applied research using SOEP data for studies on health economics; income distribution; and inequality, poverty, and wages. Presentations by members of the SOEP team included:

- **The protective (?) effect of education on mental health**

Sarah **Dahmann** (University of Sydney) and Daniel **Schnitzlein** (Leibniz Universität Hannover, SOEP/DIW Berlin) analyzed whether education has a protective effect on mental health using data on adults aged 50 to 85 from the SOEP study. To estimate causal effects, they employed an instrumental variable technique with two instruments and explicitly modeled effect heterogeneity through marginal treatment effects. In contrast to standard OLS estimations, their estimations revealed no causal protective effect. The estimates pointed to a negative effect, if any, among the lower-educated.

- **Where the minimum wage bites workers. Factor substitutability and innovativeness at the workplace**

Kai-Uwe **Müller** (DIW Berlin) and Alexandra **Fedorets** (SOEP/DIW Berlin) estimated the impact of German minimum wage on employment by exploiting variation in its bite. They broke down effect heterogeneity for different degrees of labor substitutability based on administrative data on job content and survey data on the workplace. While the average effect was insignificant, by interacting treatment with substitutability they found significant effects on the probability of remaining employed and the transition to unemployment among employees who can be more easily substituted by capital.

- **The increasing longevity gap by lifetime earnings and its distributional implications**

Daniel **Kemptner** (DIW Berlin), Peter **Haan** (DIW Berlin), and Holger **Lüthen** (SOEP/DIW Berlin und FU Berlin) used social security records to document heterogeneity in life expectancy by lifetime earnings and analyze how this longevity gap has evolved over cohorts in Germany. Their results showed that the earnings-related longevity gap is increasing in West Germany. They also proposed a decomposition to disentangle the role of increasing earnings inequality over cohorts and the effect of changes in the earnings gradient, and discussed the distributional implications for the pension system.

SOEP@VfS 2017

SOEP Brown Bag Seminars

The SOEP Brown Bag Seminar series offers SOEP researchers an opportunity to present ongoing research using SOEP data or methodological research relevant to the SOEP survey. The seminars take place approximately every two weeks at DIW Berlin. We cordially invite researchers from outside DIW Berlin to attend seminars or to present their own research in a future seminar. Proposals for special Brown Bag Seminars are welcome.

If you would like to participate or present, subscribe to the SOEP Brown Bag mailing list, or obtain a list of available slots, please contact us. Organizers Patrick **Burauel** (pburauel@diw.de) and Jannes **Jacobsen** (jjacobsen@diw.de) took over from Cortnie **Shupe** and Katharina **Poschmann** in October. To find out more about past presentations, please contact the presenters directly.

Presentations in the last few months have included:

Luca **Stella** (Bocconi University and IZA): Does Broadband Internet Affect Fertility? (joint with Francesco Billari and Osea Giuntella). July 26, 2017.

Klará **Kaliskova** (Charles University Prague): Tax and Transfer Policies and the Female Labor Supply in the EU. October 18, 2017.

People & Papers

Five Questions to Judith Niehues

"Income Inequality, Inequality of Opportunity, and Redistribution" was the subject of economist Judith Niehues' doctoral dissertation and has been a central focus of her research since then. Niehues earned her doctorate at the University of Cologne after completing undergraduate studies there and at San Diego State University in the United States. She is a Senior Economist at the Cologne Institute for Economic Research (IW Köln*), where she heads the Microdata and Method Development Research Group. In her research, she makes regular use of SOEP data to study inequality and perceptions of inequality within the population.

1. ***Much of your research deals with the middle class. What's your most important finding on the middle class to date?***

It was clear to me from the research on income distribution that Germany is a middle-class society. But in a data analysis, I found that the majority of Germans don't believe that at all. Most Germans think that our society is shaped like a pyramid, with most people at the bottom. That surprised me. I was even more surprised to find out that more Americans than Germans believe they live in a middle-class society—despite the fact that the middle class is much smaller in the United States than in Germany.

2. ***Do Germans think the social situation here is worse than it actually is?***

Yes. And there is also evidence that Germans are too pessimistic about how inequality in our society is changing over time. Eighty percent of Germans think the gap between rich and poor has widened in recent years. In fact, around 70 to 80 percent of the population of every country in the developed world has this perception, independent of what the actual development of inequality has been like.

3. ***How do these kinds of perceptions arise?***

I always had the idea in the back of my mind that these perceptions might be driven by the mass media. And the SOEP offered a unique opportunity to test this idea. The SOEP data include information on the specific date respondents were interviewed. There are also media data that show what was being reported on in the media on what date. Our study found that when there is extensive reporting on inequality in the media, respondents are likely to report being less satisfied, for instance, with social justice in our country. This shows that media reporting can influence people's subjective perceptions and concerns.

4. ***How important is it to you that your findings get out into the public?***

It's important to me to give people facts and clear up misconceptions. So bringing my findings out into the public sphere always plays a role in my work. And when I see that my findings are being picked up by the media and that they're making it into the political discourse, I feel like I'm having at least a small influence on the public debate.

5. ***Is there anything else you're as enthusiastic about as you are about research?***

Yes—I really enjoy playing soccer and also watching it. It must be great to be a professional player. Not because of the hype around it, but playing soccer every day and getting paid for it sounds like a dream.

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

http://www.diw.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=diw_01.c.569448.de (in German)

* The IW Köln is a private research institute founded by several trade and employers' associations as well as businesses.

The SOEP vocational training program: A model for success

Seventh cohort of trainees in market and social research (FAMS) started in September

Since autumn of 2011, the SOEP has been offering in-house traineeships to students who are studying to be specialists in market and social research (Fachangestellte für Markt- und Sozialforschung, FAMS), a three-year degree program that is part of the German dual system of vocational training. Specialists in market and social research are responsible for organizational and operational tasks in diverse areas of empirical social research, for instance, in conducting surveys and other forms of data collection. The seventh cohort of FAMS students started in September: Martin **Gerike** from Berlin and Omar **Alshafai** from Damascus, Syria.

The two graduates from the first cohort, Janine **Napjeraj** and Florian **Griese**, were hired by the SOEP after graduating in summer 2014. They provide support to the SOEP research staff in survey management and on one project with outside funding. The two FAMS from the second and third cohorts, Marius **Pahl** and Carolin **Stolpe**, started university studies in business information technology and media information technology, respectively. They both continued working for the SOEP as student assistants. Marvin **Petrenz**, who was part of the fourth cohort of FAMS, completed his FAMS degree in 2016. Since then he has been working successfully on several SOEP projects. Selin **Kara** and Stefan **Zimmermann**, who started in 2015 in the fifth cohort, are currently in the third year of the program. Philipp **Kaminsky**, who started last year in the sixth cohort, has just entered his second year of training.

FAMS trainer Knut **Wenzig** is enthusiastic about the program: "By the end of their training, FAMS can confidently carry out the full range of tasks of a research data infrastructure—from questionnaire development, data preparation, and documentation to international user support. The SOEP benefits greatly from their skills and reliability. And they benefit from working in an outstanding research environment."

"As a Leibniz Association research infrastructure, we started early not only in fostering young researchers but also in expanding opportunities for vocational training", said SOEP Director Jürgen **Schupp**. He is convinced that an outstanding research infrastructure like the SOEP needs highly skilled specialists in market and social research who do sophisticated research-oriented work. "Our two new FAMS trainees are an ideal complement to our team. Our users are also getting to know and appreciate them for the competent and reliable services they provide as part of the SOEP".

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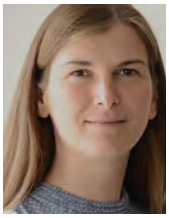
From left to right: FAMS trainer Knut Wenzig, trainees Stefan Zimmermann, Omar Alshafai, Selin Kara, and Martin Gerike, and SOEP Director Jürgen Schupp.

Staff and community news

Peter **Eibich** has been appointed as Deputy Head of the Labor Demography Research Group at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, Germany. Peter worked at SOEP from 2012 to 2015 as a PhD student on the Berlin Aging Study II (BASE-II, SOEP Related Studies) before taking a position as a senior researcher at the University of Oxford in 2015.

Jan **Goebel** has been elected Vice Chair of the German Data Forum's Standing Committee Research Data Infrastructure (FDI) at its 17th meeting. The aim of the FDI's work in the coming three years under newly elected Chair Pascal **Siegers** from the German General Social Survey at GESIS (RDC ALLBUS) will be to further improve the research data infrastructure in the social and behavioral sciences and economics in Germany.

Chrisian **Krekel** has received his doctoral degree from the Paris School of Economics. The title of his thesis, which is based on an innovative analysis of SOEP data, is "Evaluating the Non-Monetary Impacts of Major Events, Infrastructure, and Institutions." Christian has received awards for individual chapters of his work, including the Best Paper Award of the CINCH Academy (Competent In Competition + Health of the Essen Summer School in Health Economics) and the "Young Economist Award" of the European Economic Association. His thesis was supervised by Claudia Senik (Paris). Experts were Andrew Clark (Paris School of Economics), Stephen Gibbons (London School of Economics), Katrin Rehdanz (University of Kiel), Gert G. Wagner (DIW Berlin / TU Berlin), and Nicolas R. Ziebarth (Cornell University, New York / 2006 DIW Graduate Center cohort). Christian was a PhD student at the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and a member of the 2011 DIW Graduate Center cohort. His work at SOEP included a DFG project headed by Nicolas R. Ziebarth on the welfare effects of the Olympic Games. He is currently working at the London School of Economics



Elisabeth **Liebau**, who has been responsible for developing the SOEP questionnaires for several years, is currently teaching at the University of Göttingen as Deputy Professor of Sociology with a focus on migration and ethnicity. She is taking the place of Prof. Silke Hans in Winter Semester 2017/18.

Julia **Rechlitz**, PhD student at the DIW Graduate Center and a member of the Energy, Transport, and Environment Department at DIW Berlin won the Best Poster Award at the 15th IAEE European Conference in Vienna, September 3–6, 2017. Her paper "Quantifying external effects of biomass plants" uses SOEP data to analyze the impacts of biomass plants on residents, and was co-authored by Christian **Krekel** (former SOEP member), Alexander **Zaklan** (DIW Berlin), and Johannes **Rode** (TU Darmstadt).

Julia M. **Rohrer**, who is working at SOEP as a Fellow in the International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE), has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Personality.

Felicitas **Schikora** joined the SOEP group as a doctoral student in October after successfully completing her first year in the DIW Graduate Center. She wrote her master's thesis as a part of a research project at the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IAW), Tübingen, where she also worked as a student assistant. The thesis investigated vocational careers in the non-medical healthcare industry in Germany and examined the factors that are decisive in motivating employees to a drop out of their profession early in their careers.

Jürgen **Schupp** has been appointed to the Standing Committee of GESIS' new integrated infrastructure.

Gert G. **Wagner** is one of three founding editors of the new International Journal for Re-Views in Empirical Economics (IREE), together with Joachim Wagner (IREE founding chief editor, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg) and Hilmar Schneider (Institute of Labor Economics, IZA). IREE has been launched with initial funding from the German Research Foundation (DFG). The funding application was submitted by ZBW–Leibniz Information Centre for Economics in cooperation with IZA and DIW Berlin. IREE invites submissions; for more information on IREE, see the attachment to this newsletter.

SOEP staff activities

Paper presentations in November 2017–January 2018

Charlotte **Bartels** and Dirk **Neumann:** Redistribution and Insurance Around the World. The drivers of international differences in income inequality. Workshop, November 30–December 1, 2017, Esch/Luxembourg.

Charlotte **Bartels:** Top incomes in Germany, 1871-2013. First WID.World Conference, December 14–15, 2017, Paris/France.

Lisa **Pagel:** Geflüchtete Kinder und Jugendliche in Deutschland: Welche schulischen und häuslichen Bedingungen haben sie für eine erfolgreiche Integration? [Poster]. Bildungsforschung—Potentiale für die Bildungspraxis. 4. BIEN Jahrestagung, November 27–28, 2017, Berlin/Germany.

Julia M. **Rohrer**: Tackling deep-rooted problems of psychological research. Workshop on Research Methods in Social Sciences and Business, Sydney, November 3, 2017, Sydney/Australia.

Diana **Schacht,** Jörg **Hartmann:** The effect of neighborhood characteristics on refugees' language acquisition process—Associations with the degree of urbanization. (1) Labor market and Economic perspectives on large-scale Migration in Sociology (LEMS). Conference at the Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES), November 17–18, 2017, Mannheim/Germany, (2) Kolloquium Sozialstrukturanalyse (Prof. Kurz, Uni Göttingen), November 20 , 2017, Göttingen/Germany

Gert G. **Wagner:** Möglichkeiten einer Ziehung einer repräsentativen Stichprobe für einen qualitativen Survey. 2. Sitzung des Arbeitskreises "Archiv Sozial- und wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Daten für historische Forschung", November 8–9, 2017, Bad Homburg/Germany.

Paper presentations August–October 2017

Alexandra **Fedorets,** Marco **Caliendo,** Malte **Preuss,** Carsten **Schröder,** Linda **Wittbrodt:** The Short-Term Distributional Effects of the German Minimum Wage Reform. (1) Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA), August 21–25, 2017, Lisbon/Portugal, (2) Alternative Geld- und Finanzarchitekturen. VfS-Jahrestagung 2017, September 3–6, 2017, Vienna/Austria, (3) 29th EALE Conference, September 21–23, 2017, St. Gallen/Switzerland.

Alexandra **Fedorets**, 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.

Peter **Haan**, Daniel **Kemptner**, Holger **Lüthen**: The rising longevity gap by lifetime earnings—distributional implications for the pension system. Fiscal Reform. 73rd Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF Congress 2017), August 18–20, 2017, Tokyo/Japan.

Elisabeth **Hahn**, Mitja D. **Back**, David **Richter**, Jürgen **Schupp**: Predictors of refugee adjustment: Findings from a representative survey of refugees in Germany. 14. Arbeitstagung der Fachgruppe Differentielle Psychologie, Persönlichkeitspsychologie und Psychologische Diagnostik, September 4–6, 2017, Munich/Germany.

Christoph **Halbmeier**: Why do migrants accumulate less wealth than natives? A decomposition analysis for Germany. Inequality reloaded. Tagung der Sektion "Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse" der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, September 28–29, 2017, Tübingen/Germany.

Robin **Jessen**, Davud **Rostam-Afschar**, Maria **Metzing:** Optimal Taxation under Different Concepts of Justness. 16. Fiwi-Workshop, October 27, 2017, Berlin/Germany.

Peter **Krause:** From Social Indicators to SDG's. Concepts and Challenges. Towards a better society. Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS), September 28–30, 2017, Innsbruck/Austria.

Peter **Krause:** Partial Deprivation and Partial Wealth – Measures for Multi-Dimensional Quality of Life Applications. Towards a better society. Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS), September 28–30, 2017, Innsbruck/Austria.

Marius **Leckelt**, David **Richter**, Mitja D. **Back**: Konsequenzen narzisstischer Bewunderung und Rivalität —Befunde aus dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel. 14. Arbeitstagung der Fachgruppe Differentielle Psychologie, Persönlichkeitspsychologie und Psychologische Diagnostik, September 4–6, 2017, Munich/Germany.

Maria **Metzing:** Just Income Taxation—Does Equal Sacrifice Means Fair Perceived Income Taxation. Fiscal Reform. 73rd Annual Congress of the International

Institute of Public Finance (IIPF Congress 2017), August 18–20, 2017, Tokyo/Japan.

Lisa **Pagel:** Geflüchtete Kinder und Jugendliche in Deutschland und ihre Beschulung in Vorbereitungsklassen. Educational Research and Governance. 82. Tagung der "Arbeitsgruppe für Empirische Pädagogische Forschung" (AEPF), September 25–27, 2017, Tübingen/Germany.

David **Richter,** Jürgen **Schupp,** Kai **Ludwigs:** Innovative Daten zum Subjektiven Wohlbefinden im Sozioökonomischen Panel. 14. Arbeitstagung der Fachgruppe Differentielle Psychologie, Persönlichkeitspsychologie und Psychologische Diagnostik, September 4–6, 2017, Munich/Germany.

Julia M. **Rohrer**: How to Fix a Scientific Culture: Psychology as a Cautionary Tale and Paragon. 10th European Converence of the Python in Science, Erlangen/Germany.

Julia M. **Rohrer,** David **Richter,** Stefan **Schmukle:** Sozial eingebettete—aber nicht individuumszentrierte—Strategien sagen positive Veränderung in Lebenszufriedenheit hervor. 14. Arbeitstagung der Fachgruppe Differentielle Psychologie, Persönlichkeitspsychologie und Psychologische Diagnostik, September 4–6, 2017, Munich/Germany.

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.

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.

University teaching (Winter term 2017/2018)

Sandra **Bohmann:** Soziologische Theorie. Grundkurs. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Luise **Burkhardt**/Diana **Schacht:** Vergleichende Umfrageforschung. Seminar. Freie Universität Berlin

Marco **Giesselmann:** Einführung in die Techniken und Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung. Vorlesung. TU Chemnitz

Marco **Gießelmann**: Sozialstrukturen im internationalen Vergleich II. Vorlesung. TU Chemnitz

Marco **Gießelmann**: Sozialwissenschaftliche Datenanalyse. Vorlesung. TU Chemnitz

Marco **Gießelmann**: Bachelor- und Master-Kolloquium. Kolloquium. TU Chemnitz

Elisabeth **Liebau**: Zentrale Einflussfaktoren für die Integration von Zuwanderern in den Arbeitsmarkt. Proseminar. Universität Göttingen

Elisabeth **Liebau**: Analysepotential (inter-)nationaler Datengrundlagen für die Migrationsforschung. Masterseminar. Universität Göttingen

Elisabeth **Liebau**: Integration von Migranten und Geflüchteten—Replikation empirischer Studien. Masterseminar. Universität Göttingen

Elisabeth **Liebau**: Einführung in das SOEP mit Schwerpunkt auf das Analysepotential für die Migrations- und Integrationsforschung (Doktoranden). Blockseminar. Universität Göttingen

Holger **Lüthen**: Ökonomie des Wohlfahrtsstaats. FU Berlin

Christian **Schmitt**: Forschungspraktikum Soziologie II / Demographie II. Forschungskolloquium. Universität Rostock

Christian **Schmitt**: Arbeit und soziale Ungleichheit im internationalen Vergleich. Seminar. Universität Rostock

Daniel **Schnitzlein**: Bachelor- und Master-Kolloquium Bildungsökonomik. Kolloquium. Leibniz-Universität Hannover

Daniel **Schnitzlein**: Bildungsökonomik / Arbeitsökonomik II. Vorlesung. Leibniz-Universität Hannover

Daniel **Schnitzlein**: Arbeitsökonomik—Labour Economics. Vorlesung. Leibniz-Universität Hannover

Short term special courses (September–December 2017)

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

Nicolas **Legewie:** Qualitative Interviewing. 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.

David **Richter**, Lisa **Pagel**: Introduction to the Socio-Economic Panel Study. SOEPcampus@Uni Basel, November 9–10, 2017, Basel/Switzerland.

Gert G. **Wagner:** LIFE Fall Academy, MPI for Human Development and University of Zurich, Zurich/Switzerland.

SOEP visitors

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

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

Ordemann, Jessica, Universität Leipzig/Germany

Rodriguez-Justicia, David, Universitat Rovira i Virgili/Spain

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)

Bencek, David, Institut für Weltwirtschaft, Kiel/Germany

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

Emmler, Julian, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin/Germany

Hartung, Andreas, Universität Tübingen/Germany

Hegedüs, Istvan, Universität Basel/Switzerland

Hertel, Florian, Universität Hamburg/Germany

Kolbe, Jens, TU Berlin/Germany

Schuss, Eric, Universität Duisburg-Essen/Germany

Steckenleiter, Carina, Universität St. Gallen/Switzerland

Stella, Luca, Universität Wuppertal/Germany

Tafasse, Wiktoria, University of Sussex, Brighton/UK

Wallrafen, Tim, Universität Tübingen/Germany

New data users

Dr. Ana Lucia **Abeliansky:** Analysis of mental health of workers and the introduction of new technologies. Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Makroökonomik und Entwicklungsökonomik, Göttingen/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Manuel **Arellano:** Foreign influence in east Germany. CEMFI, Center for Monetary and Financial Studies, Madrid/Spain.

Prof. Dr. Klaus **Armingeon:** Flexible labor market policies, income prospects and labor market preferences. University of Bern, Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Bern/Switzerland.

Assistant Prof. Juan Pablo **Atal**: Determinants of health care utilization in Germany. University of Pennsylvania, Department of Economics, Philadelphia, PA/USA

Prof. Paul **Attewell:** Precarious early careers: instability and timing upon labor market entry. City University of New York, The Graduate Center, New York, NY/USA.

Dr. Andreas **Aust:** Wer sind die Armen? Sozialstruktur und Lebensbedingungen armutsgefährdeter Menschen in Deutschland. Deutscher Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband, Paritätische Forschungsstelle, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Michaela **Benzeval:** Multi-dimensional measurement of intergenerational mobility of status. University of Essex, ISER, Colchester/UK.

Juliana **Bernhofer,** PhD: Risk attitudes, investment behavior and linguistic variation. Università Ca'Foscari Venezia, Dippartimento di Economia, Venice/Italy.

Prof. Dr. Sabine **Bohnet-Joschko:** Zielgruppenspezifische Unterstützungsangebote für pflegende Angehörige (ZipA). Universität Witten/Herdecke, Walcker Stiftungsprofessur für Management und Innovation im Gesundheitswesen, Witten/Germany.

Prof. Federico **Boffa:** Language and performances: individual and organizational performances. Free University of Bolzano-Bozen, Faculty of Economics and Management, Bruneck/Italy.

Prof. Monojit **Chatterji:** What determines today's income differences between former East and West Germany? University of Cambridge, Trinity Hall, Cambridge/UK.

Dr. Helen **Cheng:** The role of agency in the transition from school to work in Germany and the UK. University College London, Institute of Education, London/UK.

Dr. Ewa **Cukrowska-Torzewska:** Gender wage gap: the role of behavioral factors. University of Warsaw, Faculty of Economic Sciences, Warsaw/Poland.

Dr. Sukti **Dasgupta:** Sectorial changes in employment for young people and changes in youth perceptions. ILO International Labour Organization, Employment and Labour Market Policies Branch (EMPLAB), Geneva/Switzerland.

Prof. Carlo **Devillanova**: 'The Merkel Effect': Did the refugee crisis in Germany have an impact on labor market outcomes of immigrants? Bocconi University, Department of Policy Analysis and Public Management, Milano/Italy.

Director Luis **Delgado Sancho**: Long-run regional inequality in Europe. European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Ispra/Italy.

Prof. Dr. Sven **Dierks:** Sozialstrukturanalyse. Hochschule für Medien, Kommunikation und Wirtschaft, Psychologie, Frankfurt a. Main/Germany.

Dr. Virgilio **Failla:** Employment characteristics and entrepreneurship. University of Bath, School of Management, Bath/UK.

Prof. Armin **Falk:** Behavior and inequality. Briq-Institute on Behavior & Inequality, Bonn/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Dietmar **Fehr:** Relative income, redistribution and political views. Universität Heidelberg, Alfred-Weber-Institut für Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Heidelberg/Germany.

Prof. Daniel **Fernandes:** The mortgage illusion. Católica Lisbon School of Business & Economics, Universidade Católica Portugesa, Lisbon/Portugal.

Prof. Dr. Wolf **Fichtner:** Entwicklung der Elektromobilität in Baden-Württemberg—Regionalisierung zeitl. Hochlaufkurven von Elektrofahrzeugen auf Gemeindeebene und Implikationen für die Energiewirtschaft. Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, Institut für Industriebetriebslehre und Industrielle Produktion | IIP, Lehrstuhl für Energiewirtschaft, Karlsruhe/Germany.

Prof. Hisham **Foad**: Applied economic research: Fear of unemployment and its effect on the mental health

of spouses. San Diego State University, Department of Economics, San Diego, CA/USA.

Dr. Baptiste **Francon:** German minimum wage and employment quality. Université de Lorraine, Nancy/France.

Prof. Dr. Kirsten **Fuchs-Rechlin:** Lehrveranstaltung Soziale Arbeit: Bildungsungleichheiten. Fliedner Fachhochschule Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf/Germany.

Dr. Juan Manuel **Garcia Gonzalez:** Extending working lives, health and gender: a comparative between Germany and Spain. Universidad Paplo de Olavide, Department of Sociology, Seville/Spain.

Dr. Ulrich **Glogowsky:** Consumption inequality in Germany. Ludwigs-Maximilians-Universität München, Wirtschaftspolitik, Munich/Germany.

Dr. Erick **Gong:** Communist legacy: exploring economic and value differences between East and West Berlin and Germany. Middlebury College, Economics, Middlebury, VT/USA.

Prof. Erik **Gonzalez-Mulé,** PhD: The effects of work design factors on employee health and mortality. Indiana University, Department of Management and Entrrepreneurship, Bloomington, IN/USA.

Prof. Dr. William H. **Greene:** Happiness adaptation to income and status across developed and developing countries. New York University, Stern School of Business, New York, NY/USA.

Dr. Andreas **Grunewald:** Zusammenhang von Überstunden und Gesundheit. Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main, Management und Mikroökonomie, Frankfurt a. Main/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Dierk **Herzer:** Does the 'age as leveller' hypothesis apply to the income-to-health relationship? Evidence from Germany. Helmut-Schmidt-Universität, Lehrstuhl für Konjunktur und Wachstum, Hamburg/Germany.

Prof. Jacob **Hirsh,** PhD: Occupational Investment and Personality Change. University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management, Toronto/Canada.

Dr. Nina **Hogrebe:** Trägerspezifische Segregationsmuster in Deutschland. Westfälische-Wilhelms Universität Münster, Institut für Erziehungswissenschaft, Münster/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Stepan **Jurajda**: Essays in family economics – The effect of long commutes on the probability of divorce. Charles University Prag, Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education (CERGE), Prag/Czech Republic.

Prof. John **Kennan:** The effect of emigration on wages and productivity in sending countries: evidence from Central and Eastern Europe. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Economics, Madison, WI/USA.

Prof. Christian **Keuschnigg:** Determinants of social mobility in Germany. University of St. Gallen, Institute of Economics, St. Gallen /Switzerland.

Prof. Dr. Christine **Knaevelsrud:** Personality types revisited—a comprehensive algorithmic approach to an integration of prototypical and dimensional constructs of personality description. Freie Universität Berlin, Abteilung klinisch-psychologische Intervention, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Amit **Kramer:** Contingent workers of older age: investigating effects on health, well-being and work-family conflict over time. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Labor and Employment Relations, Champaign, IL/USA.

Prof. Dr. Fabian **Krüger:** Prognose sozio-ökonomischer Indikatoren mittels Techniken des maschinellen Lernens. Universität Heidelberg, Juniorprofessur für Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung, Heidelberg/Germany.

Assistant Prof. Lorenz **Kueng:** Rent/Tenure choice around the world. Northwestern University, Finance Department, Evanston, IL/USA.

Prof. Dr. Andreas **Lange:** The environmental dimension of consumption choices. Universität Hamburg, Public Economics, Hamburg/Germany.

Dr. Sonja **Lyubomirsky:** Variety in activity use and well-being. University of California, Riverside, Department of Psychology, Riverside, CA/USA.

Clément **Malgouyres,** PhD: The rise of part time work: a German-French comparison. Banque de France, Economics, Paris/France.

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Peter **Mallmann:** Auswirkung einer Erkrankung auf sozio-ökonomische Faktoren. Uniklinik Köln, Klinik und Poliklinik für Frauenheilkunde und Geburtshilfe, Cologne/Germany.

Dr. Amanda **Mandzik:** Analyzing the effects of language training on employment for refugees and immigrants. Pennsylvania State University, Department of Economics, State College, PA/USA.

Dr. Annalisa **Marini:** Analyzing the impact of cognitive and non cognitive skills on socio-economic outcomes. University of Exeter, Economics, Exeter/UK.

Dr. Maite **Martinez Granado:** The gender labour market gap: a longitudinal perspective. University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU, Department of Foundations of Economic Analysis II, Bilbao/Spain.

Institute Director Nigel **Meager**: Casual work characteristics, regulatory frameworks, spread and implications in selected member states Eurofound. Institute for Employment Studies, Brighton/UK.

Prof. Dr. Jung **Meekyung:** Eastern and western training effect on wage in Germany. Dankook University, Economics, Chungnam/South-Corea.

Prof. Colin **Mills:** Occupational attributes in the German labour market. University of Oxford, Nuffield College, Oxford/UK.

Dr. Daniel **Müllensiefen:** The development of musical abilities. Goldsmiths University London, Department of Psychology, London/UK.

Prof. Dr. Andreas **Pfnür:** Rolle und Wirkung von staatlichen Eingriffen auf den Wohnungsmarkt am Beispiel von Deutschland. Technische Universität Darmstadt, FG Immobilienwirtschaft und Baubetriebswirtschaftslehre, Darmstadt/Germany.

Assistant Prof. Jonathan de **Quidt:** Depression for Economists. Stockholm University, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm/Sweden.

Prof. Dr. John **Rauthmann:** Passung zwischen Personen- und Umweltfaktoren (sowie Vorhersage von Kriterien). Wake Forest University, Department of Psychology, Winston-Salem, NC/USA.

Prof. Dr. Anu **Realo:** Personality differences across and within cultures. University of Tartu, Institute of Psychology, Tartu/Estonia.

Prof. Dr. Joe **Rodgers,** PhD: Longitudinal study of life satisfaction in mothers and fathers: domain specific patterns. Vanderbilt University, Pea Body College, Nashville, TN/USA.

Associate Prof. Victor Andres **Ronda Checchia:** The economic value of breaking bad: misbehavior, schooling and the labor market. Aarhus University, Department of Economics and Business Economics, Aarhus/Denmark.

Jun-Prof. Dr. Tobias **Rothmund:** Ungerechtigkeitssensibilität und politische Einstellungen. Universität Koblenz-Landau, Institut für Kommunikationspsychologie und Medienpädagogik, Landau/Germany.

Prof. Ruslan **Sadyrtdinov:** Ordered logit modeling for long-run poverty measurement: comparative study of Russia, the USA and Germany. Kazan Federal University, Department of Public Management, Kazan/Russia.

Dr. Axel **Salheiser:** Thüringen-Monitor 2017 (jährliche telefonische Repräsentativbefragung zu politischen Einstellungen der Thüringer Bevölkerung). Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, KomRex – Zentrum für Rechtsextremismusforschung, Demokratiebildung und gesellschaftliche Integration, Jena/Germany.

Manuel Antonio **Sanchez Garcia,** PhD: Lifetime earnings inequality and flexible working time arrangements. University of Bristol, School of Economics, Finance and Management (EFIM), Bristol/UK.

Prof. Pedro Henrique C. G. **Sant'Anna**: Policy evaluation with right-censored data. Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics, Nashville, TN/USA.

Dr. Analia **Schlosser**: Applied economic research: Fear of unemployment and its effect on the mental health of spouses. Tel Aviv University, The Eitan Berglas School of Economics, Tel Aviv/Israel.

Prof. Dr. Sascha L. **Schmidt:** Who gets promoted? Persönlichkeitseigenschaften von Spitzensportlern in Bezug auf unterschiedliche "Success"-Größen. Center für Sport und Management (CSM) an der WHU, Otto Beisheim School of Management, Düsseldorf/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Daniel D. **Schnitzlein:** Economic mobility in Germany. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Gastprofessor für Arbeitsökonomik, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Christian **Scholz:** Die Generation Z im Gesundheitswesen—eine vergleichende Analyse. Universität des Saarlandes, Lehrstuhl für BWL, insb. Organisation, Personal- und Informationsmanagement, Saarbrücken/Germany.

Prof. Arjumand **Siddiqi:** Welfare state restructuring and widening socioeconomic inequalities in health. University of Toronto, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Toronto/Canada.

Dr. Martin **Siegel:** Finanzielle Sicherung und Ungleichheiten in Gesundheit und Gesundheitsversor-

gung. Technische Universität Berlin, Ökonomie des öffentlichen Sektors, Berlin/Germany.

Dr. Christian **Soegaard**: The economic impact of the german labour market reforms. University of Warwick, Department of Economics, Coventry/UK.

Caroline **Tassot,** PhD: The impact of social protection on inclusive growth. OECD, OECD Development Centre, Paris/France.

Prof. Douglas **Teti:** Differential equation and dynamic modeling of data from the German Socio-Economic Panel study. Pennsylvania State Unversity, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University Park, PA/USA.

Prof. Dr. Bernd **Theilen:** Socio-economic and political determinants of public goods and services provision. Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Departament D'Economia, Reus/Spain.

Dr. Andreas **Tutic:** Socio status and prosociality: A cross-cultural study in four selected countries. Universität Leipzig, Institut für Soziologie, Leipzig/Germany.

Dr. Dirk **Ulbricht:** Gründe für die Überschuldung in Deutschland. Institut für Finanzdienstleistungen e. V., Hamburg/Germany.

Prof. Maarten P. **Vink:** Migrant life course and legal status transition. Maastricht University, Political Science, Maastricht/The Netherlands.

Prof. Dr. Dominik **Vogel:** Werte und Einstellungen von Beschäftigten des öffentlichen Sektors. Universität Hamburg, Juniorprofessur für BWL, Hamburg/Germany.

Prof. Dr. Enzo **Weber:** Befristete Beschäftigung—Bedeutung für Betriebe und Arbeitskräfte. Universität Regensburg, Lehrstuhl für Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung, Regensburg/Germany.

Dr. Julika **Weiß:** Perspektiven der Bürgerbeteiligung an der Energiewende unter Berücksichtigung von Verteilungsfragen. Institut für ökologische Wirtschaftsforschung, Nachhaltige Energiewirtschaft und Klimaschutz, Berlin/Germany.

Prof. Guo **Xu,** PhD: Long-term effects of Soviet occupation on modern day attitudes in Germany. University of California Berkeley, Haas School of Business, Berkeley, CA/USA.

SOEP publications

Recently Published

Journal Publications

When in doubt, run all reasonable analyses: No evidence for birth-order effects across a large number of model specifications

A new study using SOEP data assesses the evidence for birth-order effects on a wide range of personality variables using a new method in which a large number of model specifications are considered simultaneously. The study was conducted by psychologists at the University of Leipzig and the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz (JGU) and recently published in the renowned journal Psychological Science.

The question of whether birth-order position has an impact on personality has fascinated both the public and the scientific community for more than a hundred years. However, hundreds of empirical studies on the topic have led to highly inconsistent results. "We suspect that this partly because of the way that psychologists routinely analyze their data", said Julia **Rohrer** of the University of Leipzig, one of the three authors, "If a simple analysis doesn't yield 'significant' results, people go on and see whether they can find something if they include additional covariates or look at subgroups. While such decisions might be justifiable based on substantive consideration, they can lead to a large number of false-positive findings if authors systematically only report whatever 'worked'."

The study uses a new analytic approach known as specification curve analysis (Simonsohn, Uri and Simmons, Joseph P. and Nelson, Leif D., Specification Curve: Descriptive and Inferential Statistics on All Reasonable Specifications (2015). Available at SSRN: https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2694998), which avoids this problem because all defensible models are run and reported. The authors of the new study ran models on different subgroups, implementing various exclusion criteria and controlling for various covariates. Importantly, specification curve analysis allowed them to test whether results as a whole were inconsistent with the null hypothesis.

"The overall pattern shows that there are no robust birth order effects on variables such as life satisfaction, risk-taking, or political orientation," said Julia Rohrer, "However, it is instructive to look at the specification curves in more detail: Sometimes, arbitrary decisions lead to single estimates that pass the conventional significance threshold. But if we 'zoom out' and look at the bigger picture, it

becomes clear that these are likely random flukes." The authors suggest that such a more robust assessment of statistical evidence might be insightful in fields suffering from inconsistent findings in which researchers have to make a large number of decisions when setting up their analyses.

Julia M. **Rohrer,** Boris **Egloff,** Stefan C. **Schmukle:** Probing Birth-Order Effects on Narrow Traits Using Specification Curve Analysis. Psychological Science (online first), https://doi.org/10.1177/0956797617723726 (Preprint: http://home.uni-leipzig.de/diffdiag/pppd/wp-content/uploads/bop_specification-curve_preprint.pdf)

SOEP question on general risk taking propensity a good proxy for risk preference, R

In the behavioral sciences, particularly economics and psychology, risk preferences are considered to play a crucial role in shaping human behavior. Definitions of "risk" vary in the literature, ranging from probability, chance, outcome variance, expected values, undesirable events, danger, losses, to uncertainties. As a result, there is still considerable disagreement on how to conceptualize risk preference and a lack of consensus on how to best measure risk preference.

These conceptual issues persist because few attempts have been made to integrate multiple risk-taking measures, particularly measures from different and largely unrelated measurement traditions (self-reported propensity measures assessing stated preferences, incentivized behavioral measures eliciting revealed preferences, and frequency measures assessing actual risky activities).

Adopting a comprehensive psychometric approach (1,507 healthy adults completing 39 risk-taking measures, with a subsample of 109 participants completing a retest session after 6 months), the paper "Risk preference shares the psychometric structure of major psychological traits" by Frey et al. provides a substantive empirical foundation to address these issues, finding that correlations between risk propensity and behavioral measures were weak. Yet a general factor of risk preference, R, emerged from stated preferences and generalized to specific and actual real-world risky activities (for example, smoking). Moreover, R proved to be highly reliable across time, indicative of a stable psychological trait.

Of course, it will not always be feasible to collect large batteries of risk-taking measures in practice. In these cases, specific shorter subscales or even individual measures may be used as proxies for R, for example, the general risk-taking question in the SOEP, which correlates with R at 0.57. In practice, the use of self-reported risk preference measures is already common in some domains, such as finance. According to the analyses, these propensity measures exhibit desirable psychometric properties, such as convergent validity and test-retest reliability.

Renato **Frey**, Andreas **Pedroni**, Rui **Mata**, Jörg **Rieskamp**, and Ralph **Hertwig**. 2017. Risk preference shares the psychometric structure of major psychological traits. Science Advances Vol. 3, no. 10, e1701381 (DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.1701381)

Policy Report

IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey of Refugees in Germany: Close to two thirds of all refugees have completed secondary schooling

Findings from the IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey of Refugees in Germany show that of adult refugees who arrived in Germany between January 1, 2013, and August 31, 2016, around 64 percent had already completed secondary schooling and 20 percent university or vocational training upon arrival. Close to 40 percent of respondents had taken part in an integration course provided by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF). The IAB-BAMF-SOEP Survey of Refugees in Germany is being conducted by researchers at the SOEP, the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) and the Research Centre of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF-FZ).

The study is based on a representative longitudinal survey of 4,816 adult refugees. The questionnaire covers topics ranging from respondents' travel routes to Germany, educational aspirations, language skills, and participation in integration courses. The study is being financed primarily by the Federal Institute of Education and Research (BMBF) and out of the research budget of the IAB.

Urgent need for vocational training

The study shows that 40 percent of adult refugees who arrived in Germany between 2013 and January 2016 had attended post-secondary schooling and 35 percent had completed the schooling. Around 11 percent of refugees, both men and women, have only elementary education. Another 11 percent reported having not attended school in their country of origin.

Only a small proportion of refugees came to Germany with a university degree or vocational training: 12 percent had completed a university or tech-

nical college degree and 8 percent vocational training. "This shows a significant need for vocational training", said SOEP Director Jürgen Schupp, one of the study's authors. Refugees are apparently also well aware of this need: almost half are interested in completing secondary schooling in Germany. An even larger proportion—one third—aim to complete vocational and occupational training in Germany, and over one third aim to complete an academic degree.

Recognition of foreign qualifications

Up to now, around one third of respondents had applied to have their foreign occupational qualifications officially recognized in Germany. Around half of those who had submitted an application have already received a decision, with at least partial recognition of their qualifications being granted in 95 percent of all cases. In the case of Syrians, according to the statistics on federally regulated occupations, full equivalence of qualifications has been recognized in more than three quarters of all cases.

One in five refugees speaks German well

Around one fifth of all respondents in 2016 reported being able to speak German well or very well. More than twice as many reported speaking German poorly or not at all. Results on English language skills were similar: 23 percent reported speaking English well or very well; more than half (58 percent) reported not speaking English at all. Forty percent of respondents reported speaking at least one other language. The rate of illiteracy among respondents was, at 8 percent, relatively low.

More men than women in language courses

At the time of the survey in 2016, 39 percent of refugees were attending or had already completed a BAMF integration course. However, this was true for fewer women (31 percent) than men (42 percent).

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Upcoming Conferences/Workshops 2018

February 28 and March 1, 2018	SOEPcampus@DIW Berlin 2018
	Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten DIW Berlin (German only)
July 4-5, 2018	EVA-MIN Closing conference
July 19–20, 2018	SOEP 2018 13th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference July 19–20, 2018, at Berlin Branden- burg Academy of Sciences

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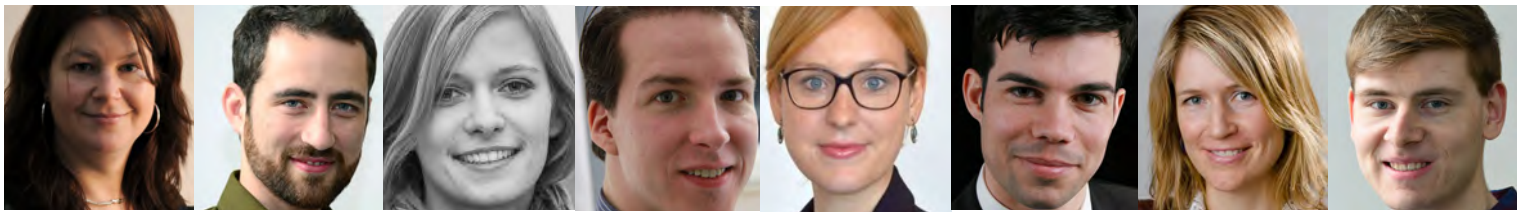

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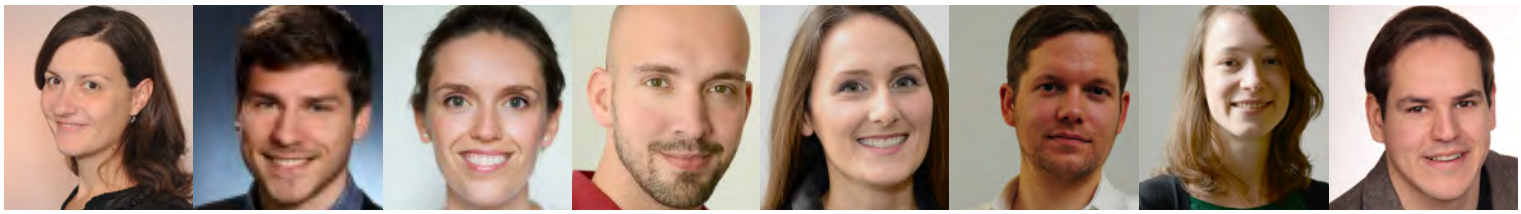

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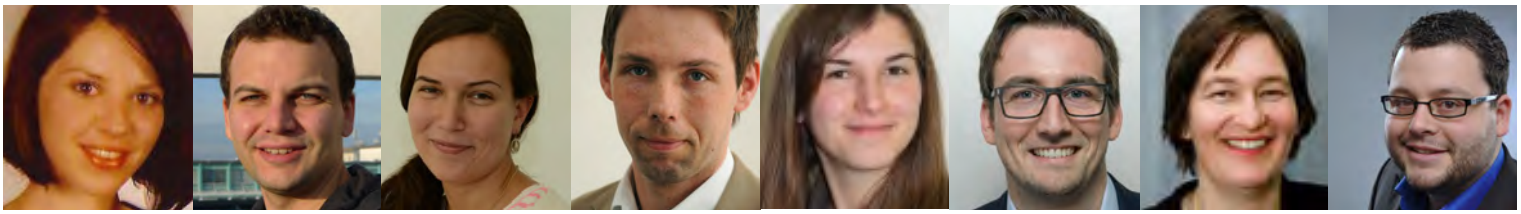

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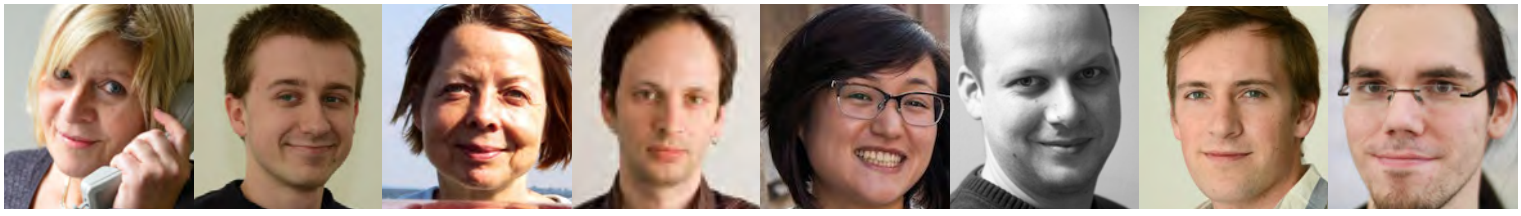

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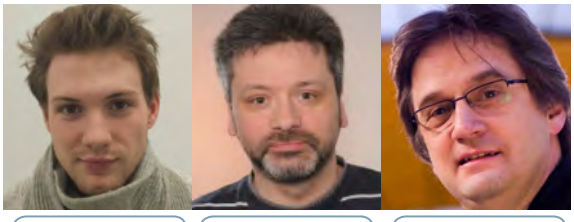

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International Journal for Re-Views in Empirical Economics (IREE) ready for submissions

The International Journal for Re-Views in Empirical Economics (IREE) is the first journal dedicated to the publication of replication studies based on economic micro-data (including socio-economic data). Furthermore, IREE publishes synthesizing reviews, micro-data sets and descriptions thereof, as well as articles dealing with replication methods and the development of standards for replications.

Up to now, authors of replication studies, data sets and descriptions have had a hard time gaining recognition for their work via citable publications. Richard A. Easterlin notes the paradox when he states: “Replication, though a thankless task, is essential for the progress of social science.”

To make replication a less thankless, all publications in IREE are citable. Each article, data set, and computer program is assigned a DOI. In addition, data sets are stored in a permanent repository, the ZBW Journal Data Archive. This provides a platform for authors to gain credit for their replication-related research.

IREE publishes research independent of the result of the study. Successful replications as well as failed replication attempts qualify for publication in IREE. The selection of published articles is based on technical and formal criteria but not with regards to the qualitative and quantitative results. In doing so, IREE intends to improve the knowledge on robust and generalizable finding of empirical economics research.

IREE is a joint project of Leuphana University of Lüneburg, the Institute of Labor Economics Bonn, the German Institute for Economic Research Berlin, and the ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics. IREE is funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), open access and charges no author fees.

Nobel laureate Sir Angus Deaton (Princeton University), Jeffrey M. Wooldridge (Michigan State University), and Richard A. Easterlin (University of Southern California) are members of the advisory board of IREE.

See for more thoughts about replications:

https://replicationnetwork.com/2017/10/06/grunow-say-hello-to-iree-a-new-economics-journal-dedicated-to-the-publishing-of-replication-studies/

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DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS (BERLIN)

The International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE) seeks applicants (m/f) for

3 three-year Doctoral Fellowships

The International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE) is a joint international PhD Program of the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, the Freie Universität Berlin, the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the University of Michigan, the University of Virginia, and the University of Zurich. The goal of the Research School is the study of the development of human behavior from infancy to old age. LIFE takes an integrative and interdisciplinary approach to identifying, understanding, and possibly ameliorating the mechanisms and conditions that shape the human life course.

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The advertised fellowships will all be located at the three collaborating institutions in Berlin, Germany. Depending on participants' schedules, the Research School will commence in April or October 2018. Working language is English. For the Berlin participants, the doctoral degree shall be granted by the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin or the Freie Universität Berlin. Positions will be contract-based.

Requirements: Applicants (m/f) should hold, or anticipate receiving very soon as shown in supporting documents, a master's degree, diploma or equivalent in one of the relevant fields.

The Research School is committed to employing more handicapped individuals and especially encourages them to apply.

Deadline: November 30, 2017. Decisions about admissions are scheduled for the March 2018.

See www.imprs-life.mpg.de for details about the application procedure and the online application form.

If you have further questions, please contact Silke Schäfer, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Lentzeallee 94, 14195 Berlin/Germany, Phone: +49-(0)30-82406-373, imprs@mpib-berlin.mpg.de.

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6th Interdisciplinary International *pairfam* Conference

Innovations in Panel Data Methods

Munich, June 28-29, 2018

We are pleased to announce the upcoming 6th International *pairfam* Conference as part of the scientific program of the *pairfam* project funded by the German Research Foundation. *pairfam* is a representative panel study focused on close relationships and the family in Germany. It provides large, longitudinal data sets available to interested researchers. For more details, please see *www.pairfam.de*.

The conference will focus on:

- innovative methods for panel data collection,
- innovative methods for panel data analysis, and
- innovative family research designs.

The program will feature a number of keynote lectures. In addition, slots are also available for contributions and posters which address innovative methods for panel data. The conference is not restricted to contributions utilizing pairfam data.

Please submit abstracts by January 31, 2018.

Due to the limitations regarding the number of participants, we encourage early registration. No funding for travel expenses is available. Further information on the scientific program, conference organization, and registration is available on www.pairfam-conference.lmu.de.

The conference will start on Thursday, June 28 at 9:00 and end on Friday, June 29 at 16:00.

Abstract Submission:

Interested researchers who would like to submit an abstract for a paper or a poster (preferably as a PDF) should include the following information in English:

- title of the contribution,
- names of all authors,
- name, institutional affiliation, and contact details of the presenting author, and
- abstract of no more than 300 words.

Please submit your abstract by January 31, 2018 to pairfam-conference@lmu.de.

Conference Venue:

The conference center *IBZ München – Internationales Begegnungszentrum der Wissenschaft e.V.* is nicely located in *Schwabing*, a culturally and socially lively quarter of Munich, just next to the beautiful English Garden.

Important Dates:

January 31, 2018:	Deadline for abstract submission
February 23, 2018:	Notification of acceptance
February 23, 2018:	Open for registration (see www.pairfam-conference.lmu.de)
April 15, 2018:	Deadline for registration

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Donnerstag, 7. Dezember

17:00-19:00
Podiumsdiskussion:
Vorsorge am Ende? Altersarmut und die Finanzierung der Rente in Deutschland
Moderation: Dr. Tobias Wiß (Hertie School of Governance)

Prof. Dr. Robert Fenge (Universität Rostock)

Prof. Dr. Klaus Hurrelmann (Hertie School of Governance)

Tatjana Mika (Deutsche Rentenversicherung)

Freitag, 8. Dezember

8:30
Ankunft & Registrierung

9:00
Begrüßung

9:15-10:45
Session 1: Alterssicherung von Frauen
Moderation: Tatjana Mika

Ute Klammer (Keynote I)
Alterssicherung von Frauen: Aktuelle Entwicklungen und zukünftige Perspektiven

Gert Wagner (Keynote II)
Das "Voll Eigenständige System" der Altersvorsorge "revisited"

10:45-11:15
Kaffeepause

11:15-12:30
Session 2: Lebensformen und ökonomische Sicherung
Moderation: Wolfgang Keck

Anne Lenze (Keynote III)
Das Unterhaltsrecht und die soziale Sicherung Alleinerziehender

Michaela Kreyenfeld & Anke Radenacker
Die Unterhaltsrechtsreform 2008 und das Erwerbsverhalten von Geschiedenen in Deutschland: Empirische Analysen auf Basis der Rentenregister

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Mittagspause

13:30-15:00
Session 3: Lebenslauf und die Alterssicherung von Frauen
Moderation: Tobias Wiß

Laura Romeu Gordo & Wolfgang Keck
Auf dem Weg zur eigenständigen Altersvorsorge? Die Rentenanwartschaften von Frauen im Kohortenvergleich

Katja Möhring & Andreas Weiland
Lebenslauf und Alterseinkommen von Frauen im Paar- und Haushaltskontext in Deutschland

Peter Haan, Anna Hammerschmid & Carla Rowold
Geschlechtsspezifische Renten- und Gesundheitsunterschiede in Deutschland, Frankreich und Dänemark

15:00-15:30
Kaffee-Pause

15:30-16:30
Session 4: Kindererziehung, Erwerbsverhalten und Alterssicherung
Moderation: Anke Radenacker

Dina Frommert & Marcel Lizon
Teilzeitarbeit neben Kindererziehung - Auswirkungen auf die gesetzliche Rente

Wolfgang Keck & Tatjana Mika
Der Versorgungsausgleich als Baustein der Alterssicherung von Frauen

16:30-17:00
Session 5: Abschlussdiskussion
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