

# SOEP newsletter

## 25 Waves of SOEP data

This year the 25th wave of SOEP is in the field. This event provides a good occasion not just to look back on what we have accomplished so far, but also to look to the future and explore perspectives for SOEP's further development. SOEP's Director Gert G. Wagner invites your input on this topic in his editorial on page 2.

The 25th wave of SOEP is also a good time to introduce our new SOEPnewsletter design. It will enable us to provide information on all aspects of SOEP to you in an even more reader-friendly format.

A further important event taking place this year is the 8th International Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2008) in Berlin, where we would like to celebrate SOEP's 25 waves with you. The conference will be held from July 9-11, 2008, at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB). There will again be numerous presentations based on SOEP data, the best of which will be chosen to receive an award. Please register as soon as possible! The deadline for abstract submissions is February 29, 2006. Further details are contained in this SOEPnewsletter.

Finally, if you or your colleagues would like training in the use of SOEP, you will have the opportunity very soon. On March 10-11, 2008, in Berlin we will again hold an introductory course on the analysis of SOEP data together with TU Berlin (further information in this SOEPnewsletter).

We hope to have the chance to welcome you personally to our SOEP2008 conference in Berlin! For 2008, the SOEP group wishes you a happy and successful new year!

*Elke Holst*

Editor SOEPnewsletter

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## Editorial: 25 Waves

By the time you read this SOEPnewsletter in its new layout, fieldwork will have already begun for SOEP's 25th wave. Next year this will allow you as a researcher to evaluate



SOEP director  
Gert G. Wagner

approximately 2,500 records on individuals who have participated in our survey every year since 1984, for a total of 25 times. In the year 2009, we will already be collecting the 20th wave of data in the former East Germany. And in 2010 our most recent subsample (Refresher Sample H)

will already be in its 5th wave. No one could have imagined the success and duration of SOEP in the early 1980s, when the concept for this longitudinal study was developed and the funding first provided (starting in 1982). This can be seen clearly in the recollections of SOEP's principal founder **Hans-Jürgen Krupp** (see the box on page 14 of this newsletter). He also makes reference to numerous colleagues who provided invaluable contributions to getting the SOEP survey underway.

### Developments

What **25 waves of SOEP** can potentially mean for researchers is also revealed, for example, in the fact that in the year 2008, the eighth age cohort born into SOEP will already reach the survey age of 17 (in total, the 1984 to 1991 birth cohorts). Also in 2008, a questionnaire for pre-schoolers will go into the field for the first time – the third “age-triggered” questionnaire for children (in addition to the questionnaires about newborn babies and toddlers, which we introduced in 2002 and 2005).

In the meantime, the SOEP data set contains over 1,000 “SOEP grandchildren”, whose parents and grandparents are former or present SOEP participants. Thus, SOEP has taken on a unique significance for the analysis of inter-generational relationships.

Not only have SOEP data made it possible to produce interesting scientific findings and robust policy advice; the many longitudinal analyses conducted on the basis of SOEP have also led to an increase in the collection of high quality panel data worldwide. We are delighted that SOEP has served as a role model for other scientific studies such as the recently launched Australian household panel HILDA, which is structurally very similar to SOEP.

Last but not least, the SOEP experiences have provided a significant impetus for developments in the UK-LHS, the UK Longitudinal Household Panel Study. It will, for example, integrate new kinds of questions on psychological concepts such as risk attitudes and trust. This is no coincidence, given the steadily growing importance of interdisciplinary data in the social and behavioral sciences.

Household panel data were initially collected mainly with the goal of providing policy advice. This orientation has changed fundamentally. Today more than ever before, household data serve the purposes of basic research. As a result, for the SOEP group in Berlin, close cooperation and research relationships with universities and other research institutes are becoming ever more important. A particularly noteworthy achievement in this regard is our increasingly close cooperation with the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, a relationship that underscores the importance of SOEP data for questions of human development and individual life courses.

In this, our anniversary year, we would like to implore our users more than ever to contribute their ideas – not only for the questionnaire itself but also for the entire design of SOEP. As SOEP users, you are well aware that we are constantly adding new subsamples and changing survey processes. Please give us your ideas and suggestions for the further development of SOEP and let's talk about them together. We have never added research questions merely because they were of ad-hoc interest; again and again over the years, we have added new issues only when they fit into the longitudinal design. And although we may not always have added questions as fast as some of our users would have liked, once we have done so, the additions often become a permanent part of the questionnaire, such as our improved questions on job characteristics and fringe benefits.

### Celebration

We as the SOEP team in Berlin – like the Infratest Sozialforschung team in Munich – have never made a big to-do out of birthdays. We prefer to put our energy into improving and developing the SOEP study further. This year will be no different. Our chief goal is to use new theoretical developments and methods of data collection and measurement to further improve the analytical power of SOEP. But at the 8th International User Conference in July 2008, we of course want to celebrate our birthday with you, and some of the sessions will pay tribute to this event. Please consider this event when setting up your schedule for 2008, and consult the conference homepage for updated information.

*Gert G. Wagner*  
Principal Investigator



## Anmelden: Workshop zur Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten am 10. und 11. März 2008 im DIW Berlin

Am 10. und 11. März 2008 veranstalten wir in Zusammenarbeit mit der Technischen Universität Berlin wieder einen deutschsprachigen Einführungskurs zur Analyse der SOEP-Daten. Neben einleitenden Plenarveranstaltungen mit Vorträgen zu „Inhalt, Struktur und Nutzungsmöglichkeiten der SOEP-Daten“ und „Hochrechnung und Gewichtung“ sowie einer Online-Demonstration der vielfältigen Möglichkeiten von WWW-SOEPinfo liegt der Schwerpunkt des Workshops in Hands-on Sessions. 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 (SOEPlit, SOEPinfo, Desktop Companion, SOEPbioscope, SOEPnewspell vorgestellt.

### Anmeldung

InteressentInnen für den Workshop im DIW Berlin am 10. und 11. März 2008 melden sich bitte mit beiliegendem [Anmeldeformular](#) an. Die Erfahrung der letzten Jahre zeigt, dass die maximale TeilnehmerInnenzahl von rund 25 Personen schnell erreicht ist. Wir empfehlen daher eine rasche Anmeldung. Die Teilnahme am Workshop ist kostenlos. Die Reisekosten müssen jedoch selbst getragen werden.

### Vorausgesetzte Kenntnisse

Teilen Sie uns mit der Anmeldung bitte auch mit, für welches Software-Paket Sie sich vorrangig interessieren. Weiterhin bitten wir um stichwortartige Angaben zur inhaltlichen Fragestellung, die Sie mit den SOEP-Daten bearbeiten wollen sowie zum geplanten Untersuchungsdesign. Kenntnisse einer Analyse-Software sind absolute Voraussetzung: Der Workshop gibt eine Einführung in die Analyse der SOEP-Daten, aber nicht in Software-Pakete wie SPSS oder SAS. Bei Bedarf wird eine Session zum Umgang mit dem von **Rainer Pischner** programmierten Tool SOEPnewspell angeboten, mit dem u.a. Spell-Daten in Zeitreiheninformationen transformiert werden können. Sollten Sie an dieser Veranstaltung Interesse haben, so teilen Sie uns dies bitte auf dem Anmeldeformular mit.

Darüber hinaus gilt als weitere unverzichtbare Voraussetzung für eine erfolgreiche Teilnahme am Workshop ein intensives Durcharbeiten des „Desktop Companion“ von **John P. Haisken-DeNew** und **Joachim R. Frick**, das Sie auf unserer Homepage unter der folgenden URL finden können

[http://www.diw.de/deutsch/soep/service\\_dokumentation/handbuch\\_dtc/32040.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/soep/service_dokumentation/handbuch_dtc/32040.html)

Sollten Sie weitere Fragen zum Workshop haben, wenden Sie sich bitte an **Joachim Frick** ([jfrick@diw.de](mailto:jfrick@diw.de)).

### Bitte bedenken Sie

Sollten an Ihrem Standort / in Ihrer Umgebung mehrere NutzerInnengruppen mit dem SOEP arbeiten, besteht die Möglichkeit, dass wir „vor Ort“ gezielte Schulungen anbieten. Wenden Sie sich bitte an **Markus Grabka** ([mgrabka@diw.de](mailto:mgrabka@diw.de)).

## SOEPCampus

### Bericht über den Workshop „Analysemöglichkeiten mit dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel“ an der Universität Duisburg-Essen

Um die Forschungsfähigkeiten und -möglichkeiten von sozial- und verhaltenwissenschaftlichen Studierenden, DiplomandInnen und DoktorandInnen gezielt zu verbessern, fand vom 8.-12.10.2007 an der Universität Duisburg-Essen in Duisburg der Workshop „Analysemöglichkeiten mit dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel (SOEP)“ statt (vgl. hierzu auch SOEP-newsletter Nr. 78). Es kamen 70 Teilnehmende aus 20 Universitäten und Instituten in Deutschland und der Schweiz. Damit eröffnet das SOEP seine Ausbildungsreihe SOEPCampus.

Die Workshops richten sich an Studierende, DoktorandInnen und NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen aus den Fächern Soziologie, Ökonomie, Politikwissen-



schaft und Psychologie und verfolgen das Ziel, diese mit Verfahren der in der universitären Methodenausbildung nicht überall fest verankerten Längsschnittanalyse vertrauter zu machen. Dies geschieht anhand des SOEP und in Duisburg ganz konkret mit dem Statistikprogramm Stata.

Organisiert wurde der Workshop vom Lehrstuhl für empirische Sozialstrukturanalyse der Universitäten Duisburg (**Stefan Liebig**) in Kooperation mit **Hans-**

Jürgen Schupp gab einen Überblick über Datenangebot und Untersuchungsdesign des SOEP und informierte über laufende und geplante Innovationen



**Jürgen Andreß** (Universität zu Köln), **Martin Die-wald** (Universität Bielefeld) sowie **Jürgen Schupp** vom SOEP (DIW Berlin und FU Berlin). Finanzielle Unterstützung erhielt er durch die Duisburger Uni-versitäts-gesellschaft, das DIW Berlin und den Fach-bereich Gesellschaftswissenschaften der Universität Duisburg-Essen.



Eine der DoktorandInnen, die ihr Dissertationsprojekt präsentierte, war die Soziologin Tanja Zähle von der Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

Den rund 70 TeilnehmerInnen wurde es ermöglicht sich mit dem Datensatz anhand praktischer Übungen an PCs vertraut zu machen.

Im ersten Modul „Einführung in die Benutzung des SOEP“ gab **Jürgen Schupp** einen Überblick über Datenangebot und Untersuchungsdesign des SOEP. **Markus Hahn** vom RWI Essen stellte das auf Stata basierende Programm PanelWhiz vor, das Datenmodifikation und Datenmanagement mit Paneldaten wie dem SOEP erleichtert.



Ulrich Kohler vermittelte den TeilnehmerInnen statistische Methoden der Sequenzanalyse

Im Mittelpunkt des zweiten Moduls standen die Arbeiten der NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen. Nach einem einführenden Vortrag von **Prof. Dr. Andreß** über potentielle Analyse-möglichkeiten von Paneldaten erhielten neun DiplomandInnen bzw. DoktorandInnen die Gelegenheit, ihre eigenen Forschungsarbeiten zu präsentieren. Weitere Forschungsarbeiten wurden auf Postern präsentiert und in anregenden Diskussionen besprochen.

Ziel des Vortrags über Konzepte und Debatten zum Niedrig- und Mindestlohn von **Hilmar Schneider** vom IZA war es, die Möglichkeiten des SOEP für die anwendungsorientierte politische Auftragsforschung darzustellen. Die anschließende lebhaftige Debatte wurde im informellen Kreis bis in die späten Abendstunden ausgedehnt.

Im dritten und letzten Modul wurden Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse und ihre Anwendungen auf SOEP-Daten vorgestellt. Zu Beginn sprach **Henning Lohmann** über Regressionen im Paneldesign. **Jost Reinecke** stellte in Zusammenarbeit mit **Petra Stein** Strukturgleichungsmodelle vor. Am letzten Tag referierte **Ulrich Kohler** über die Analyse von Sequenzdaten und **Karin Golsch** setzte mit der Ereignisanalyse den Schlusspunkt des Workshops.

Nach jedem präsentierten Analysemodell konnten die TeilnehmerInnen in betreuten Übungen eigenständige Beispielanalysen mit dem SOEP selbst am Computer durchführen und erste Erfahrungen mit den vermittelten Analysemethoden sammeln.

Die Rückmeldungen der TeilnehmerInnen waren durchweg positiv, insbesondere hinsichtlich des didaktischen Konzepts der Veranstaltung und der Leistungen des Organisationsteams. Es wurde von vielen der Bedarf für weitere Workshops zur Arbeit mit dem SOEP geäußert, wie auch über Möglichkeiten der Vernetzung der regional weit verteilten (Nachwuchs-) WissenschaftlerInnen diskutiert.

Aufgrund der großen Nachfrage ist geplant, den Workshop in Duisburg im nächsten Jahr wieder (voraussichtlich vom 22.09-26.09.2008) stattfinden zu lassen. Von Seiten der SOEP-Gruppe am DIW Berlin werden solche Initiativen ausdrücklich unterstützt und auch andere Universitätsstandorte sind willkommen, das Format SOEPCampus weiter zu entwickeln.



## Kriterien des RatSWD für Forschungsdatenzentren vom SOEP voll erfüllt

Das SOEP war von Anfang an für die Forschung durch „externe NutzerInnen“ offen und der Zugang zu den SOEP-Mikrodaten war geradezu das Vorbild für andere Scientific-Use-Files in Deutschland, so z.B. die des Mikrozensus und inzwischen vielen anderen.

Das SOEP bekennt sich deswegen sehr gerne zu den vom Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten (RatSWD) festgelegten Kriterien für „Forschungsdatenzentren“:

[http://www.ratswd.de/download/publikationen\\_rat/RatSWD\\_FDZKriterien.PDF](http://www.ratswd.de/download/publikationen_rat/RatSWD_FDZKriterien.PDF)

Kurz gefasst heißt das: „Forschungsdatenzentren machen der Wissenschaft im Normalfall Einzeldaten durch die Erstellung von faktisch anonymisierten Datensätzen (Scientific-Use-Files – SUF) zugänglich, die an wissenschaftliche Institutionen weitergegeben werden können. In Ausnahmefällen, wenn es sich um besonders zu schützende und ohne Informationsverlust nicht hinreichend anonymisierbare Daten handelt, wird der Datenzugang durch die Einrichtung von Gastwissenschaftlerarbeitsplätzen im Forschungsdatenzentrum oder den Aufbau eines kontrollierten Ferndatenzugriffs hergestellt.“

Die SOEP-Mikrodaten sind auf DVD als SUF erhältlich. Sensitive Regionalinformationen (bis hinab zur Kreisebene) sind mit Datenfernverarbeitung möglich: <http://www.diw.de/deutsch/32035.html>. Für die besonders sensitive Anreicherung der Survey-Mikrodaten mit Meso-Informationen auf der Ebene von Postleitzahlen und Straßenabschnitten können NutzerInnen zur SOEP-Gruppe im DIW Berlin kommen.

## DFG-Schwerpunkt „Survey Methoden“

Die DFG wird ab dem Jahr 2008 ein DFG-Schwerpunktprogramm „Survey Methoden“ fördern. Dieses Schwerpunktprogramm wird sich mit den Problemen und (neuen) Möglichkeiten der Erhebung und Aufbereitung von Survey Daten beschäftigen. SOEP-Projektleiter **Gert G. Wagner** gehört zum Leitungsteam dieses Schwerpunktprogramms, dem auch **Rainer Schnell** (Universität Konstanz) angehört. **Uwe K. Engel** (Universität Bremen) ist Sprecher des Schwerpunktprogramms.

Zu den Besonderheiten des Programms wird der Aufbau einer „Graduate School“ im Bereich „Survey Methodik“ gehören.

Dieses Schwerpunktprogramm ist damit für das SOEP und die NutzerInnen des SOEP doppelt relevant: zum einen wird Survey Forschung dazu

beitragen mittel- und langfristig die Qualität der Erhebung noch weiter zu verbessern. Zum anderen wird die Graduierten Schule für DoktorandInnen im Umfeld des SOEP interessant sein.

## Am Rande: SOEP-Ergebnisse in TV-Comedy „Neues aus der Anstalt“

Der SOEP-Beitrag „Vermögen in Deutschland wesentlich ungleicher verteilt als Einkommen.“ (von **Markus M. Grabka** und **Joachim R. Frick** im DIW Wochenbericht Nr. 45/2007, S. 665-672) über die Vermögensverhältnisse in Deutschland hat großes öffentliches Echo gefunden. Sogar in der Comedy „Neues aus der Anstalt“ sind die Ergebnisse angekommen und werden kommentiert. Zu finden unter: [www.zdf.de](http://www.zdf.de), dann auf „ZDFmediathek“ klicken und nach „Neues aus der Anstalt“ suchen; ganz am Ende der Sendung vom 20. November 2007 kommt die SOEP-Show!

## Data &amp; Service

## SOEP data distribution 1984-2006 on DVD Order now

### SOEP Data 1984–2006



The current SOEP data set covering the years 1984-2006 is available (only users in [EEA-countries](#) in Europe). If you haven't already ordered the data, please do so now! The SOEPHotline staff will be happy to take your order, either by e-mail [soepmail@diw.de](mailto:soepmail@diw.de) or telephone: +49-30 – 89789 292.

You can also fill out and return the order form attached to this SOEPnewsletter or fill out the form at our website:

<http://www.diw.de/english/order/33916.html>

The data, now provided only on DVD, will then be sent to you by post as usual. For those users who are unable to use DVDs we can also provide the data on CD-ROM, but with some delay.

More detailed information on additions and changes contained in this data distribution can be found on our homepage under frequently asked questions (FAQ). Here you will also find a list of contacts from the SOEP group who will be happy to answer any further questions: <http://www.diw.de/english/soep/faq/27904.html>

We continue to offer the SOEP data on DVD for the price of €30 (plus shipping). This price includes all of the SOEP data (100% version) with German and English labels in Stata, SAS and SPSS, as well as comprehensive documentation material. We also continue providing additional SOEP datasets to research groups for €5 each.

## Bugs Fixed

### Updated PGEN Data for PanelWhiz

The data included on the SOEP DVD for the Panel Whiz developed by former SOEP staff member **John Haisken-DeNew** contain mistakes in the file PGEN. The corrected PGEN data are provided on the SOEP website for downloading. For assistance, please contact the SOEPHotline (Michaela Engelmann) at [soepmail@diw.de](mailto:soepmail@diw.de) or by telephone at +49-30/89789-292

Information on corrections to the SOEP dataset can be found under:

[http://www.diw.de/english/soep/services\\_\\_documentation/known\\_bugs/fixes/27926.html](http://www.diw.de/english/soep/services__documentation/known_bugs/fixes/27926.html)

## LWS microdata now available

After four years in development, the Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) released for public use the Luxembourg Wealth Study (LWS), a new database containing harmonized wealth microdata. This first release of LWS contains thirteen datasets from ten countries. The countries include Austria, Canada, Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, the U.K., and the U.S.

For more information, see the „What's New“ section under <http://www.lisproject.org/whatsnew.htm>.



## NEWS from Cornell

### Next CNEF Release

The latest release of the Cross-National Equivalent Files is planned for late January/early February 2008. This year CNEF will include a beta version of the Swiss Household Panel. The SHP-CNEF file will include data for 1999-2005. The other CNEF files will cover the period from 1980-2005 for the PSID (United States), 1984-2006 for the GSOEP (Germany), 1991-2005 for the BHPS (United Kingdom), 1992-2003 for SLID (Canada), and 2001-2006 for HILDA (Australia). Although access procedures have not yet been finalized for the SHP-CNEF files, they are likely to be similar to those for the other country files. Check the CNEF website for updated information <http://www.human.cornell.edu/che/PAM/Research/Centers-Programs/German-Panel/cnef.cfm>

Several DIW Berlin researchers and affiliates have published a new paper that describes the CNEF data and the surveys from which the files are drawn. The paper is published under the title, “The Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF) and its Member Country Household Panel Studies” in *Schmollers Jahrbuch (Journal of Applied Social Science Studies)* 2007, Vol. 127, No. 4. **Joachim Frick, Stephen Jenkins, Stephen, Dean Lillard, Oliver Lipps, and Mark Wood-en** jointly authored the paper (see also page 13).

DIW Berlin Research Affiliate **Dean Lillard** presented an invited lecture at the International Conference for Panel Data Analyses on Employment and Quality of Life in Seoul, South Korea, October 25-26, 2007. His paper, entitled “Cross-National Harmonization of Household Panel Data: Concept, Philosophy, and Practice,” describes the approach to harmonization that the CNEF pioneered.

## Events & Activities

### Germany's Federal President gets acquainted with SOEP



Representatives of the SOEP group and the survey institute TNS Infratest Sozialforschung telling the Germany's Federal President (center) about SOEP (from the left: Andrea Gensicke, Michaela Engemann, Federal President Horst Köhler, Jürgen Schupp, Markus Grabka and C. Katharina Spieß)

This November, Germany's Federal President **Horst Köhler** invited representatives of SOEP to Bellevue Palace in Berlin to discuss the SOEP study with him. He was interested in learning not only about research findings based on SOEP data, but also about the choice of questions and duration of the survey. The Federal President's guests thus included **Andrea Gensicke** from Infratest Sozialforschung and **Michaela Engemann** from SOEP. Both do outstanding work increasing SOEP respondents' motivation to stay involved in SOEP, for example, by encouraging those who are tired of participating to continue. As Michaela Engemann reports from her work on SOEP, "respondents sometimes ask us to tell their interviewer they won't be able to keep an appointment. In other words, they want to drop out of the survey." In situations like these, according to Andrea Gensicke, "the fact that the Federal President is interested in SOEP will definitely be an important argument for those who don't want to continue to stay in SOEP."

**Jürgen Schupp**, **C. Katharina Spieß** and **Markus Grabka** reported to the Federal President results on life satisfaction, child education, and income distribution. Not only SOEP Director **Gert G. Wagner** but also the whole SOEP team is anxious to see "to what extent SOEP-based findings enter into future speeches by our Federal President." Prof. Dr. Horst Köhler is the fourth German Federal President who has shown an interest in learning about SOEP. Over the last 25 waves, SOEP representatives have reported on the study to Federal Presidents **Richard von Weizsäcker**, **Roman Herzog** and **Johannes Rau** on the occasions of presidential visits to DIW Berlin. (See [attached photos](#) from 1993, 1998 and 2004 .)

## CALL FOR PAPERS:

### 8th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference SOEP2008 in Berlin, July 9-11, 2008

The conference provides researchers using SOEP data the opportunity to present and discuss their work with the SOEP research community. Researchers from all disciplines (economics, demographics, geography, political science, public health, psychology, sociology) who use either the public-use version of the SOEP or the SOEP part of the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) are encouraged to submit an abstract. We particularly encourage submission of studies using the longitudinal features of SOEP, papers on survey methodology, and cross-national comparative analyses.

2008 is a very special year for the SOEP study: wave 25 of the two original subsamples that started in West Germany in 1984 will go into the field. A special session will honor this milestone event, which provides a further incentive to make SOEP an even better asset for the social and behavioral sciences.

#### Poster Session

In addition to the conference presentations, there will also be a poster session. Some of the submitted papers will be selected for presentation as a poster by the program committee.

#### Submissions

Abstracts (up to 300 words) must be submitted electronically via e-mail to [soep2008@diw.de](mailto:soep2008@diw.de) by **February 29, 2008**.

PDF and Microsoft Word files are equally acceptable. All abstracts must contain the corresponding author's full address. All papers and posters must be written and presented in English.

All those who have submitted a proposal will receive notification by March 15, 2008, as to whether they are invited to present in a paper session or in the poster session.

If you have any further questions concerning submissions of papers, please contact the local organizers at: [soep2008@diw.de](mailto:soep2008@diw.de)

#### Awards

The Society of Friends of the DIW Berlin will honor the best three papers and the best poster presented at the conference. The SOEP2008 program committee will act as a jury and will present the award at the end of the conference.

### Conference Publication

Shorter versions of selected conference papers will be published in a volume of conference proceedings (Journal of Applied Social Science Studies [Schmollers Jahrbuch], 1/2009) with the understanding that a full version of the paper may be submitted to another professional journal.

### Further information

For detailed information, please see our regularly updated website:  
<http://www.diw.de/soep2008>

Further information is available from the local organizers. Please contact

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### Program Committee

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(Melbourne Institute at the University of Melbourne, Australia; DIW Berlin)
- **Gisela Trommsdorff**  
(University of Constance; DIW Berlin)

## Announcement: Fourth International Young Scholar German Socio-Economic Panel Symposium, March 1-2, 2008

In March 2008, a symposium supported by the Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS), the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) and the Hanse Institute for Advanced Study (HWK) will take place in Delmenhorst, Germany. The aim of this symposium is to provide a forum to doctoral students interested in empirical research with panel data.

### Preliminary Program:

The two-day symposium will be organised in five sessions:

- First Job and Labour Market Integration
- Income Risks and Dynamics

- Determinants of Life Satisfaction
- Social Mobility and Inequality
- Family Formation and the Life Course

The final program will be announced in January 2008 at  
<http://www.gsss.uni-bremen.de/index.php?id=181>

If you have any questions concerning the symposium please do not hesitate to contact the organizers:

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## German Research Foundation (DFG) Priority Program "Survey Methods"

In 2008, the German Research Foundation will begin funding the priority program "Survey Methods". This program will deal with the problems and (new) possibilities for collecting and processing survey data. SOEP Director **Gert G. Wagner** belongs to the team of principal investigators along with **Rainer Schnell** of the University of Constance. **Uwe K. Engel** of the University of Bremen is the Speaker of the priority program.

One of the unique aspects of the program is that it will establish a Graduate School in the field of survey methodology.

The priority program thus has double relevance for SOEP and its users: first, the survey research carried out there will contribute to further improving the quality of SOEP in the medium and long term. Second, the Graduate School will be of interest to doctoral students associated with SOEP.

## DFG/ANR research proposal on migration questions successful

The SOEP group is pleased to report new French-German cooperation in research funding and promotion by the most important research support institutions from the two countries. Starting in spring 2008, the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) will be supporting German-French research projects in the fields of the humanities and social sciences. Among the 27 proposals that have been approved for funding is the one submitted by SOEP-staff member **Dr. Olaf Groh-Samberg** together with **Dr. Carsten Keller** from the Centre Marc Bloch in Berlin: "Career Strategies and Status Passages of Young Adults with a Migration Background in French-German Comparison". SOEP's graduate student **Ingrid Tucci**, who is just completing her doctoral dissertation, will participate in the project as a Post-Doc. For further information, see: [http://www.dfg.de/aktuelles\\_presse/pressemitteilungen/2007/presse\\_2007\\_87.html](http://www.dfg.de/aktuelles_presse/pressemitteilungen/2007/presse_2007_87.html)

## SOEP part of international research network "Non-Cognitive Abilities"

**Jürgen Schupp, C. Katharina Spiess and Gert G. Wagner** will be representing the SOEP group in the new research network on "Non-Cognitive Abilities: Acquisition and Economic Consequences" launched at beginning of 2008. The research network is funded by the Leibniz Association (WGL) through the "Pact for Research and Innovation" and brings together leading European research institutions in the field of social and behavioral research (Centre for the Economics of Education, London School of Economics and Political Science; Socio-Economic Panel Study, Berlin; Centre for European Economic Research, Mannheim; Central Institute of Mental Health, Mannheim; Center for Research on Intentions and Intentionality and Center for Quantitative Methods and Survey Research, both at the University of Constance) with the research group around Nobel laureate **James Heckman** (Economic Research Center, Chicago) and the Employer's Association Southwest Metal including its educational institutions. The project plans to use theoretical research approaches with practical relevance from the disciplines of educational and labor market economics, motivational psychology, motivational neuroscience, and econometrics, with the goal of furthering our understanding of human capital formation in modern knowledge-based economies.

For further information, see:  
<http://www.zew.de/de/forschung/projekte.php3?action=detail&nr=776&abt>

## SOEP at ISQOLS

At this year's conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS) "From QOL Concepts to QOL Performance Measures" (San Diego, December 6-9, 2007), SOEP was not just presented as the basis for research findings but also at its own exhibition stand. The information offered there focused on the analytical potential of SOEP for use by a broad multidisciplinary public. ISQOLS conferences traditionally cover the disciplines of sociology, psychology, marketing, and economics, as well as city and regional planning and political science, and also NGOs.

Further information on ISQOLS can be found under: <http://www.isqols.org>

## People & Papers

### Personnel

In January 2008, sociologist **Henning Lohmann** joined the SOEP staff. He will work at SOEP in the field of education, in particular on the availability of education spell data for the SOEP user community. He is also interested in comparative welfare state research. Henning Lohmann was previously research associate at the Chair of Empirical Social and Economic Research at the University of Cologne, where he recently attained his doctorate with a thesis on "Armut von Erwerbstätigen in europäischen Wohlfahrtsstaaten" ("Working poor in European welfare states").

**Thomas Siedler** is back working full time for SOEP as of January 2008. After completing his doctorate in economics at the University of Essex/UK and spending several years as a researcher at the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex/UK, he is now investigating preferences for redistribution, economic determinants of right-wing extremism and xenophobia, intergenerational mobility, people's trust, and fairness. In his upcoming work, Thomas Siedler will focus on SOEP innovations. He completed his doctorate last year on the subject of "Family economics and political behaviour".

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**Joachim R. Frick** spent the period October-November 2007 as a Visiting Research Scholar at the HILDA panel study in Melbourne, Australia. His research visit was funded through a Visiting Research Scholar Grant from the Faculty of Economics and Commerce at the University of Melbourne. One goal of his stay was to explore ways to further increase the international comparability of panel studies (particularly SOEP and HILDA), for example, through the longitudinally oriented (multiple) imputation of missing data on wealth. Together with **Bruce Headey** from the University of Melbourne, Joachim Frick is working on a comparative project on the wealth situation of older people in Australia and Germany based on the SOEP and HILDA data. During his stay, he held lectures focusing on income and wealth inequality research as well as on SOEP methodology at the University of Melbourne, the Australian National University in Canberra, Statistics New Zealand, and at the Motu Research Institute in Wellington (NZ) (see also "Activities of SOEP staff – last three months").

**C. Katharina Spieß** was appointed by Berlin Senator for Education and Research, Jürgen E. Zöllner, to the "Berlin Advisory Council for Family Affairs".

**C. Katharina Spieß** and **Gert G. Wagner** were appointed to the faculty of the International Max Planck Research School "LIFE - The Life Course: Evolutionary and Ontogenetic Dynamics".

SOEP's Ph.D. students **Eva M. Berger** and **Nicolas R. Ziebarth**, who are affiliated with the DIW Graduate Center of Economic and Social Sciences, have been granted scholarships from different funding organizations: Eva from the Friedrich Ebert Foundation starting in January 2008 and Nicolas from the Foundation of German Business (Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft, sdw) starting in September 2007.

### Activities of the SOEP Staff

To give you an impression of our ongoing work, we list selected presentations by SOEP staff members at conferences (in alphabetical order). For downloads and links, please see:

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#### Last three months

**Silke Anger**: The Cyclicity of Effective Wages within Employer-Employee Matches - Evidence from German Panel Data. International Conference 2007 of the German Association of Political Economy, Unemployment and Labour Market Policies: Novel Approaches, October 12-14, 2007, Nuremberg.

**Silke Anger** and **Guido Heineck**: Cognitive Abilities and Labour Market Outcomes – First Evidence for Germany. Annual Meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik "Bildung und Innovation", October 8-12, 2007, Munich.

**Conchita D'Ambrosio** and **Joachim R. Frick**: Individual well-being in a dynamic perspective. Annual Meeting of the Verein für Socialpolitik "Bildung und Innovation", October 8-12, 2007, Munich.

**Constanze Büning** and **Peter Krause**: Intra-household Relations on Income and Wealth: A cross-national comparison between Germany and the UK based on SOEP and BHPS. Session on "Quality of Life in Europe", at the International Conference of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) "From QOL Concepts to QOL Performance Measures" December 6-9, 2007, San Diego, California/USA.

**Joachim R. Frick**, **Markus M. Grabka**, and **Olaf Groh-Samberg**: Distributional impact of non-cash income components in Germany 2002. Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne, November 6, 2007, Melbourne/Australia.

**Joachim R. Frick and Markus M. Grabka:** Item-non-response and Imputation of Labor Income in Panel Surveys: A Cross-National Comparison based on SOEP, BHPS, HILDA. Official Statistics System (OSS) Seminar Series at Statistics New Zealand, November 8, 2007, Wellington/New Zealand.

**Joachim R. Frick, Markus M. Grabka, and Eva M. Sierminska:** Representative wealth data for Germany: The impact of methodological decisions around imputation and the choice of the aggregation unit. (1) Official Statistics System (OSS) Seminar Series at Statistics New Zealand, Wellington/New Zealand, November 8, 2007. (2) Australian National University (ANU), RSSS Economics Program Seminars, Canberra/Australia, November 6, 2007.

**Joachim R. Frick, Olaf Groh-Samberg, and Markus M. Grabka:** Economic gains from publicly provided education in Germany. (1) Motu Economic and Public Policy Research Seminar Series, 9 November 2007 Wellington/New Zealand, (2) Jahrestagung Verein für Socialpolitik "Bildung und Innovation October 8-12, 2007, Munich.

**Joachim R. Frick, Markus M. Grabka and Eva M. Sierminska:** Examining the gender wealth gap. Paper presented at the conference: Measuring discriminations. 13th and 14th December 2007, Evry University, Paris, France.

**Denis Gerstorf, Christin A. Hoppmann, Jürgen P. Schupp, Gert G. Wagner, and Ulman Lindenberger:** Spousal interplay of activity trajectories: Longitudinal results from the German Socio-Economic Panel Study. 60th Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 16-20, 2007, San Francisco, CA./USA.

**Jan Göbel and Gert G. Wagner:** Eine Einführung in das SOEP und die (bisherige) Nutzung von Regionalinformationen. Deutsches Fernerkundungsdatenzentrum (DFD) und Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR), October 2, 2007, Oberpfaffenhofen.

**Markus M. Grabka:** Erwerbstätigenversicherung – Eine notwendige Antwort auf die moderne Arbeitswelt? Conference "Sozialpolitische Herausforderungen in der Alterssicherung gestalten", DGB und Hans Böckler Stiftung, November 22, 2007, Berlin.

**Markus M. Grabka:** Schrumpft die Mittelschicht in Deutschland? Vortrag Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, December 12, 2007, Berlin.

**Olaf Groh-Samberg:** Poverty Research: Combining Multidimensionality and Dynamics. Workshop "Social Inequalities from Different Perspectives", Graduate School "Markets and Social Systems in Europe", November 30-December 1, 2007, Bamberg.

**Denis Huschka:** Names and Naming as Indicators of Societal Change. The 2007 ISQOLS Conference "From QOL Concepts to QOL Performance Measures", December 6-9, 2007, San Diego, California/USA.

**Peter Krause:** Governing Resources and Creating Quality of Life within the Household. A longitudinal analysis of individual intra-household arrangements for objective and subjective living conditions. Session of "QOL research in economics" at the International Conference of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) "From QOL Concepts to QOL Performance Measures", December 6-9, 2007, San Diego, California, USA.

**Markus Pannenberg:** Individuelle Erträge von Weiterbildungsinvestitionen "on-the-job" in Westdeutschland. Conference "Weiter Bildung! Berufliche Weiterbildung Älterer in kleinen und mittleren Unternehmen", Evangelische Akademie Loccum, October 16, 2007.

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**C. Katharina Spieß and Katharina Wrohlich:** The parental Leave Benefit Reform in Germany: Costs and Labour Market Outcomes of Moving towards the Nordic Model. IZA-Bertelsmann Foundation Workshop "Balancing Work and Family Life". November 23, 2007, Bonn.

**C. Katharina Spieß:** Kindertageseinrichtungen – volkswirtschaftlich hoch rentabel! Festvortrag auf der Veranstaltung "Balance-Familie-Beruf", Niedersächsisches Ministerium für Soziales, Frauen, Familie und Gesundheit, December 3, 2007, Hannover.

**C. Katharina Spieß und Grit Mühler:** Informelle und außerfamiliale Förderangebote im Bereich der frühen Kindheit – Wer nutzt sie und welchen Charakter haben sie? ZFE-Forum „Frühe Kindheit“, December 14, 2007, Berlin.

**Ingrid Tucci:** Les descendants des immigrés maghrébins et turcs en France et en Allemagne : variations des processus de mise à distance sociale. 4. Forum Européen de la Culture et de la Société. „Nationalität, Staatsbürgerschaft, Identität, Integration“, December 10-11, 2007, Luxembourg/ Luxembourg.

## Teaching at Universities ...in the winter term 2007/2008

**Silke Anger:** Empirical Social Policy based on SOEP Data. Upper-level Seminar at the Department of Economics, HU Berlin.

**Joachim R. Frick, Markus M. Grabka, and Gert G. Wagner:** Projektstudium: Empirische Wirtschaftsforschung. Fakultät Wirtschaft und Management an der TU-Berlin.

**Markus M. Grabka:** Erwerbstätigenversicherung – Eine notwendige Antwort auf die moderne Arbeitswelt? Veranstaltung „Sozialpolitische Herausforderungen in der Alterssicherung gestalten“, DGB und Hans Böckler Stiftung, November 22, 2007, Berlin.

**Olaf Groh-Samberg and Carsten Keller:** "Wohnen und soziale Ungleichheit". Seminar at the HU Berlin.

**Elke Holst and Martin Spieß:** Quantitative Methods. International Institute for Management at the University of Flensburg.

**Martin Kroh:** Soziale Lage und politisches Verhalten. Upper-level Seminar at FU Berlin (Department of Political and Social Sciences).

**Christian Schmitt:** Geburtenentwicklung im internationalen Vergleich. Institute for Sociology and Demography at the University of Rostock.

**Christian Schmitt, Yvonne Niekrentz und Susanne Lexa:** Einführung in das sozialwissenschaftliche Studium. Institute for Sociology and Demography at the University of Rostock.

**Christian Schmitt und Heike Trappe:** Forschungspraktikum Familiendemographie II. Institute for Sociology and Demography at the University of Rostock.

**Jürgen Schupp:** Methoden vergleichender Gesellschaftsforschung. Lecture at the Institute for Sociology at FU Berlin.

**C. Katharina Spieß:** Seminar at FU Berlin "Kosten und Nutzen im frühkindlichen Bereich".

**Gert G. Wagner:** Seminar on life course (International Max Planck Graduate School LIFE).

## SOEP Visitors

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

Anne Busch, Free University Berlin; Max Dehne, Free University Berlin; Simon Fietze, University of Flensburg;

Bruce Headey, University of Melbourne/Australia; Boris Heizmann, Free University Berlin; Martin Karlsson, University of Oxford/UK; Arnd Scheel, University of Minnesota/USA.

### Short visits

#### in the last three months and the near future

**Katja Coneus**, ZEW, Mannheim; **Andrew Clark**, PSE (Paris-Jourdan Sciences Economiques), Paris/France; **Fabian Pfeffer**, University of Wisconsin, Madison/USA; **Michaela Sixt**, University of Kassel; **Ruut Veenhoven**, Erasmus University, Rotterdam/NL; **Alexander Yendell**, University of Muenster.

### Interns

#### (in the past three months and near future):

**Max Dehne**, Free University Berlin; **Oliver Wölfel**, University of Erlangen-Nuernberg; **Marina Atarova**, University of Dresden; **Anne-Luise Baumann**, University of Muenster.

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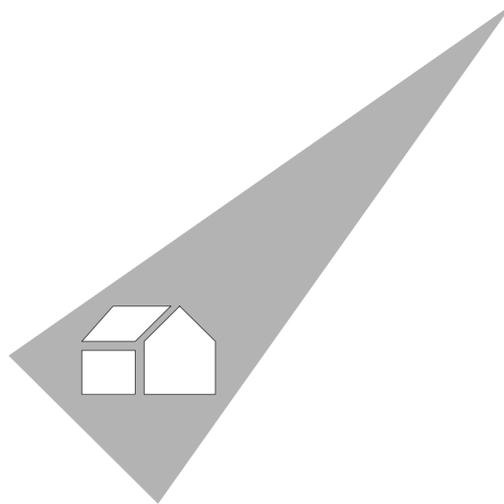
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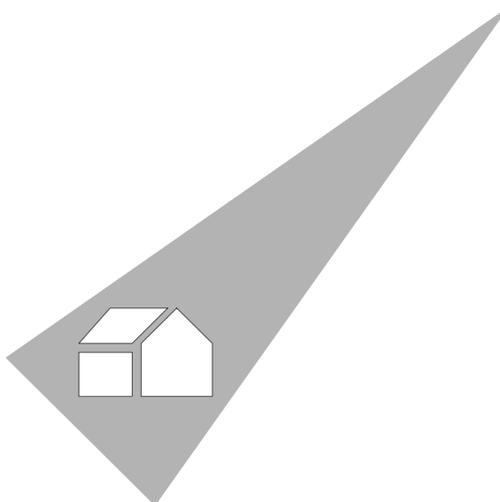
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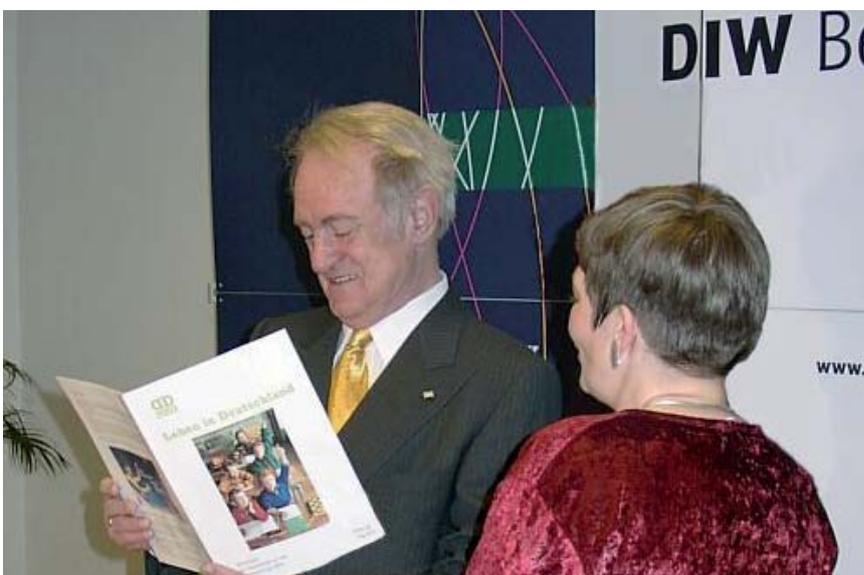
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