

SOEPnewsletter

Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce that the new SOEP data release 1984-2007 is available now. Please order your DVD. Information on new features and changes will be reported in this newsletter. Please also visit our homepage for further details.

Our 8th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2008) will take place in Berlin from July 9-11, 2008. If you have not registered yet, please do so as soon as possible! It promises to be an interesting conference, which provides an outstanding opportunity to learn about exciting new SOEP research results while meeting SOEP users from around the world.

At the conference, we also want to celebrate an important anniversary with you: the 25th wave of SOEP! This special event will be the subject to a session of its own, and it provides even more incentive to keep improving SOEP as a resource for the social and behavioral sciences. For more details, see page 7 of this SOEPnewsletter.

We are very pleased to report a scientific honor the Berlin SOEP staff recently received: the German Council of Science and Humanities (Wissenschaftsrat) rated the research work of the SOEP department at DIW Berlin as "excellent" in the category of "sociology". This places the SOEP group among the top three sociological research institutions in Germany. The evaluators considered a total of 254 research units at 57 institutions in Germany.

To improve our current rating of "good" in the promotion of young scholars, we aim to intensify our cooperation with the Graduate Center of DIW Berlin, the Max Planck Graduate School LIFE, the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences BIGSSS, and the Berlin universities.

We hope to see you at SOEP2008!

With best regards,

Elke Holst | Editor

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25 Years of SOEP: an international user's perspective

Big Bang or Slow Time Release

A famous British physicist, Paul Davies, began an account of the history of the universe with the sentence, "After the first few seconds all the interesting physics were over." Just the opposite is true of SOEP and other great national socio-economic household panels. They get better with age. They exist to enable social scientists to describe and explain social and economic change, and draw out the public policy implications of change. Many public policies—for example, educational and other human capital investment policies, and policies related to retirement and pension schemes—are intended to bring about beneficial long-term change. So it is essential to have panel studies which track and document long-term change, including the impact of policies on change.

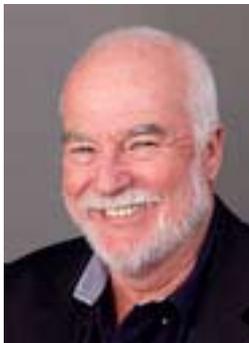


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Bruce Headey
University of
Melbourne/Australia

SOEP used worldwide

One of the keys to SOEP's success has been its policy of making the data available almost free of charge to all academic users, including international users, who sign a straightforward confidentiality agreement. This policy is one of enlightened self-interest. Together with the high quality of the data, the policy has ensured that thousands of academics, worldwide, are aware of SOEP and hundreds use it for their own research; often in order to make international comparisons of social and economic change, or of public policy developments.

Tendentious reminiscences

I may be SOEP's most long-distance user. I am also an old-time user, having first analysed the data in 1987 in Mannheim. I remember sitting in an old University of Mannheim house on the Rhine, trying to get an old Siemens computer to analyse these new exotic panel data. In 1987 SOEP was in fact directed from Frankfurt and Mannheim; DIW Berlin was at that stage a junior partner!

Panel data were very new to European social scientists in the 1980s, so it was comparatively easy for us to come up with new and apparently astonishing findings, which contradicted the received wisdom of the time. For example, in the late 1980s there was a concern that Germany was becoming 'a two-thirds society'; a society in which two-thirds of the population had a comfortable lifestyle, while one-third were locked into poverty or near-poverty. There was some evidence to support that viewpoint, if one used only standard cross-sectional data. But panel studies were already beginning to show that many phenomena which had previously been thought of as characteristically long-term, including poverty

and welfare reliance, were more often short-term. So we were able to show, with very straightforward analysis, that most income poverty in Germany was short-term, and that nothing like one-third of society was locked into long-term poverty. This is still the case, although increased long-term unemployment has raised the level.

Such simple descriptive research remains important, especially in the policy arena. But nowadays SOEP users are able to undertake much more elaborate, probing analyses which help to explain, as well as describe, social and economic changes. These analyses have become possible for three reasons: (1) the availability of long-term data, (2) development of improved methods of panel data analysis, and (3) historical developments which have created special research opportunities ('natural experiments')

History throws up 'natural experiments'

The very major historical development, which incidentally created opportunities for SOEP users, was of course German reunification. Labour economists, using SOEP, and observing what happened to East German employees whose human capital had become partly outmoded but could be refurbished, were able to gain new insights into the relative value and durability of different qualifications and labour market skills. In a similar vein, sociologists and economists studying child development, were able to use comparisons between the very different child care systems of East and West Germany to make improved evaluations of the impact of child care on children's later educational performance.

In my view, one reason SOEP has been so successful is that, throughout its history, it has remained under academic direction. In many countries panel surveys have been started under Governmental direction. These surveys have generally died an early death. They fall victim to a Government cost-cutting exercise, or get cancelled because they bring unwelcome policy news. The key advantage of a panel study under academic direction is, or ought to be, a commitment to innovation and a capacity to react rapidly to opportunities. The bold decision to get SOEP into East Germany during the first phase of transition, conducting interviews before reunification, when the former GDR occupational and educational systems were still in place, was a superb example of a desire to innovate and a capacity to react.

History will continue to throw up opportunities. May SOEP long be around to react!

Bruce Headey

(joined the SOEP-Survey Team for nine months— October 2007 until July 2008)

German Section

**SOEPcampus@ Duisburg-Essen**
22.–26.09.2008

Wir möchten Sie nochmals auf den dreitägigen Workshop zu Analysemöglichkeiten mit dem SOEP an der Universität Duisburg-Essen aufmerksam machen. Er findet vom 22. bis 26. September 2008 statt. Die Veranstaltung richtet sich an DoktorandInnen, NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen und fortgeschrittene Studierende aus den Fächern Soziologie, Ökonomie, Politikwissenschaft und Psychologie, für deren Forschungsfragen die Längsschnittdaten von besonderer Relevanz sind. Zudem bietet der Workshop Gelegenheit, den Umgang mit Datensätzen und Analyseverfahren in einem Ausmaß zu üben, der in der universitären Methodenausbildung nicht immer gegeben ist.

Der Workshop findet im Rahmen der Nachwuchsförderung des Rates für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten statt und wird von ihm auch finanziell unterstützt.

Sie können sich ab dem 1. Juli 2008 online anmelden über
<http://www.uni-due.de/soziologie/soepatcampus>

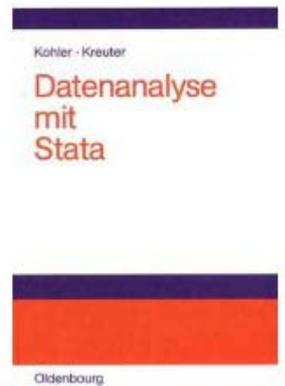
Dort erhalten Sie auch weitere Informationen zum Workshop.

Neue Auflage
Kohler/Kreuter
„Datenanalyse mit Stata“

Das Buch „Datenanalyse mit Stata“ von Ulrich Kohler und Frauke Kreuter ist jetzt in einer 3. aktualisierten und überarbeiteten Auflage erschienen. Die hier vorgestellten praktischen Beispiele beziehen sich größtenteils auf das SOEP. Das Buch behandelt zum Beispiel die Zusammenführung von Datensätzen am Beispiel der Erzeugung eines SOEP Längsschnittdatensatzes und liefert dabei auch eine für Anfänger geeignete Einführung in die Datenstruktur des SOEP. Die vorgestellten Befehle, Optionen, statistischen Verfahren und Programmierbeispiele sind so gewählt, dass alle Stata-Fragen, die über dieses Buch hinaus auftreten, nach der Lektüre selbständig gelöst werden können. Die Neuauflage enthält Anpassungen an die neueste Stata Programmversion (Version 10) und beschreibt den neu entwickelten „Stata Graph Editor“.

Ulrich Kohler, Frauke Kreuter
Datenanalyse mit Stata – Allgemeine
Konzepte der Datenanalyse und ihre
praktische Anwendung

3., aktualisierte und überarbeitete Auflage
2008. XI, 398 Seiten, € 34,80
ISBN 978-3-486-58456-1



Verwendete Beispieldatensätze, die auf den SOEP-Daten beruhen, können heruntergeladen werden von
<http://www.stata-press.com/data/kkd.html>

Data & Service



NEW RELEASE: SOEP data distribution 1984-2007 on DVD Available soon

The SOEP data set covering the years 1984-2007 (waves 1-24) will be soon available for all European users in the EEA countries. If you haven't already ordered the data, please do so now! The SOEP hotline staff will be happy to take your order, either by e-mail soepmail@diw.de or telephone: +49-30-89789 292.

You can also complete and return the order form attached to this SOEPnewsletter or complete the form on 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 in this SOEPnewsletter as well 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 plan to continue providing additional SOEP datasets to research groups for €5 each.

What's New in the 1984-2007 Data Distribution?

The 2008 data distribution (1984-2007) provides, for the year 2007, the usual wave-specific data **XPRUTTO**, **XP**, **XPKAL**, **XPGEN**, **XHBRUTTO**, **XH**, **XHGEN**, **XKIND** and **WPLUECKE** as well as the updated files with a longitudinal component (PFAD files, biography files, spell data and weighting factors).

In the survey year 2006, a representative supplementary sample for all of Germany was added: **refreshment sample H**. Biographical background information was collected from respondents in sample H for the first time in 2007. This data has been fully integrated into all relevant biography files (BIOxxxx).

As part of the SOEP innovations projects, TNS Infratest Sozialforschung conducted a postal survey in December 2006 of former SOEP respondents from households that had been classified as refusers in 2001-2004. As a by-product of this survey, we have been able to change the information on year of death from missing to a valid value for 21 of these persons (more information can be found in "Re-interviewing former respondents of 'final refusal households'. Summary" on your SOEP data DVD)

Furthermore, the following additions and modifications have been made:

1 New and Renamed Datasets

COGNIT06: In the 2006 survey year, for the first time, short cognitive tests were carried out on a subsample of the SOEP. The goal was to employ a robust set of instruments that could be administered easily by trained interviewers in just a few minutes. Close to 80% of all persons chosen for participation in the cognitive test provided valid answers. Thus, for the first time, the SOEP now contains indicators of cognitive potentials for more than 5,500 persons, along with diverse educational information based on degrees and certifications. In addition to a documentation of the data, this report will include the initial distributions of the variables as well as selection analyses. It is planned that the first repeat of the test will take place in the 2010 survey year. A detailed documentation can be found in **Schupp et al. (2008): Erfassung kognitiver Leistungspotentiale Erwachsener im Sozio-oekonomischen Panel (SOEP)**, DIW Berlin, [Data Documentation 32](#).

PBR_EXIT and PBR_HHCH: These two datasets replace the former dataset **YPBRUTTO**, however, this year both variants are available.

MIHINC: Multiple imputed dataset on monthly net household income for the years 1996 to 2007. The dataset is stored in long format (long format: hhnrakt, svyyear, mj, also called mim format within stata). Each item non-response on net household income was imputed ten times. More information can be found in the documentation HGEN on your SOEP DVD.

2 New Variables

2.1 Dataset XPBRUTTO

XEWSTATU: Proxy information on non-responding persons regarding their labor force status in households with partial unit non-response.

2.2 Dataset \$PEQUIV

P11101SS: Copy of the wave-specific variables on overall life satisfaction.

2.3 Dataset \$HGEN

I_HINC\$\$: Multiple imputed version of HINC\$\$, the monthly net household income. Imputations 1-5 are available as wide format in \$HGEN (only 1996-2007), all generated imputations (10) are available in an extra dataset called MIHINC in long format, additional information can be found in the documentation HGEN on your SOEP DVD as well as on our homepage

<http://www.diw.de/documents/dokumentenarchiv/17/60053/hgen.pdf>.

FHINC\$\$: Imputation flag for I_HINC\$\$, 0 means not imputed and 1 otherwise.

3 Revised Variables

3.1 In the Dataset \$PKAL

\$P2D03 + \$P2E03: In the waves U-W (years 2004-2006) for some cases an incorrect does not apply missing (-2) was corrected to a no answer missing (-1).

3.2 In the Dataset HHRF/PHRF

WPHRF*: All weighting factors for the year 2006 are now based on microcensus benchmark data from 2006.

However, the weighting factors for the year 2007 are also based on microcensus benchmark data from 2006; they are therefore only provisional with regard to the figures given for households and individuals in Germany.

VHHRF + VHHRF1: One household from sample G was corrected and set to 0.

3.3 In the Dataset \$PGEN

LFSS\$: The variable “labor force status” has been improved over all waves with respect to the accuracy of classifying individuals as “non-working and older than 65”(category 2). Now the information on the month of birth of a person is used in order to de-

termine whether the person was older than 65 at the time of the interview.

4 Error Updates

4.1 In the Dataset VH and WH

We have corrected value labels for the variables indicating the owner of the dwelling (VH27 and WH27), please note the relevant corrections in the table below.

Variable Label: Owner of the Dwelling

Value	Wrong	Correct
-2	Does not apply	Does not apply
-1	No answer	No answer
1	Self Owned Res. Property	Local Govt. Apt.
2	Local Govt. Apt.	Co-Operative Apt.
3	Co-Operative Apt.	Company Apt.
4	Company Apt.	Private Owner
5	Private Owner	Do Not Know

4.2 In the dataset \$PGEN

EGP\$\$: The variable “Erikson and Goldthorpe Class Category” (international socio-economic index of occupational status) has been corrected with respect to the assignment of individuals to category (18) “not working – pensioner”. Up to now, all pension recipients, i.e., recipients of retirement pensions and recipients of widow’s/orphan’s pensions have been erroneously classified as “not working – pensioner” if none of the other categories applied. In the corrected generation of the **EGP\$\$** variable, which applies to all waves, non-working persons are only assigned to this category if they are recipients of a retirement pension or if they are recipients of orphan’s/widow’s pension AND are older than 60 years. Moreover, if there is missing information on pension receipt, additional information from **ARTKALEN** (retrospective information from the activity calendar for the previous year) is used in the generation process to determine if a person was in retirement or early retirement (“Vorruhestand”) at the time of the interview. All other non-working persons are assigned to category (-2) “does not apply” as long as they are not registered as unemployed (category 15).

STIB\$\$: The same problem of misclassification of individuals to the category “pensioner” (13) applied to the variable for the “occupational position,” and has been corrected for all waves in the same way as for **EGP\$\$**.

NACE\$\$: The variable for the “two-digit NACE industry sector” had several inconsistencies with respect to the labeling. In particular, the labels for code (90) “Sewage and Refuse Disposal, Sanitation and Related” and code (95) “Private Households with Employed Persons” had to be swapped. Some other labels were not accurate, and have been stated more precisely for all waves.

IS88\$\$, ISEI\$\$, MPSS\$, SIOPSS\$, KLAS\$\$, EGP\$\$: The questions referring to these variables are not addressed to all employed persons each year. In the survey years 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990 (West), 1992 (West), 1994, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, and 2006, only those employed persons who changed jobs and first-time respondents are asked to provide up-to-date information. Hence, in years with a partial survey, these variables should contain the available previous year’s information for all employed persons without a job change who did not update the information on their current occupation. However, for some individuals, the previous year’s data was not used by mistake. This mistake was corrected by newly generating these variables for all the waves in an accurate and consistent way.

News from the SOEP Website

Here we would like to report a few new developments on our homepage:



The screenshot shows the DIW Berlin website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Home, Deutsch, Search, Contact, Institute, Products, and SOEP. Below this is a sidebar menu with the following items: SOEP-Overview, News, FAQ, SOEPnewsletter, SOEPinfo, Data Center, Services & Documentation (with sub-items: Documentation, Compendium (DTC), Questionnaires, Known Bugs/Fixes, Forms, SOEPcampus, SOEPmonitor, Data Quality), SOEP Based Publications, and SOEPawards. The main content area on the right lists several topics: Data Quality of the SOEP Study, Data Collection, Study by the ESRC, and Methodological Literature (with sub-items: Non-Response und Attrition, Interviewers' Behavior and M Income, Health, Well-Being, and Development of the Survey In).

Publications

In the last few months, several expert reports and research papers have been published on additions to the SOEP questionnaire, psychological inventory scales, but also, for example, on linking SOEP data with other data sets. These have been published mainly in the DIW Data Documentation series, but also as Research Notes and Discussion Papers. Together with several earlier papers on data quality and questionnaire development, you will find this information on the SOEP webpage under Services & Documentation / [Data Quality](#).

2008 Questionnaire

The questions included in the SOEP survey in 2008 have been published on our homepage under Services & Documentation / [Questionnaires](#). All original questionnaires for this year’s and all previous waves, as well as the English translations since the year 2000, can be found there as pdf files. The data from this year’s survey will be made available in approximately one year (July 2009).

As soon as you receive your new SOEP DVD 1984-2007 you will find information about new features and changes on our homepage:

English:

<http://www.diw.de/english/soep/faq/27904.html#59753>

German:

<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/faq/32014.html#73006>



Data NEWS from Cornell

Shipping 2006 German SOEP data and CNEF disks

The 2006 German SOEP data disks were shipped in February. Any registered user who did not receive one but wants to receive a copy should e-mail gsoep@cornell.edu to request the data. Be sure to include your contract number. The 2006 Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) are being shipped now. The disks should arrive shortly. If you don’t receive them by July 1 please e-mail cnef@cornell.edu.

LWS Wealth data for ten countries available

The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) released for public use the Luxembourg Wealth Study (LWS), a new database containing harmonized wealth microdata for ten countries: Austria, Canada, Cyprus, Finland, Germany (based on SOEP), Italy, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The data is available for registered users. For more information see <http://www.lisproject.org/lws/lwsannouncement.htm>

Events & Activities

SOEP2008

8th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference

Berlin
July 9-11, 2008

WZB – Social Science Research Center Berlin
Reichpietschufer 50, 10785 Berlin-Tiergarten

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<http://www.diw.de/soep2008>

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

The 8th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference SOEP2008 in Berlin will take place from July 9-11, 2008. We are also celebrating 25 years of SOEP at the conference. You are invited to join us! Registration is open until shortly before the conference starts.

For detailed information on the preliminary program and for registration, 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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Special SOEP2008 Session: 25 Waves of SOEP

This special session at the SOEP2008 conference will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the SOEP by highlighting the power of this long-running household panel database for both national and cross-national research.

We will first acknowledge Infratest Sozialforschung Munich's outstanding effort in collecting and maintaining this high-quality data set. **Bernhard von Rosenblatt**, the executive director of Infratest and head of the SOEP team at Infratest until last year, will discuss some of the most interesting issues he has encountered in his longstanding work with the SOEP survey.

One of the core issues of the SOEP was, and still is, the measurement of incomes and economic welfare. High-quality data on effective household incomes are a crucial prerequisite for social reporting and social policy-oriented research, on both a national and international level. However, after 25 years of experience in data collection, economic analysis, and social reporting on income, what we have learned is that accurate measurement of income still remains a challenging task, leaving many open questions for future research.

Richard Hauser has been invited to speak on the importance of the SOEP for social reporting and social policy in Germany, in particular concerning trends in income inequality and poverty. **Richard V. Burkhauser** will hold a talk on the importance of the SOEP as part of the network of long-running household panel studies that have permitted a new generation of researchers to look at issues of income inequality and economic mobility from a cross-national perspective.

The increasing power of a long-running household panel can be demonstrated in particular from a life course perspective on educational attainment. With a growing number of children born into SOEP is running reaching the age of personal interviewing and even becoming parents themselves, the SOEP is able to provide rich and unique data for the analysis of the life course and intergenerational inequalities. We have invited **Heike Solga** to reflect on the actual and potential power of the SOEP data for educational research, particularly against the background of the currently planned "National Education Panel Study" (NEPS).

See for the schedule:

<http://www.diw.de/soep2008>

German Council of Science and Humanities: The SOEP Department's Research Rated "Excellent"



Photo: Leibniz-Gemeinschaft

Ernst Th. Rietschel, President of the Leibniz Association:

"SOEP combines outstanding scientific service and advisory work with excellent research quality."

The SOEP department at DIW Berlin has performed outstandingly in the first rating of German universities and non-university research institutions undertaken by the German Council of Science and Humanities (Wissenschaftsrat). The SOEP department placed in the top three sociological research institutions in Germany. The evaluators considered a total of 254 research units at 57 institutions throughout Germany.

According to the evaluation committee, SOEP at DIW Berlin is among the leading research units in Germany, judged by objective to international criteria. In the words of the President of the Leibniz Association, **Ernst Th. Rietschel**, "The rating of Sociology in Germany provides striking evidence that outstanding scientific service and advisory work can – and should – be combined

with excellent research quality." The SOEP is a Service Unit of the Leibniz Association. Only the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (Cologne) and the Institute for Sociology at the University of Mannheim also achieved a rating of "excellent."

The more economically oriented research of the SOEP department certainly also contributed to the rating of excellent given by the Science and Humanities Council. This kind of interdisciplinary work is typical of the Leibniz institutes. The SOEP department deals with research themes such as educational mobility, the distribution of social classes and income, poverty, and wealth, the integration of immigrants, the quality of life, and life satisfaction.

In its work in the promotion of young scholars, SOEP received the rating of "good," which is satisfactory, but still only an average rating. Thus, in the interests of young scholars, the SOEP staff plans to intensify the cooperation with the Graduate Center of DIW Berlin, other graduate schools, and the Berlin universities.

The SOEP department is at the top of sociological research in Berlin as well: only one other unit – the Chair of Professor **Jürgen Gerhards** at the FU Berlin, was evaluated as excellent. Jürgen Gerhards is also a Research Professor at DIW Berlin and works closely with the SOEP group.

The Science and Humanities Council evaluated the SOEP department according to the following five criteria:

- Research quality: excellent (international level)
- Impact (absolute visibility of research output; an indicator that depends on the size of the institution): very good

- Efficiency (impact based on staff size): excellent
- Promotion of young scholars: good
- Transfers to other social areas: above-average (the highest rating given for this difficult-to-measure criterion)
- Public understanding of science: above-average (the highest rating given for this difficult-to-measure criterion)

Further information on the results of the study can be found in German and English at:

http://www.wissenschaftsrat.de/pilot_start.htm

For further information, please contact

Jürgen Schupp (-238).

Further press reports (in German):

<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/pressemitteilungen/82071.html>

and at our website (in German):

<http://www.diw.de/forschungsrating-soziologie/82170.html>

Eight Three-Year PhD Scholarships at SOCLIFE 2008-2013 in Cologne (Deadline: July 15, 2008!)

The German Research Foundation will establish a Research Training Group at the Faculty of Management, Economics, and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne starting October 1, 2008. The title of the Research Training Group is "Social order and life chances in cross-national comparison" (SOCLIFE), and the intention is to combine survey research with theoretically based macro-level hypotheses. SOEP director **Gert G. Wagner** is joining the program as a Guest Scientist. The application deadline is July 15, 2008.

More information on SOCLIFE can be obtained online:

<http://www.wiso.uni-koeln.de/cgs/soclif>

International Research Workshop "Methods for Ph.D.", October 5-10, 2008

Ph.D. students in the field of Social Sciences and Economics have the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and experience in research on empirical data, including SOEP. The workshop language will be English. The workshop will take place at the Akademie Sankelmark near Flensburg. Interested parties from all countries are invited.

The workshop is especially for those who need training in the process of choosing a topic, grounding the research idea in theory, as well as in gathering and analyzing data and presenting results in scientific contexts.

The workshop tackles these steps of Ph.D. research projects:

- gathering data through (un)structured interviews and analyzing standardized survey data (e.g., SOEP),
- using the computer for content analysis and as a statistical tool,
- writing a report and making presentations,
- strengthening cooperation in empirical research to boost and streamline one's project.

It is possible to obtain credits for the workshop under the European Credit Transfer System.

Workshop Fee

The workshop fee is €370. This includes all lectures, meals, and accommodations during the workshop (October 5-10, 2008). Payment must be received no later than September 30, 2008.

Scholarships

There is a small amount of funding available to support participants who need financial support, especially for scholars from South America and Eastern Europe who otherwise might be unable to attend the workshop.

Please send a short application including your Ph.D. proposal and CV. A committee will consider all applications received.

Deadline application for scholarships is August 31, 2008.

Organizers

Organizers of the Workshop are: Helmut-Schmidt University – University of the Federal Armed Forces Hamburg, University of Flensburg, the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) at the DIW Berlin, University of Southern Denmark Campus Soenderborg, AKempor – Der Arbeitskreis Empirische Personal- und Organisationsforschung.

For more information, see:

<http://ipa.hsu-hh.de/irws/>

SOEP "Brown Bag" Seminar

SOEP "Brown Bag" Seminar offers SOEP researchers and other scholars from within and outside the DIW an opportunity to present their ongoing work, mainly to the SOEP staff, other staff members of the DIW Berlin and visiting scholars in DIW Berlin. The seminars take place approximately every two weeks at the DIW Berlin and are organized by **Ingrid Tucci** (itucci@diw.de).

Presentations in the last three months have included:

Chiara Pronzato (ISER/Essex): How to Reduce Lone Mothers' Poverty? The Effects of Generous Welfare and In-work Benefits. April 2, 2008. cdpron@essex.ac.uk

Bruce Headey (Melbourne University/SOEP): Improving household financial accounts in panel survey by collecting consumption data. April 9, 2008. brucewh@unimelb.edu.au

Eva Berger (DIW/SOEP): Mothers' employment status and life satisfaction. April 23, 2008. eberger@diw.de

Ruut Veenhoven (Erasmus University Rotterdam): How to achieve greater happiness for a greater number? April 30, 2008. veenhoven@fsw.eur.nl

Fabian Pfeffer (University of Wisconsin): Erste vergleichende Ergebnisse zur Bedeutung intergenerationaler Vermögenseffekte. May 7, 2008. FPfeffer@ssc.wisc.edu

Johannes Giesecke (WZB) Entwicklung der Lohnungleichheiten in Deutschland. June 4, 2008. johannes.giesecke@wzb.eu

Martin Karlsson (University of Oxford): Wissen ist die beste Medizin? Die Auswirkungen des Gesundheitswissens auf Lebensstil und Gesundheit: eine ökonometrische Analyse. June 18, 2008. martin.karlsson@ageing.ox.ac.uk

Eileen Trzcinski (Wayne State University) and **Elke Holst** (SOEP/DIW): Locus of Control, Life Satisfaction, and Work Status. June 24, 2008. e.trzcinski@wayne.edu
eholst@diw.de

Tobias Pfaff (Centre for Bhutan Studies): Gross National Happiness – The development concept of Bhutan. June 25, 2008. tobiaspfaff@gmx.net

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People & Papers



Hans-Jürgen Krupp
"Father" of SOEP

Hans-Jürgen Krupp Celebrates his 75th Birthday

The "Father" of SOEP, **Hans-Jürgen Krupp**, celebrated his 75th birthday on April 15, 2008.

Hans-Jürgen Krupp has held many positions in his impressive career: university professor, university president, president of a major economic research institute (DIW Berlin), senator, the Second Mayor of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, and finally, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, the State of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, and the State of Schleswig-Holstein. But one theme runs through his entire career: his dedication to designing and improving the informational infrastructure of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Even in his early years as a young lecturer at the TH Darmstadt, Hans-Jürgen Krupp was a true research pioneer, not only using official microdata for his research work but also, from the very beginning, advocating free access to official microdata for scholars. Through his involvement in the Collaborative Research Center "Microanalytical Foundations of Social Policy" (Sfb 3 at the Universities of Frankfurt am Main and Mannheim), he played a crucial role in promoting and enabling the collection of statistical data by research institutions themselves. With the successful establishment of the SOEP at DIW Berlin (where he served as President from 1978 to 1988) as part of the Sfb 3 Collaborative Research Center, he contributed to research in the social, economic and behavioral sciences worldwide and made possible numerous new research findings.

Looking back today, in the year 2008, the considerable and continuing progress in the informational infrastructure since the turn of the millennium goes back approximately 40 years, and Hans-Jürgen Krupp has played a key role in its entire history. From 1999 to 2001, he was Co-Chairman of the Commission to Improve the Informational Infrastructure between Science and Statistics (KVI), and from 2001 to 2004, a member of the founding committee of the German Council for Social and Economic Data.

Friends and former colleagues are honoring Hans-Jürgen Krupp's lifetime achievement in the Social Sciences by dedicating a commemorative publication (Festschrift) to him and his fellow Co-Chair of the KVI, **Johann Hahlen** (who was 1995-2006 President of Germany's Federal Statistical Office) and 2006-2007 State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior.

The *Festschrift* is written in German. More information you can find at:

<http://www.ratswd.de/new/krupp.php>

See also (in German):

http://www.diw.de/deutsch/bio_krupp/29399.html

<http://idw-online.de/pages/de/news255457>

SOEP Personnel News

Silke Anger visits the University of Chicago from July 14-21, 2008, where she will work together with her co-author Guido Heineck (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg) on a research project about the effects of cognitive abilities and personal traits on earnings.

Joachim R. Frick is Acting Professor in "Empirical Economic Research and Economic Policy" at the TU Berlin, Faculty VII – Economics & Management from April 2008 to March 2009. He is substituting for the Chairholder, SOEP Director Gert G. Wagner, who is teaching as a Fellow of the Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies at the University of Erfurt from April 2008 to March 2009. Joachim R. Frick is assisted by Markus M. Grabka who acts as a lecturer.

Denis Huschka was appointed by the Senate of Rhodes University Grahamstown for another three years (2009-2011) as Research Associate of the Institute of Social and Economic Research.

Thomas Siedler will teach a one-week course on Survival Analysis on the 41st Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection at the University of Essex from 21–25 July, 2008, Essex/UK. For more information on the course please see: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/methods/courses/2p08.shtm>

Jürgen Schupp has been serving since April 2008 as a member of the Background Questionnaire Expert Group for the consortium that will be preparing the first survey of the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC). The consortium is made up of seven organizations: Educational Testing Service (ETS), Westat, cApStAn Linguistic Quality Control, the ROA at the University of Maastricht, ZUMA, the German Institute for International Educational Research (DIPF), and the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). Their task is to develop and implement the first cycle of PIAAC on behalf of the OECD. For more information on PIAAC see <http://www.oecd.org/els/employment/piaac>

Jürgen Schupp was elected Deputy Speaker of the Interdisciplinary Association of Service Units (IVS) of the Leibniz Association in April at the IVS' 29th meeting.

C. Katharina Spieß was elected a member of the Educational Economics Commission of the Verein für Sozialpolitik (VfS) in April 2008.



Personnel News from Cornell

In other news, DIW Research Professor **Richard Burkhauser** has two forthcoming and one published papers that use the SOEP/CNEF data. He and **Kenneth A. Couch** have a forthcoming chapter titled, "Intragenerational Inequality and Intertemporal Mobility" that will be published in the Oxford Handbook of Income Inequality published by the Oxford University Press. He and Couch have a second forthcoming paper titled, "Are United States Inequality and Mobility Trends in the European Union's Future?" That paper will be published as part of an edited volume titled European and American Social Models edited by **Jens Alber** and **Neil Gilbert** that is also being published by the Oxford University Press. A third paper, coauthored with **Takashi Oshio** and **Ludmila Rovba** is now in print. That paper is titled, "How the Distribution of After-Tax Income Changed Over the 1990s Business Cycle: A Comparison of the United States, Great Britain, Germany, and Japan" and is published in the Journal of Income Distribution, 17 (1) (March 2008): 87-109.

DIW Research Affiliation **Dean Lillard** has a new working paper, together with **Haim Bar** and **Hua Wang** (both of Cornell University), that develops a new method to account for a type of bias caused by heaping in retrospectively reported survey data. That paper, titled, "A Heap of Trouble? Accounting for Mismatch Bias in Retrospectively Collected Data (with application to smoking cessation and (non) employment)," will be presented at the 3MC conference in Berlin June 26-28 and at the 2008 GSOEP Conference in Berlin July 8-11. At the 3MC conference Lillard will also present his paper, "Cross-National Harmonization of Household Panel Data: Concept, Practice, and Philosophy" that discusses the value of the harmonization of panel studies.

Activities of the SOEP Staff

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

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Paper presentations in the next three months

Joachim R. Frick, Markus M. Grabka, and Eva Sierminska: Representative wealth data for Germany: the impact of methodological decisions around imputation and the choice of the aggregation unit in the German SOEP. Poster. [30th General Conference IARIW](#), August 24-30, 2008, Portoroz/Slovenia.

Katja Coneus and C. Katharina Spiess: The Intergenerational Transmission of Health in Early Childhood. (1) [SOEP2008 International Users Conference](#), July 9-11, 2008, Berlin. (2) [EALE \(European Association of Labour Economists\) Annual Meeting](#), Amsterdam/The Netherlands. September 18-20, 2008. (3) [Verein für Sozialpolitik Annual Meeting](#), September 23-26, 2008, Graz/Austria.

Cees van der Eijk and Martin Kroh: Optimal Choice of Electoral Preference Data. [APSA \(American Political Science Association\) Annual Meeting](#), August 28-31 2008, Boston/USA.

Joachim R. Frick, Jan Goebel, and Markus M. Grabka: Assessing the distributional impact of imputed rent and non-cash employee income in microdata: Case studies based on EU-SILC (2004) and SOEP (2002). [7th RC33 International Conference on Social Science Methodology](#), September 1-5, 2008, Naples/Italy.

Joachim R. Frick, Olaf Groh-Samberg, and Markus M. Grabka: Imputation of annual income in panel surveys with partially non-responding households. (1) [7th RC33 International Conference on Social Science Methodology](#), 1-5 September 2008, Naples / Italy. (2) [Panel Survey Methods Workshop](#), July 14-15, 2008, ISER, University of Essex, Colchester/UK

Joachim R. Frick and Bruce Headey: Living standards in retirement: accepted international standards are misleading – a revised view based on German and Australian wealth data. [SOEP2008 International Users Conference](#), July 9-11, 2008, Berlin/Germany.

Joachim R. Frick, Conchita D'Ambrosio, and Markus Jäntti: Satisfaction with Life and Economic Well-Being: Evidence from Germany: (1) [SOEP2008 International Users Conference](#), July 9-11, 2008, Berlin/Germany. (2) [30th General Conference IARIW](#) August 24-30, 2008, Portoroz/Slovenia.

Laszlo Goerke and Markus Pannenberg: Risk Aversion and Trade Union Membership. (1) 23rd Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA 2008), August 27-31, 2008, Milan/Italy. (2) SOEP2008 International Users Conference, July 9-11, 2008, Berlin/Germany.

Olaf Groh-Samberg, Ingrid Tucci, Anne Juhasz and Carsten Keller: Formelle vs. informelle Strategien der Integration: Hypothesen und erste Ergebnisse eines deutschen-französischen Vergleichsprojekts. 34. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie "Unsichere Zeiten", Sektion Migration und ethnische Minderheiten, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Guido Heineck and Silke Anger: The Effects of Intelligence and Personal Traits on Earnings—First Evidence from Germany. Jahrestagung Verein für Socialpolitik, VFS2008, September 23-26, 2008, Graz/Austria.

Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer, and Mechthild Schrooten: Gender, Migration, Remittances: Evidence from Germany. Statistische Woche, September 15-18, 2008, Köln/Germany.

Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer and Mechthild Schrooten: Gender, Migration, Netzwerke: Überweisungen ins Heimatland. 34. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie „Unsichere Zeiten“, Sektion Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Peter Krause, Ingo Sieber: Restructuring the SOEP Database – Perspectives and Outcomes. SOEP2008 International Users Conference, July 9-11, 2008, Berlin/Germany.

Peter Krause: Building up a common social space when living together; Longitudinal analyses of subjective adaptation processes for couples. 8th International Conference of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) "Equality, Inclusion and Human Development", Institute for Human Development, September 10-13, 2008, New Delhi/India.

Henning Lohmann: Welfare states, labour market institutions and the working poor: An analysis of pre-transfer and post-transfer in-work poverty in 20 European countries. (1) Summer meeting of the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association (ISA), August 6-9, 2008, Stanford/California, USA. (2) 7th RC33 International Conference on Social Science Methodology, September 1-5, 2008, Naples/Italy.

Henning Lohmann: Working Poor in Europa: Armut trotz Erwerbstätigkeit. 34. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Sektion „Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse“, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Jonas Schreyögg and Markus M. Grabka: Copayments for Ambulatory Care in Germany: A Natural Experiment. Using a Difference-in-Difference Approach. (1) Jahrestagung Verein für Socialpolitik, VFS2008, 23.-26. September 2008, Graz/Austria. (2)) SOEP2008 International Users Conference, July 9-11, 2008, Berlin/Germany.

Jürgen Schupp, Bernd Weber, Martin Reuter, Agnes Jänsch, Nico A. Siegel, Armin Falk, Thomas Dohmen, Uwe Sunde and Gert G. Wagner: Der sozialwissenschaftliche bundesweite Survey "Genetische Grundlagen von Alltagsentscheidungen" – Stichprobenbildung, Durchführung der Befragung, Gewinnung von Genmaterial und Selektivität der Teilnahme. 34. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Sektion Medizin- und Gesundheitssoziologie, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Thomas Siedler: Right-Wing Extremist Attitudes: Intergenerational Transmission and Socioeconomic Channels. cege-Forschungskolloquium, Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Fakultät, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, July 17, 2008, Göttingen/Germany.

Thomas Siedler, John F. Ermisch, Diego Gambetta, Heather Laurie, and Noah S. C. Uhrig: Measuring People's Trust. (1) 23rd Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA 2008), August 27-31, 2008, Milan/Italy. (2) Jahrestagung Verein für Socialpolitik, VFS2008, September 23-26, 2008, Graz/Austria

Eva M. Sierminska, Joachim R. Frick, and Markus M. Grabka: Examining the gender wealth gap within households. (1) Jahrestagung Verein für Socialpolitik, VFS2008, September 23-26, 2008, Graz /Austria. (2) 1st ISA Forum "Sociological Research & Public Debate", September 5-8, 2008, Barcelona/Spain.

Martin Spiess and Martin Kroh: A Selection Model for Panel Data: The Prospects of Green Party Support. Research Committee on Logic and Methodology at the 7th RC 33 International Conference on Social Science Methodology, September 1-5, 2008, Naples/Italy.

Ingrid Tucci: Les descendants de migrants en France et en Allemagne: participation, mise à distance sociale et formes d'appartenance. XVIII. Kongress der Association Internationale des Sociologues de Langue Française, July 7-11, 2008, Istanbul/Turkey.

Ingrid Tucci: Prozesse sozialer Distanzierung in Zeiten ökonomischen und sozialen Wandels: Migrantennachkommen in Frankreich und Deutschland. 34. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie „Unsichere Zeiten“, Plenum der Sektionen Migration und ethnische Minderheiten, Soziale Ungleichheiten und Sozialstrukturanalyse und Sozialpolitik, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Ingrid Tucci and Olaf Groh-Samberg: Geprellte Generationen? Jugendliche mit Migrationshintergrund in Deutschland und Frankreich. 34. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie „Unsichere Zeiten“, Sektion Bildung und Erziehung, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Tanja Zähle, Katja Möhring, and Peter Krause: Erwerbssequenzen vor Renteneintritt. 'Gesundheit und Lebensqualität im Lebenslauf' der 34. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie „Unsichere Zeiten“, Sektionen Soziale Indikatoren, Altern sowie Medizin- und Gesundheitssoziologie, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Nicolas Ziebarth and Markus M. Grabka: *In Vino Pecunia? The Association Between Beverage-specific Drinking Behavior and Wages*. 23rd Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA 2008), August 27-31, 2008, Milan/Italy.

Nicolas Ziebarth: Long-Term Absenteeism and Moral Hazard-Evidence From a Natural Experiment. *European Association of Labour Economists (EALE), Annual Meeting*, September 18-20, 2008, Amsterdam/The Netherlands.

Presentations during the last three months

Silke Anger: The Cyclicity of Effective Wages Within Employer-Employee Matches – Evidence from German Panel Data. (1) XIII. Spring Meeting of Young Economists, April 17-19, 2008, Lille/France. (2) Annual Conference of the Scottish Economic Society, April 21-23, 2008, Perth/Scotland.

Silke Anger and Michael Kvasnicka: Wage Gains from Smoking Cessation and Related Biases in Estimates of the Smoking Wage Penalty. XXII Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE 2008), University College London, June 19-21, 2008, London/UK.

Elke Holst and Mechthild Schrooten: What determines Remittances? Evidence from Germany. (1) Conference "Meeting Global Challenges", University Gdansk, June 5-6, 2008, Gdansk/Poland. (2) 10.

Göttinger Workshop "Internationale Wirtschaftsbeziehungen," Universität Göttingen, April 10-12, 2008, Göttingen/Germany.

Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer and Mechthild Schrooten: Gender, Migration, Remittances. Evidence from Germany. IAFFE, 17th Annual Conference "Women's Work and Education in the Global Economy", June 19-21, 2008, Turin/Italy.

Markus Pannenberg: Risk Aversion and Trade Union Membership. ESPE 2008 Conference, University College London, June 19-21, 2008, London/UK.

Katharina C. Spieß and Katharina Wrohlich: Does distance determine who attends a university in Germany? Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss des Vereins für Socialpolitik, April 10-11, 2008, Bern/Switzerland.

Eva Sierminska, Joachim R. Frick, and Markus M. Grabka: Examining the gender wealth gap within households. Annual Conference of the Scottish Economic Society, April 21-23, 2008, Perth/Scotland.

Ingrid Tucci: The social situation of immigrants in Germany – A preview to the Datenreport 2008. Villa Vigoni Conference "Social Reporting in Europe. Migration and Integration", March 16-18, 2008, Villa Vigoni/Italy.

Ingrid Tucci: Immigrants' descendants in France and Germany: processes of social distancing and modes of participation in the labour market. (1) EQUALSOC Midterm Conference, April 11-12, 2008, Berlin. (2) RC28 Spring Meeting "Social stratification and insiders/outside: Cross-national comparisons within and between continents", May 15-18, 2008, Florence/Italy.

Nicolas Ziebarth: *In Vino Pecunia? The Association Between Beverage-specific Drinking Behavior and Wages*. XXII Annual Conference of the ESPE, June 19-21, 2008, London/UK.

Invited Lectures and Policy Forums April-September 2008

Silke Anger and Guido Heineck: The Returns to Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Abilities in Germany. Inaugural Conference of the Research Network „Non-cognitive Skills: Acquisition and Economic Consequences“, Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), May 15-17, 2008, Mannheim.

Berger, Eva M. et al.: First pre-test evidence of the new SOEP childhood survey. Inaugural Conference of the Research Network „Non-cognitive Skills: Acquisition and Economic Consequences“, Centre for Euro-

pean Economic Research (ZEW), May 15-17, 2008, Mannheim.

Joachim R. Frick, Markus M. Grabka, and Eva M. Sierminska: Analyse von Vermögensunterschieden zwischen Männern und Frauen. Research Seminar der Deutschen Bundesbank, May 16, 2008, Frankfurt/Main/Germany.

Markus M. Grabka: Entwicklung der Einkommens- und Vermögensverteilung in Deutschland. Veranstaltungsreihe Europäische Wirtschafts- und Sozialpolitik. „Zunehmende Einkommens- und Vermögensunterschiede: Der Preis für mehr Effizienz und Wohlstand?“ Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, June 2008, Berlin/Germany.

Markus M. Grabka: Fortentwicklung der gesetzlichen Rentenversicherung zu einer Erwerbstätigenversicherung. 3. Sitzung der Projektgruppe „Altersgerechtes Arbeiten und zukunftssichere Rente“ der SPD, June 25, 2008, Berlin/Germany.

Jürgen Schupp: Soziale Gerechtigkeit in Deutschland. Sommeruniversität der Friedrich Ebert Stiftung „Gerechtigkeit in Zeiten der Globalisierung“, July 7-11, 2008, Potsdam/Germany.

Jürgen Schupp: Effects of fine arts' competencies on educational outcomes. Inaugural Conference of the Research Network „Non-cognitive Skills: Acquisition and Economic Consequences“, Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), May 15-17, 2008, Mannheim/Germany.

C. Katharina Spieß: Qualität durch Wirkungssteuerung. 2. Gesprächsforum des Kompetenzzentrums für familienbezogene Leistungen, May 21, 2008, Berlin/Germany.

C. Katharina Spieß: Elterngeld, Kinderbetreuung und die deutsche Familienpolitik: Wie wirkt sie, und was sollte anders gemacht werden? DIW Medientraining, June 11, 2008, Berlin/Germany.

C. Katharina Spieß: Welche (volks-)wirtschaftliche Bedeutung und Perspektive eröffnet die „Schule“ für alle, insbesondere angesichts aktueller demographischer und sozialer Tendenzen? Expertenhearing: „Welchen Beitrag leistet die schulische Integration von Menschen mit Behinderung auf dem Weg in den ersten Ausbildungs- und Arbeitsmarkt? Welche soziale Bedeutung und welche ökonomischen Perspektiven sind damit verbunden?“ Behindertenbeauftragte der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, June 6, 2008, Berlin/Germany.

Frank Stafford and Gert G. Wagner: Life Course Genealogical Panels, 2008 SOLE Meeting, May 9-10, 2008, New York N.Y./USA.

Gert G. Wagner: Wissenschaftliche Politikberatung: Möglichkeiten und Grenzen einer Nationalen Akademie. Public lecture at the Max Weber Center, June 23, 2008, Erfurt/Germany.

Peter Krause: Reference Schemes for the Evaluation of Living Conditions. Workshop on 'Happiness and capability: measurement, theory and policy' at Radboud University, August 22, 2008, Nijmegen/The Netherlands.

Poster Presentations at Scientific Conferences (April–September 2008)

Joachim R. Frick, and Olaf Groh-Samberg: Non take-up of social benefits in a longitudinal perspective and the relevance of measurement error. 30th General Conference IARIW, August 24-30, 2008, Portoroz/Slovenia.

Joachim R. Frick, Markus M. Grabka, and Eva Sierminska: Representative wealth data for Germany: the impact of methodological decisions around imputation and the choice of the aggregation unit in the German SOEP. Poster. 30th General Conference IARIW, August 24-30, 2008, Portoroz/Slovenia.

Bruce Headey, Jürgen Schupp and Gert G. Wagner: Life goals: non-zero sum goals promote happiness, zero sum goals are detrimental. Implications for set-point theory. SOEP2008 International Users Conference, July 9-11, 2008, Berlin/Germany.

Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer and Mechthild Schrooten: Bringing Home the Money: Xenophobia and Remittances. Poster. Tagung „Diversity and Diversity Management – Schwerpunktthema: Nationalität, Ethnizität, Migrationshintergrund, Freie Universität Berlin, May 30-31, 2008, Berlin.

Peter Krause: Redistributive Impacts of Government and Private Household Activities. Trends in equalized household net incomes and intra-household earnings in Germany, 1985 – 2006. 30th General Conference IARIW, August 24-30, 2008, Portoroz/Slovenia

Thomas Siedler: Right-Wing Extremist Attitudes: Intergenerational Transmission and Socioeconomic Channels. Contextualizing Economic Behavior Conference, August 21-24, 2008, New York/U.S.A.) (2) Poster. 30th General Conference IARIW, August 24-30, 2008, Portoroz/Slovenia.

Eva M. Sierminska, Joachim R. Frick, and Markus M. Grabka: Examining the gender wealth gap in Germany. **30th General Conference IARIW**, August 24-30, 2008, Portoroz/Slovenia.

SOEP Staff Poster Presentations at SOEP2008 International Users Conference, July 9-11, 2008 in Berlin

Eva M Berger: Mothers' Employment and Life Satisfaction.

Constanze Büning: Savings behaviour of private households.

Anne Busch and Elke Holst: Regional Effects on the Gender Pay Gap.

Marcel Erlinghagen, Jürgen Schupp and Tim Stegmann: Out of sight, out of mind? – Panel continuance by tracking and interviewing expatriates.

Olaf Groh-Samberg, Martin Kroh, Thomas Siedler: Intergenerational and Family Relationships and Behavioral Outcomes.

Karsten Hank, Hendrik Jürges, Jürgen Schupp, and Gert G. Wagner: Isometric grip strength and social gerontological research: results and analytic potentials of SHARE and SOEP.

Guido Heineck and Silke Anger: The Returns to Cognitive Abilities and Personality in Germany.

Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer, and Mechthild Schrooten: Gender, Migration, Remittances: Evidence from Germany.

Peter Krause: Redistributive Impacts of Government and Private Household Activities

Henning Lohmann: Longitudinal data on education in the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP).

Thomas Siedler: Intergenerational Transmission in Right-Wing Extremist Attitudes.

C. Katharina Spieß and Katharina Wrohlich: Does distance determine who attends a university in Germany?

Gert G. Wagner: Affect Regulation Using Mobile Phone Surveys

Teaching at Universities in the summer term 2008

Joachim R. Frick und Markus M. Grabka: Einführung in die Volkswirtschaftslehre für NichtökonomInnen. TU Berlin.

Olaf Groh-Samberg und Peter Krause: Kapital, Capabilities & Happiness – Präferenzorientierte Ansätze der Ungleichheitsforschung, Institut für Soziologie, FU Berlin.

Martin Spiess: Sozialwissenschaftliche Methoden II, Internationales Institut für Management, Universität Flensburg.

Martin Spiess: Statistik II, Internationales Institut für Management, Universität Flensburg.

Special lectures

Gert G. Wagner: DoktorandInnen- und HabilitandInnen-Seminar des Max Weber Kollegs der Universität Erfurt.

Gert G. Wagner: LIFE Spring Academy, May 19-24, 2008, University of Virginia, Charlottesville (U.S.A.)

Short term

Jürgen Schupp: Das Sozio-oekonomische Panel: Längsschnittdaten für die empirische Sozial- und Wirtschaftsforschung. Institut für Soziologie, June 3, 2008, Universität Duisburg-Essen.

Tom Siedler: Survival Analysis. 41st Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection. University of Essex, July 21-25, 2008, Essex/UK.

Martin Spiess: Panel Data Econometrics. International Summer School in Economics and Management (ISSEM 08) with the participation of Humboldt Universität zu Berlin and DIW Berlin, September 22 - October 4, 2008, Universidad de La Habana/Cuba.

Ingrid Tucci: Die Integration der Migrantennachkommen in Frankreich. Ringvorlesung Ursachen und Folgen der Migration II, Universität Siegen, 25. Juni 2008, Siegen.

Ingrid Tucci: Analysen zu Migration mit dem SOEP. Workshop "Ethnische Statistik", Centre Marc Bloch, May 23, 2008, Berlin.

Visitors

Past, current and upcoming guests (more than one month)	
Simon Fietze	University of Flensburg
Denis Gerstorf	Pennsylvania State University/USA
Martin Karlsson	University of Oxford/UK
Jan Ondrich	Syracuse University/USA
Anna Manzoni	Tilburg University/The Netherlands
Arnd Scheel	University of Minnesota/USA
Eileen Trzcinski	Wayne State University/USA
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Richard Burkhauser	Cornell University/USA
Fabian Pfeffer	University of Wisconsin, Madison/USA
Elisabeth Hahn	Saarland University/Saarbrücken
Dean Lillard	Cornell University/USA
Jan Marcus	University of Konstanz
Silvia Melzer	IAB/Nürnberg
Chiara Pronzato	University of Essex/UK
Frank Stafford	PSID, University of Michigan/USA
Ruut Veenhoven	Erasmus University, Rotterdam/NL
Katrin Wilbert/Timo Heyn	Empirica/Bonn
Interns (in the past three months and near future)	
Benedikt Engelmeier	University of Münster
Stefanie Hoherz	University of Bielefeld
Andreas Goroncy	Humboldt University of Berlin
Bettina Sonnenberg	Humboldt University of Berlin

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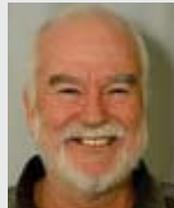
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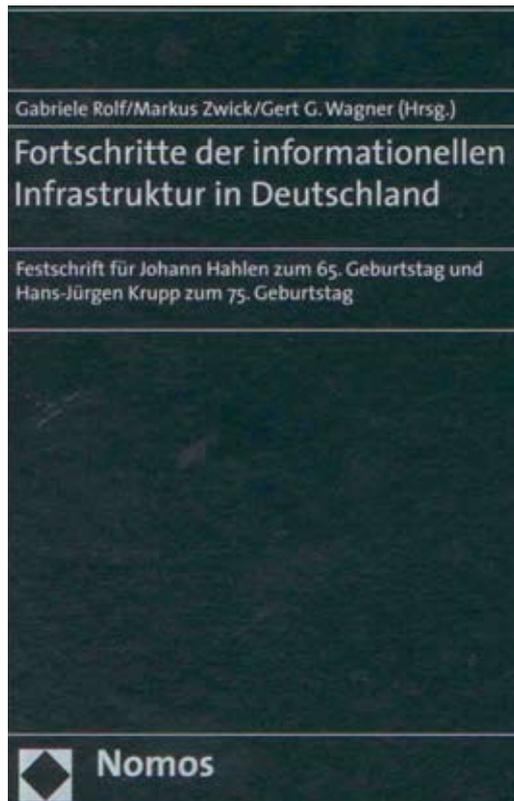
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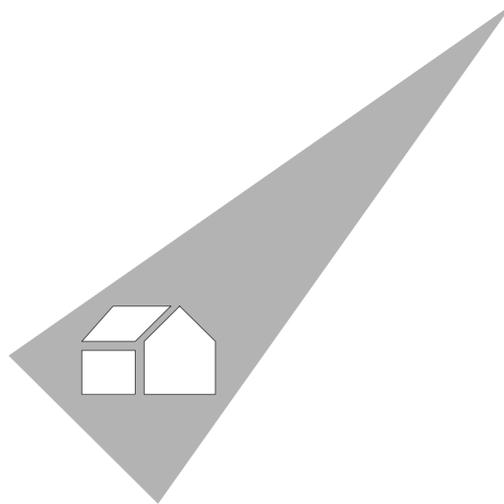
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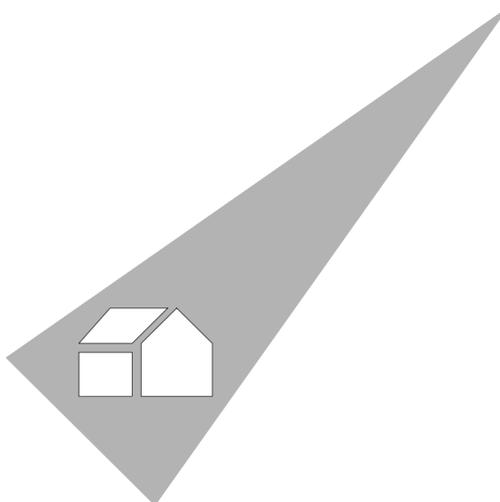
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Jürgen Schupp, DIW Berlin; Free University Berlin

Restructuring the SOEP Database—Perspectives and Outcomes
Peter Krause, Ingo Sieber, DIW Berlin

SOEP 2010—The Next 25 Years
Jürgen Schupp, Tom Siedler, Gert G. Wagner, DIW Berlin

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Heike Solga, Social Science Research Center Berlin

Opening Speeches: Educational Inequality over 3 Generations—Analyses with the SOEP Data
Marek Fuchs, University of Kassel

The Multigenerational Transmission of Educational Attainment—Prospects and Limits of the SOEP Data
Rolf Becker, University of Bern

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9:00 – 11:00 Special Session: 25 Waves of SOEP

(room A300) Chair: *Gisela Trommsdorff, University of Konstanz; DIW Berlin*

25 Years of Collecting SOEP Data
Bernhard von Rosenblatt, TNS Infratest Sozialforschung

The Role of the SOEP for Social Reporting and Social Policy in Germany: Poverty and Income Inequality
Richard Hauser, University of Frankfurt

The Role of the SOEP for Cross-National Comparative Research: Income Inequality and Economic Mobility
Richard V. Burkhauser, Cornell University

Education in Intra- and Intergenerational Perspective—How Poor Would Education Research Be Without the German SOEP?
Heike Solga, Social Science Research Center Berlin; Free University Berlin

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Valuing Air Quality Using the Life Satisfaction Approach | *Simon Luechinger*

Regional Socio-Economical Conditions and Individual Satisfaction
Gerd Grözinger, Wenzel Matiaske

Your House, Your Car, Your Education—The Socioeconomic Situation of the Neighborhood and its Impact on Life Satisfaction in Germany | *Joerg Dittmann, Jan Goebel*

S2 Health Chair: *Laura Romeu-Gordo, German Centre of Gerontology*

(room A310) Health Insurance Status and Physician-Induced Demand for Medical Services in Germany: New Evidence from Combined District and Individual Level Data | *Hendrik Juerges*
Socio-Economic Differences in Life Expectancy—The Potential of the German Socio-Economic Panel Study
Lars Eric Kroll, Thomas Lampert

The Intergenerational Transmission of Health in Early Childhood
Katja Coneus, C. Katharina Spieß

Copayments for Ambulatory Care in Germany: A Natural Experiment Using a Difference-in-Difference Approach | *Jonas Schreyögg, Markus Grabka*

S3 Social Capital Chair: *Tom Siedler, DIW Berlin*

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Religion as a Resource: Individual Religiosity, Religious Context and the Creation of Social Capital in Germany | *Richard Traunmüller, Markus Freitag*

Compensating Early School Leave in Germany: the Influence of Social Capital
Stan van Alphen, Bram Lancee

How United is Germany? Cultural Convergence Between East and West After 1991
André van Hoorn, Robbert Maseland

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S4 Immigration Chair: *Carsten Keller, Centre Marc Bloch*

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Rob Euwals, Jaco Dagevos, Mérove Gijssberts, Hans Roodenburg

From Education to Work: A Comparison of Transition Patterns Across Ethnic Groups in Germany | *Anne Hartung*

Migrants, Natives and a New Measure of Assimilation
Ira N. Gang, John Landon-Lane, Myeong-Su Yun

S5 Family Economics Chair: *Christian Schmitt, DIW Berlin; University of Rostock*

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Michael Gebel, Johannes Giesecke

The Male Marital Wage Premium: Further Results on an Enduring Puzzle
Volker Ludwig, Josef Brüderl

Labor Market Outcomes of Spatially Mobile Couples: Who Gains, who Loses? Evidence on Germany (SOEP 1992-2006) | *Natascha Nisic*

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(room B004/005) Assessing Intergenerational Earnings Persistence Among German Workers
Philipp Eisenhauer, Friedhelm Pfeiffer

Using the Unemployment Duration to Distinguish Voluntary and Involuntary Mobility
Katja Görlitz, Till von Wachter

Occupational Mobility in Germany and Britain
Malcolm Brynin, Simonetta Longhi

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C. Katharina Spieß, Katharina Wrohlich

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Marcel Erlinghagen, Jürgen Schupp, Tim Stegmann

Intergenerational Transmission in Right-Wing Extremist Attitudes
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Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer, Mechthild Schrooten

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Peter Krause

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Gert G. Wagner

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S7 Education Chair: *Henning Lohmann, DIW Berlin*

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Family Structure and Educational Attainment in Germany | *Guido Heineck*

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Jens Kratzmann, Thorsten Schneider

S8 Labor Supply Chair: *Elke Holst, DIW Berlin*

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Older Babies—More Active Mothers? How Maternal Labor Supply Changes as the Child Grows | *Katrin Sommerfeld*

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S9 Old Age Chair: *Martin Karlsson, University of Oxford*

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Joachim R. Frick, Bruce Headey

Can Governments Boost Voluntary Retirement Savings Via Tax Incentives and Subsidies? A German Case Study for Low-Income Households?
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Home Care and the Labour Force Participation of Household Members
Annika Meng

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(room A300) Chair: *Antje Mertens, Berlin School of Economics*
Laudatio: *Regina Riphahn, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg*

18:30-22:00 Reception – Dinner Buffet

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9:00 – 10:00 Keynote Speech

(room A300) Chair: *Bruce Headey, Melbourne Institute at University of Melbourne, Australia; DIW Berlin*
Prevalence, Determinants and Consequences of Risk Attitudes
Armin Falk, University of Bonn; Institute for the Study of Labor
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10:30 – 12:30 Parallel Sessions

S10 Well-Being Chair: *Denis Hushka, RatSWD; DIW Berlin*

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Christoph Wunder
Boon or Bane? Well-being, Others' Unemployment, and Labor-Market Risk
Andrew Clark, Andreas Knabe, Steffen Rätzl
Human Well-Being over the Life Cycle: Longitudinal Evidence from a 20-Year Panel
Bert G. M. van Landeghem
Self-reported Satisfaction: Determinant or Outcome?
Dean Lillard

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S11 Personal Traits Chair: *Beatrice Rammstedt, GESIS-ZUMA Mannheim*

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Katja Coneus, Johannes Gerndt, Marianne Saam
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Ulrich Schimmack
Risk Aversion and Trade Union Membership: Implications for Wages and Employment
Laszlo Goerke, Markus Pannenberg

S12 Inequality & Life Satisfaction Chair: *Peter Krause, DIW Berlin*

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Johannes Giesecke, Roland Verwiebe
The Marginal Utility of Income
Richard Layard, Guy Mayraz, Stephen Nickell
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Fabian T. Pfeffer
Satisfaction with Life and Economic Well-Being: Evidence from Germany
Conchita D'Ambrosio, Joachim R. Frick, Markus Jäntti

12:30 – 13:00 Closing Plenary Session

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Analysemöglichkeiten mit dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel (SOEP)

Dreiteiliger Workshop
an der Universität Duisburg-Essen (UDE)
22. bis 26. September 2008

Viele sozialwissenschaftliche Forschungsfragen lassen sich nur mit Längsschnittdaten untersuchen. Da der Umgang mit entsprechenden Datensätzen und Analyseverfahren anspruchsvoll, in der universitären Methodenausbildung aber nicht überall fest verankert ist, findet vom 22.9. bis 26.9.2008 an der UDE ein Workshop zu den Analysemöglichkeiten des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels statt. Die Veranstaltung richtet sich an Doktoranden, Studierende und Nachwuchswissenschaftler aus den Fächern Soziologie, Ökonomie, Politikwissenschaft und Psychologie. Sie wird vom Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten finanziell gefördert und ist Teil der RatSWD-Nachwuchsworkshop-Reihe. Der Workshop besteht aus drei Modulen, die einzeln oder zusammen besucht werden können:

Modul 1: Einführung in die Benutzung des SOEP

Modul 2: Analysepotentiale des SOEP – Diskussion aktueller Forschungsarbeiten

Modul 3: Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse und ihre Anwendung im SOEP

Modul 1: Einführung in die Benutzung des SOEP

Die Einführung in die Benutzung des SOEP wird von Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp, Abteilung Längsschnittstudie Sozio-ökonomisches Panel, DIW Berlin, durchgeführt und erfolgt anwendungsorientiert in den Computerpools des Instituts für Soziologie der UDE. Die verwendete Statistik-Software ist STATA.

Zugleich besteht die Möglichkeit der individuellen Beratung bei der Nutzung des SOEP.

Montag, 22. September 2008

- 10.00-12.00 Propädeutikum in STATA für Teilnehmer ohne STATA-Vorkenntnisse**
- 13.00-13.30 Begrüßung und Einführung*
- 13.30-15.00 SOEP: Datenstruktur und Dokumentation* (Querschnitt/Längsschnitt, Kohorten, Spell-Daten, Haushalt, Familie, Individuum, SOEPinfo, DTC, Homepage)
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp, DIW Berlin
- 15.00-15.30 Pause
- 15.30-17.00 Aggregieren von Informationen auf Haushalts-/Familienebene, Diskussion Diskontinuitätsproblematik von Haushalts-/Familienstrukturen*
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp und Dr. Henning Lohmann, DIW Berlin
- 17.00-17.30 Pause
- 17.30-19.00 Übung: Querschnitts- und Paneldatensätze**
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp und Dr. Henning Lohmann, DIW Berlin
- 19.00-21.00 Wine and Cheese*

Dienstag, 23. September 2008

- 9.30-11.00 Gewichtung und Hochrechnung, Regional- und Geodaten im SOEP*
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp, DIW Berlin
- 11.00-13.00 Vertiefende Übungen mit STATA und dem SOEP**
Parallel für Fortgeschrittene:
Individuelle Beratung zu aktuellen Forschungsarbeiten*
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp und Dr. Henning Lohmann, DIW Berlin
- 13.00-14.00 Mittagspause

Modul 2: Analysepotentiale des SOEP – Diskussion aktueller Forschungsarbeiten

Der 20-minütigen Präsentation einer Forschungsarbeit folgt eine intensive und kritische Würdigung durch einen peer bzw. senior (10 min.) sowie eine daran anschließende Diskussion (30 min.) im Plenum. In den Pausen besteht die Möglichkeit zum informellen Erfahrungsaustausch.

Dienstagnachmittag, 23. September 2008

- 14.00-15.00 Innovationen im SOEP*
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp, DIW Berlin
- 15.00-15.30 Pause
- 15.30-16.30 Forschungsarbeiten I*
- 16.30-16.45 Pause
- 16.45-17.45 Forschungsarbeiten II*
- 17.45-18.00 Pause
- 18.00-19.00 Forschungsarbeiten III*

Mittwoch, 24. September 2008

- 9.30-10.30 Verfahren zur Längsschnittanalyse: Ein Überblick*
Prof. Dr. Hans Jürgen Andreß, Universität zu Köln
- 10.30-11.00 Pause
- 11.00-12.00 Forschungsarbeiten IV*
- 12.00-13.00 Mittagspause
- 13.00-14.30 Postersession und Netzworkebildung der SOEP-Nutzer*
- 14.30-15.30 Forschungsarbeiten V*
- 15.30-15.45 Pause
- 15.45-16.45 Forschungsarbeiten VI*
- 16.45-17.00 Pause
- 17.00-18.00 Forschungsarbeiten VII*
- 18.00-19.00 Pause
- 19.00-20.00 Experimentelle Verfahren in der Umfrageforschung*
Prof. Dr. Thomas Dohmen, Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market, Maastricht University

Modul 3: Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse und ihre Anwendung im SOEP

Die Vorstellung der Analyseverfahren geschieht über Lehrvorträge mit Diskussion und einer Veranschaulichung durch Beispielanalysen mit dem SOEP, die die Teilnehmer selbst am Computer durchführen. Vertiefte Grundkenntnisse in STATA und multivariaten Analyseverfahren werden vorausgesetzt.

Donnerstag, 25. September 2008

- 9.00-10.30 Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse I: Panelregression***
Dr. Henning Lohmann, DIW Berlin
- 10.30-11.00 Pause
- 11.00-13.00 Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse I: Übungen zur Panelregression**
Dr. Henning Lohmann, DIW Berlin
- 13.00-14.00 Mittagspause
- 14.00-15.00 Anwendungsbeispiele der Panelregression mit dem SOEP (Poster)***
- 15.00-15.30 Pause
- 15.30-17.00 Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse I: Übungen zur Panelregression**
Dr. Henning Lohmann, DIW Berlin
- 17.00-17.30 Pause
- 17.30-18.30 PanelWhiz***
Dr. John Haisken-DeNew, RWI Essen

Freitag, 26. September 2008

- 9.00-10.30 Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse II: Ereignisanalyse***
Dr. Katrin Golsch, Universität zu Köln
- 10.30-11.00 Pause
- 11.00-13.00 Verfahren zur Längsschnittanalyse II: Übungen zur Ereignisanalyse**
Dr. Katrin Golsch, Universität zu Köln
- 13.00-14.00 Mittagspause
- 14.00-15.00 Anwendungsbeispiel der Ereignisanalyse mit dem SOEP (Poster)***
- 15.00-15.15 Pause
- 15.15-16.30 Verfahren zur Längsschnittanalyse II: Übungen zur Ereignisanalyse**
Dr. Katrin Golsch, Universität zu Köln