

SOEPnewsletter

Dear Colleagues:



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In November 2008, the DIW Board of Trustees appointed the new SOEP Survey Committee. It has eight members, each of whom is an internationally renowned scholar in his or her field. We are very grateful that this impressive group of researchers is willing to provide advice on the further development of the SOEP survey and SOEP service. For more on this, see section “Staff&Affiliates” and SOEP director **Gert G. Wagner’s** comment on plans for further possible enhancements (page 2 of this SOEPnewsletter).

The first “2008 SOEP Wave Report” is now available! Containing over 150 pages on diverse topics, it provides insight into the events and developments in Germany that have taken place over the last quarter-century. The report is addressed to a broad English-speaking readership. The articles also provide stimuli to the academic research community for new lines of analysis. And, the “Technical Appendix” will no doubt be of great interest to all our users. More information can be found under “People&Papers.”

As you know, the SOEP is used worldwide and is effectively integrated into diverse disciplines of empirical social science research. In order to ensure the continued financing of SOEP, however, this fact must be demonstrated conclusively to our funding bodies on a regular basis. This year, the SOEP will be evaluated again—15 years after its first evaluation in the year 1994—by the German Research Council (*Wissenschaftsrat*). We therefore ask you to notify us of all your SOEP-based publications at the beginning of the new year, so that these can be taken into account in the upcoming evaluation.

Your publications will be entered into the SOEPLIT databank, which is freely accessible via Internet and will soon go online in updated form. All papers in SOEPLIT not later than January 15, 2009 are eligible for the SOEPprize 2009. Please register now!

The range of SOEP services includes the training of users, and our SOEPCampus series has developed into a particularly successful teaching program (see the reports in this SOEPnewsletter). On March 2-3, 2009, we will be holding our annual introductory course on the analysis of SOEP data in German at DIW Berlin (“SOEPCampus@DIW Berlin”). If interested, please sign up right away!

Last but not least, this SOEPnewsletter contains important information on corrections to the 1984-2007 SOEP data distribution. More on the “Bugfix” can be found in the section “Data&Service.”

The SOEP group is very grateful for your support, interest, and involvement in SOEP, as well as for your many important suggestions for improvements.

We wish you all a peaceful and healthy New Year!

With best regards,

Elke Holst | Editor

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Comment



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SOEP Director
Gert G. Wagner

The still increasing interest in the SOEP research infrastructure comes above all from the increasing analytical power that longitudinal studies attain with every successive survey year. After 25 years as a multidisciplinary household panel containing information on all individuals in panel households and thus all age cohorts, SOEP—like other long-running panels—has become a true cohort study, as well as a genealogical panel, because not only multiple cohorts but also families are covered. And in the case of SOEP, a long series of innovations in surveying, data preparation, and user service have played a major role in the increased demand for data.

For all users as well as potential new users, it is important to consider how the scientific capacity of SOEP can be further enhanced—not least of all since the SOEP forms a key point of reference for new, specialized panel studies—particularly cohort studies and intervention studies.

Numerous innovations introduced into SOEP in recent years—for example, questions dealing with psychological concepts, physical health measures (grip strength), and measures of cognitive capabilities—have been incorporated into other panel studies as well. And at least one of these will provide researchers with a larger sample base: In the UK, the “Understanding Society” household panel study has been launched with 40,000 households. And in the Netherlands, the MESS household panel study of over 5,000 households offers a new basis for testing innovative measurement methods.

“Tailoring” survey content – the real challenge

The results of the SOEP survey are in continuing high demand in the research and policy advisory community. It is noteworthy, in our view, that the large-scale consultation process established in the UK to identify the content for “Understanding Society” did not identify any fundamentally new survey content that the SOEP either did not already contain or that was not already being discussed for the SOEP. The same is true of the consultation process for the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) in the USA with regard to “biomarkers.” We appreciate these efforts very much—not least of all because they save us money and time! Our conclusion is: more important than the “discovery” of entirely new survey contents is the “tailoring” of details of survey content to new, more specific (theoretical) questions, while at the same time maintaining proven and widely used elements of survey content!

The “tailoring” of survey content will be the real challenge facing infrastructure surveys under aca-

demical direction, such as the PSID, “Understanding Society,” and SOEP in the coming years. In this context, the “margins” of the life course (early and late phases) will play a more central role in survey content: today, we understand better than ever that these phases of life are exceptionally well documented by survey designs like household panels, which can be improved in particular by including the fetal phase of life and early childhood for children born into the SOEP, on the one hand, and by including the late phase of life and the event of death, on the other. In the middle of the life course, improved questions on income, savings, and wealth, as well as psychological constructs will play a central role, as will specific questions (posed in event-triggered questionnaires) in connection with central life events such as marriage, divorce, and entry into and exit from unemployment.

In order to decisively improve the statistical power of long-term longitudinal data, we believe that a minimum case number of 500 persons per birth and age cohort is required. In order to reach this goal, the case number in the SOEP samples needs to be increased. Positive side-effects of this enlargement would be a significantly improved potential for analyses of relatively small groups within the population (for example, lone parents or specific immigrant groups) as well as an improved potential for regional analyses.

Plans for a “SOEP Innovation Sample”

Currently discussions are underway for the addition of an “Innovation Sample” to SOEP that will provide more targeted support for theory-based research questions required for the testing of new measurement concepts (for example, the surveying of biomarkers, qualitative surveys, but also experiments and targeted intervention studies).

Closely connected to the development of specific, more theory-driven longitudinal research questions is the emergence of special longitudinal surveys, for example, in the field of public health. Thus, in recent times, the importance of SOEP as a “reference dataset” for independent, but “related” specialized surveys (including laboratory studies, twin studies, etc.) has become strikingly evident (see the short notes in this SOEPnewsletter on “BASE II and the note about “Genetics of Personality”).

To support this important function of “SOEP as a Reference Data Set”, a new kind of service is needed. It will include advice on special surveys, and possibly also preparation of data from special surveys. [SOEPpaper No. 150](#) provides more details about these possibilities. We want to invite the users of SOEP data to make suggestions for further improvements. We are always eager to work on new ideas.



German Section

SOEPCampus@DIW Berlin – Anmelden zum Workshop zur Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten am 2. und 3. März 2009

Am 2. und 3. März 2009 veranstalten wir in Zusammenarbeit mit der TU 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, BIOSCOPE, NEWSPELL) vorgestellt.

Anmeldung

InteressentInnen für den Workshop im DIW Berlin am 2. und 3. März 2009 melden sich bitte online an. Die Erfahrung der letzten Jahre zeigt, dass die maximale Zahl der TeilnehmerInnen von rund 25 Personen schnell erreicht ist. Wir empfehlen daher eine rasche Anmeldung. Die Teilnahme am Workshop ist kostenlos. Die Reisekosten müssen jedoch selbst übernommen werden.

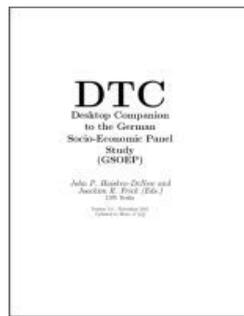
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(bitte akzeptieren Sie das Zertifikat trotz eventuell auftauchender Fehlermeldungen)

Voraussetzungen

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 STATA.

Eine weitere unverzichtbare Voraussetzung für eine erfolgreiche Teilnahme am Workshop ist das intensive Durcharbeiten des „Desktop Companion“ von **John P. Haisken-DeNew** und **Joachim**



Desktop Companion (DTC) Kernstück der SOEP-Dokumentation. Hauptreferenz für die meisten Fragen zum SOEP, um den Einstieg ins SOEP insbesondere für den »First Time User« etwas leichter zu gestalten, aber auch »Old Friends« werden sicherlich wichtige Hinweise finden.

R. Frick, das Sie auf unserer Homepage unter der folgenden URL finden können.

<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/sop/service/dtc/>

Sollten Sie weitere Fragen zum Workshop haben, wenden Sie sich bitte an

Uta Rahmann (urahmann@diw.de) oder
Henning Lohmann (hlohmann@diw.de).

Bericht: SOEPCampus@ Universität Duisburg-Essen

Um die Forschungsfähigkeiten und -möglichkeiten von sozial- und verhaltenswissenschaftlichen Studierenden, DiplomandInnen und DoktorandInnen gezielt zu verbessern, fand vom 22. bis 26. September 2008 an der Universität Duisburg-Essen der Workshop „Analysemöglichkeiten mit dem Sozio-ökonomischen Panel (SOEP)“ statt (siehe hierzu auch SOEPnewsletter Nr. 80).

Der Workshop stieß auf eine große Nachfrage. Über 70 TeilnehmerInnen aus 25 Universitäten und Instituten in Deutschland nahmen teil. Damit konnte das SOEP seine Ausbildungsreihe „**SOEPCampus@ ...**“ erfolgreich fortsetzen.

Die einzelnen Workshop-Einheiten richteten sich an Studierende, DoktorandInnen und NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen aus den Fächern Soziologie, Ökonomie, Politikwissenschaft und Psychologie. Die TeilnehmerInnen wurden mit Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse vertraut gemacht, die in der universitären Methodenausbildung nicht überall fest verankert sind.

Organisiert wurde der Workshop vom Lehrstuhl für Empirische Sozialstrukturanalyse der Universitäten Duisburg-Essen (**Stefan Liebig**) in Kooperation mit **Hans-Jürgen Andreß** (Universität zu Köln), **Martin Diewald** (Universität Bielefeld) und **Jürgen Schupp** von der SOEP Surveygruppe (DIW Berlin und FU Berlin). Finanzielle und organisatorische Unterstützung erhielt der Workshop

durch den RatSWD (Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten) sowie durch das SOEP.

TeilnehmerInnen, die über keine STATA-Grundkenntnisse verfügten, hatten die Möglichkeit, sich in einem Propädeutikum mit dem Statistikprogramm vertraut zu machen.

Nach der offiziellen Begrüßung durch **Stefan Liebig** und den Dekan des Fachbereichs Gesellschaftswissenschaften, **Gerhard Bäcker**, startete das erste Modul „Einführung in die Nutzung des SOEP“.

Jürgen Schupp gab einen Überblick über Datenangebot und Untersuchungsdesign des SOEP. In einem weiteren Vortrag (zusammen mit **Henning Lohmann**) stellte er das Aggregieren von Informationen auf der Haushalts-/Familienebene einen Schwerpunkt dar. Die TeilnehmerInnen konnten in praktischen Übungen zu Querschnitts- und Paneldatensätzen das Gelernte direkt an PCs ausprobieren.

Bis zum Mittag des zweiten Tages wurde das Modul 1 abgeschlossen mit einem Überblick zu den Möglichkeiten der Regionaldatennutzung des SOEP, vorgetragen von Jürgen Schupp, sowie vertiefenden Übungen an den PCs.

Im Mittelpunkt des zweiten Moduls standen die Arbeiten der NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen. Jürgen Schupp stellte zu Beginn Innovationen im SOEP vor und **Hans-Jürgen Andreß** gab einen Überblick über die Verfahren zur Längsschnittanalyse. Jeweils im Anschluss an die Vorträge erhielten insgesamt fünf DoktorandInnen – die zuvor in einem Call for Papers ihre Themen eingereicht hatten – die Gelegenheit, ihre eigenen Forschungsarbeiten zu präsentieren. Diese wurden anschließend von ExpertInnen kommentiert und im Plenum diskutiert.

Weitere Forschungsarbeiten wurden in Form von Posters vorgestellt und eingehender besprochen. Insbesondere in diesem Modul konnten die TeilnehmerInnen die Gelegenheit nutzen, sich untereinander und mit etablierten WissenschaftlerInnen auszutauschen.

Zum Abschluss des Tages referierte **Thomas Dohmen** (Maastricht University) über experimentelle Verfahren in der Umfrageforschung.

Im dritten und letzten Modul wurden Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse und ihre Anwendungen auf Basis von SOEP-Daten vorgestellt. Einleitend

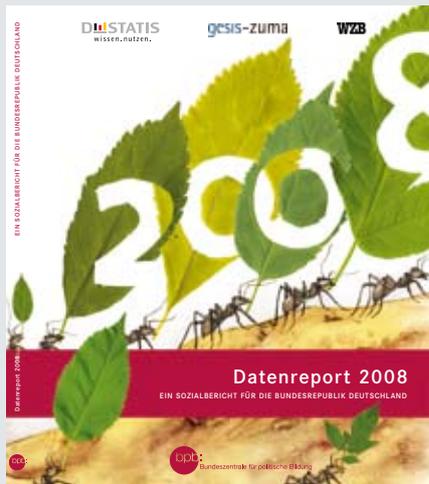
sprach Henning Lohmann über Regressionen im Paneldesign. An seinen Vortrag schlossen sich zwei praktische Übungseinheiten zur Panelregression an den PCs an. **John Haiken-DeNew** (RWI Essen) präsentierte zum Abschluss des Tages das Programm PanelWhiz – ein Programm, das das Datenmanagement von Paneldaten wie dem SOEP erleichtert.

Am fünften und letzten Tag referierte **Karin Golsch** über die Ereignisanalyse als ein Verfahren zur Längsschnittanalyse und setzte somit den Schlusspunkt des Workshops. Im Anschluss des Vortrages konnten auch hier die TeilnehmerInnen in betreuten Übungen eigenständig Beispielanalysen mit dem SOEP am Computer durchführen.

Insgesamt wurde sowohl das didaktische Konzept der Veranstaltung als auch die Organisation des Workshops von den TeilnehmerInnen sehr positiv evaluiert, und es wurde der Bedarf für weitere Workshops zur Arbeit mit dem SOEP angemeldet.

Bericht: SOEPCampus @ Universität Bremen

Am 13. und 14. Oktober 2008 fand der Workshop „Introduction to the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)“ in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Institut für empirische und angewandte Soziologie (EMPAS) und der Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) an der Universität Bremen statt. TeilnehmerInnen waren Studierende und DoktorandInnen beider Institutionen. Neben einer allgemeinen Einführung in das Arbeiten mit dem SOEP lag der Schwerpunkt der von **Henning Lohmann** und **Andrea Schäfer** durchgeführten Veranstaltung auf der Nutzung von SOEP-Spelldaten und den Möglichkeiten der Ereignisanalyse.



Datenreport 2008 mit zahlreichen Analysen auf Basis des SOEP

Der neue „Datenreport 2008: Ein Sozialbericht für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland“ bietet einen aktuellen Überblick über die wichtigsten Lebensbereiche von Menschen in Deutschland. Zahlen aus der amtlichen Statistik über Bevölkerung, Bildung, Gesundheit, Umwelt und Arbeitsmarkt werden ergänzt durch die Ergebnisse systematischer Befragungen zu den Themen Armut, soziale Mobilität und Integration. Die Mehrzahl der sozialwissenschaftlichen Beiträge zum gesellschaftlichen Wandel in Deutschland beruht auf Daten des SOEP.

Herausgegeben wird der Datenreport 2008 vom Statistischen Bundesamt (Destatis), der Gesellschaft Sozialwissenschaftlicher Infrastruktureinrichtungen (GESIS), Zentrum für Sozialindikatorenforschung, und dem Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB).

Weitere Informationen und die Möglichkeit zum Download finden Sie unter anderem hier:

<http://www.thesis.org/forschung-lehre/thesis-publikationen/datenreport/>



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SOEP auf dem DGS-Kongress 2008 in Jena

Auf dem 34. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie in Jena vom 6. bis 10. Oktober 2008 war das SOEP mit einem eigenen Stand vertreten. Zahlreiche BesucherInnen der Jahrestagung informierten sich dort über unsere Wiederholungsbefragung und die zahlreichen auf dem SOEP basierenden Vorträge auf der Veranstaltung. Für eine Auswahl der Präsentationen hat **Michael Weinhardt**, neuer Doktorand im SOEP (und an der Graduate School des DIW Berlin), Zusammenfassungen erstellt. Sie finden sie unter

http://www.diw.de/deutsch/soep/aktuelle_info/90534.html



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Auf dem SOEP Stand war u.a. Christine Kurka mit den zahlreichen Anfragen beschäftigt

Parlamentarischer Abend des SOEP



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Eröffnung des Parlamentarischen Abends; MdB Bundesministerin a. D. Edelgard Bulmahn, MdB (links), und Ulla Burchardt, MdB, Vorsitzende des Ausschusses für Bildung, Forschung und Technikfolgenabschätzung (beide Fraktion der SPD). In der Mitte SOEP Research Affiliate PD Dr. Bernd Weber, Universität Bonn, Neuroeconomics.

Am Abend des 11. November 2008 lud die Abteilung Sozio-oekonomisches Panel (SOEP) am DIW Berlin erstmals zu einem Parlamentarischen Abend ein. VertreterInnen der für Forschung zuständigen Ausschüsse konnten sich hier aus erster Hand über das SOEP informieren.

Gelungene Veranstaltung

Der Einladung folgte unter anderen der Bundestagsabgeordnete **Andreas Storm** (CDU), Parlamentarischer Staatssekretär im Ministerium für Bildung und Forschung. Aus dem Ausschuss für Bildung, Forschung und Technikfolgenabschätzung kamen die Vorsitzende **Ulla Burchardt** (SPD) und **Krista Sager** (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen), die zugleich stellvertretende Vorsitzende ihrer Fraktion ist. Und aus dem Ausschuss für Wirtschaft und Technologie konnten wir die Vorsitzende **Edelgard Bulmahn** (SPD) und **Wolfgang Strengmann-Kuhn** (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) begrüßen. Die BesucherInnen fühlten sich gut unterrichtet, fragten viel nach und diskutierten engagiert mit den MitarbeiterInnen des SOEP.



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Parlamentarischer Staatssekretär des BMBF Andreas Storm, MdB (CDU/CSU Fraktion)



Ulla Burchardt (MdB) und SOEP-Mitarbeiter Jürgen Schupp testen die Handgreifkraft.

den Greifkrafttest erstmals in die Befragung integriert. Inzwischen liegen vollständige Messdaten für 4921 Personen vor. Die Befragten empfanden den Test größtenteils als interessante Unterbrechung der langen Interviews. Weil erste Auswertungen zeigen, dass die Messung der Handgreifkraft auf lange Sicht sehr viel versprechende Analysemöglichkeiten bereithält, werden ab 2008 alle Befragten aufgefordert kräftig „zuzugreifen“. Damit steht künftig neben der subjektiven Einschätzung der eigenen Gesundheit erstmals ein objektives Gesundheitsmaß für Analysen zur Verfügung.

Forschungsinfrastruktur für die Sozial-, Wirtschafts- und Verhaltensforschung

Die SOEP Survey-Gruppe und die DoktorandInnen der Abteilung SOEP verdeutlichten den ParlamentarierInnen die Potenziale des SOEP an Hand aktueller Forschungsergebnisse (eine Liste der präsentierten Poster mit Links zu den PDF-Dateien finden Sie weiter unten in der Rubrik „People&Papers“). Damit zeigten sie auch exemplarisch auf, welche Forschungsinfrastruktur für die Sozial-, Wirtschafts- und Verhaltensforschung mit dem SOEP bereitgehalten wird. So wurde darauf hingewiesen, dass das wissenschaftlich fundierte Fragekonzept und die lange Laufzeit des SOEP innovative Forschung zu individuellen Lebenschancen und –risiken ermöglichen, die von WissenschaftlerInnen im In- und Ausland genutzt werden. Das SOEP gehört weltweit zu den Vorreitern der empirischen Sozialforschung und auch die Forschungsqualität der Abteilung SOEP ist vom Wissenschaftsrat, wie Staatssekretär Storm in seinem Grußwort hervorhob, mit „exzellent“ bewertet worden.

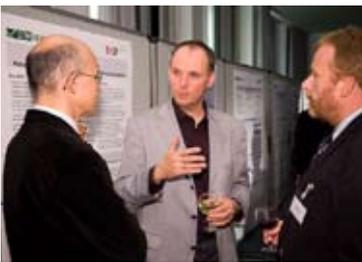


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Wolfgang Strengmann-Kuhn (Mitte), MdB (Fraktion Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) mit den SOEP-Mitarbeitern Markus M. Grabka (links) und Joachim R. Frick



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SOEP Director Gert G. Wagner im Gespräch mit Mari Weiß, MdB (Fraktion Die Linke im Berliner Abgeordnetenhaus)

Greifkraft-Test

Die Gäste konnten sich davon überzeugen, dass die Vorstellung von neuen Methoden zur Datenerhebung nicht immer abstrakt und theoretisch ist. So konnten die ParlamentarierInnen einen Greifkrafttest selber ausprobieren. Die Handgreifkraft gilt als verlässlicher Gesundheitsindikator. Deren Messung zu unterschiedlichen Zeitpunkten kann über Veroderungen der Gesundheit Auskunft geben. Im Jahr 2006 haben ausgewählte InterviewerInnen

Experience Sampling – Das Handy als Forschungsinstrument

Informiert wurde auch über methodische Tests, die zur Verbesserung der Datenerhebung des SOEP beitragen könnten. So wurde von **Michaela Riediger** vom Max-Planck Institut für Bildungsforschung (MPIB), Berlin über ein vom BMBF finanziertes Projekt zum „Experience Sampling“ berichtet. Unter diesem Ansatz ist der Versuch zu verstehen, Erfahrungen, Ereignisse oder Verhalten in der jeweiligen Situation zu messen. Das heißt, die Messungen werden im normalen Alltag beziehungsweise dem natürlichen Lebensumfeld durchgeführt.

In Kooperation mit dem MPIB, Berlin, wird nach Verfahren gesucht, die „Experience Sampling“ für das SOEP und die Surveyforschung ohne großen technischen Aufwand ermöglichen. Erfolgreiche Tests zeigen, dass das Handy ein ideales Hilfsmittel ist, um die Daten in der jeweiligen Situation zu erheben. Per Java-Script sind Fragebögen auf dem Handy darstellbar und entsprechend zu beantworten. Befragte können mit einfachem Tastendruck zum Beispiel einen Zahlenwert zur aktuellen Befindlichkeit durchgeben. Da die Kommunikation per Handy inzwischen für viele eine Selbstverständlichkeit ist, sind technische Schwierigkeiten auf Seiten der Befragten nahezu auszuschließen.

Der methodische Vorteil liegt unter anderem darin, dass durch die Erfassung der Daten im natürlichen Lebensumfeld die Generalisierbarkeit der Ergebnisse maximiert werden kann. Außerdem ist eine Wiederholung der Befragung in (sehr) kurzen Abständen möglich, so dass auch kurzfristige Veränderungen und intra-individuelle Varianz messbar werden.

Data & Service

SOEP Data Distribution 1984-2007 on DVD

The SOEP data set covering the years 1984-2007 (waves 1-24) is available for all European users in the EEA countries. The SOEPHotline 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. 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 materials. We also plan to continue providing additional SOEP datasets to research groups for €5 each.

Bugs Fixed SOEP Data Distribution 1984-2007

In the process of extensive checking, several problems were identified in the 1984-2007 data distribution (waves A-X). You can download the corrected datasets as a “bugs fixed” from our homepage. Please see the instructions for doing so at the end of this article.

- **HHRF** (weighting factors for households): in preparing the weighting factors for households, an older version was mistakenly distributed for the variables **WHHRFALL** and **XHHRFALL**. These data have now been replaced with the revised version.
- **PBIOSPE**: Due to a problem in data storage, some of the earnings biographies surveyed since wave U, either for the first time or as

a repeat survey, were not recorded correctly. **PBIOSPE** was therefore revised retroactively from wave U on.

- **XHBRUTTO**: Here, an erroneous code for the East German federal states was corrected in the variable **XBULA**.
- **WP**: **WKLAS**, **WIS88**, **WIS88N** and **WKLASN** were updated. This was necessary since some data had been overwritten with missings.
- **WPGEN/XPGEN**: Because of the corrections to **WKLAS** and **WIS88** in **WP**, it was necessary to update some generated variables which are derived from **SKLAS** and **SIS88**. This includes the variables **IS8806**, **ISEI06**, **MPS06**, **SIOPS06**, **EGP06** and **KLAS06**. Furthermore, due to the revision of **PBIOSPE** (see above) **EXPFTSS**, **EXPPTSS** and **EXPUESS** were also updated.
- **HBRUTT00**: Because of a conflict in household IDs for the expanded original gross sample F, the household IDs had to be changed in some cases. This only applies to households that did not provide valid SOEP interviews.
- **GGKBOU**: As a result of the change in **HBRUTT00**, the identifier **HHNR** was adapted in some cases in this dataset as well.

The corrected datasets are now available to be downloaded as a password-protected ZIP file from our homepage. To obtain download access to the corrected datasets, please send an e-mail to soepmail@diw.de or call the SOEPHotline at +49 30 89789 292.

To unzip the files, you will need the password for the current 1984-2007 data distribution, or the password used to access the expanded regional data in the GGKBOU dataset. If you do not have the current data distribution, please contact our SOEPHotline (soepmail@diw.de).

BASE II: the SOEP as a “control” or “reference” sample for other studies

In collaboration with the Max Planck Institute for Human Development (MPIB) in Berlin (**Ulman Lindenberger**) and the Center of Gerontology at the Berlin University of Medicine (Charité) (**Elisabeth Steinhagen-Thiessen**), SOEP Director **Gert G. Wagner**, in his capacity as Max Planck Fellow, will undertake the “Berlin Aging Study II” (BASE II).

BASE II will analyze the relationships among biological, behavioral, and socio-economic characteristics with physical and mental health as well as other outcomes in human life for people above

the age of 70 (including a control group of young people aged 20 to 30). This study is funded by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF).

The BASE II participants are individuals living in the Berlin metropolitan area. All of them—including their family members—will be interviewed in the same way as SOEP respondents. BASE II will thereby not only achieve an excellent “phenotyping” of the anonymous participants, but also make possible comparison of results for the BASE participants in Berlin with those for the German population (SOEP respondents). The selectivity of the city-based study will thus be controllable not just for a cross-section, but for dynamic processes as well.

For BASE II, the SOEP is functioning as a “reference sample.” From SOEP’s point of view, BASE II is a “related study” (or a “laboratory sample”). The recently discovered new role of SOEP as a “reference sample” is discussed in greater depth in *SOEP paper 150*, “SOEP as a Reference Sample” (written by **Thomas Siedler, Jürgen Schupp, C. Katharina Spieß, and Gert G. Wagner**).

SOEP can serve as a “control” or “reference” sample for other studies

The SOEP may also serve as a “control” or “reference” sample for other studies developed independently from the SOEP survey group and outside the budget of the SOEP survey. The oversampling of certain groups in particular can be done in a related study as long as it is ensured that the fieldwork procedures and the core questionnaires are exactly the same as in SOEP itself.

This idea has already been taken up by researchers in social medicine (Geyer et al. 2008, *SOEPpaper 91*). The authors investigate whether persons between 17 and 45 years of age who have had to undergo heart surgery have fewer opportunities on the labor market than persons without such heart problems. The authors compare their sample of heart patients (collected independently of SOEP) with a correspondingly delimited subsample of the SOEP.

Another related study could be a “Twin Sample,” which would, as an independent study, at the same time boost the number of cases for a group of particular interest. DIW Research Professor **Frank M. Spinath** (*SOEPpaper 142*, 2008) discusses the advantages of incorporating more twins into household panels like **BHPS** (or **UKHLS “Understanding Society”**) and SOEP.

The basic concept—a special and independent survey with the SOEP as a reference sample—can be developed further by using the SOEP as a control sample for large-scale intervention studies.

Design of related samples must be fully in line with the SOEP design

If the SOEP is to serve as a control sample for independent, related samples, and if the oversampling of special groups is done by means of related samples (funded outside SOEP’s core budget), however, the design of these types of samples must be brought fully into line with that of the SOEP. This will create new challenges for the SOEP group in Berlin and for the survey institute commissioned with the fieldwork for the SOEP survey, entailing detailed consultations regarding survey methods.

If you are thinking about or planning such a “related study,” please contact us as soon as possible:

Gert G. Wagner, officewagner@diw.de.

New SOEPlit Databank Online

As you may know, all SOEP users are requested to send us one copy of all published research based on the SOEP data. The titles and subjects of all the SOEP studies reported to us can now be searched again online using the SOEPlit data bank.

You will find SOEPlit on our homepage at:

<http://panel.gsoep.de/cgi-bin/baseportal.pl?htx=/soeplit/soeplit>

Urgent: Copies of all SOEP-based publications needed to secure SOEP funding!

To date, we have succeeded in entering approximately 400 SOEP based publications per year from around the world into our literature databank, SOEPlit. But in fact, over 500 researchers from 35 countries are working with the SOEP data each year. This implies that we are not receiving close to all of the SOEP-based publications being produced by our users!

Even if you may have sometimes forgotten to do so in the past, now is the time to please send us copies of your publications based on SOEP data! Your publications will be registered in SOEPlit. This opens up your findings to discussion in the research community, which is certainly in your interest. SOEPlit is crucial for demonstrating the high scientific reputation and worldwide use of SOEP to our funding agencies. This proof of our success is of key importance to secure the further funding of the SOEP study.

For this reason, we ask you to send us copies of all your publications either based directly on SOEP data or using SOEP data in combination

with other datasets like ECHP, LIS, or CNEF (if Germany is part of the analysis).

Please send your copies to **Uta Rahmann** (urahmann@diw.de).

SOEP Online Questionnaire "DataUse"

The Council for Social and Economic Data (RatSWD), an organization whose aim is to sustainably improve the situation of the German empirical social and economic sciences and foster their international competitiveness, would like to attain an overview of the use of scientific micro-data "produced" in Germany. To this end, major data producers and data disseminators in Germany—SOEP included—have been asked to provide figures on the use of their data. Of particular interest here are all the competitively selected projects with third-party funding, for which the data are required. Of course, it is the scientific publications based on the data that are of key interest.

Survey of SOEP contract holders

Since we do not have any further information on your studies, aside from the title of the project in which you are using the SOEP data, we ask you to close this information gap by completing a short online questionnaire. In January 2009, we will send a letter to all those who have signed a SOEP data distribution contract to participate in this survey.

Participation in the user survey crucial to ensure SOEP's further financing

Participation in the user survey is of course voluntary—but it is important that all SOEP contract holders, if possible, participate in order to ensure the SOEP's further financing.

The survey itself is not anonymous, since we may have to contact you by phone to obtain complete information about the research projects for which you are using the SOEP data. Our description of the information provided will, however, be anonymized according to the statistical standards.

Conference About the Inclusion of Biomarkers in PSID

Since 2003 the PIs and the Board of Overseers of the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID/USA) are discussing the possible inclusion of "biomarkers" in the PSID. On December 10 and 11, 2008 the drafts of expert reports on several different biomarkers (e.g. body fat, blood pressure, DNA samples) were discussed at a workshop held at the University of Michigan/Ann Arbor. An overview provided by **John Hobcraft** (University of York/UK) can be found:

http://www.diw.de/documents/dokumentenarchiv/17/92794/soep_hobcraft_presentation.pdf



Data News from Cornell

SOEP/CNEF Files 1984-2007 on their way

The 1984-2007 Scientific Use File of the SOEP and the 1980-2007 CNEF files are available. To date we have shipped about 100 disks to researchers on five of the seven continents of the world. Researchers with valid contracts who have not been active users but who wish to use the most recent data should send a request to GSOEP@cornell.edu. We will ship the newest release at no additional cost.

New Users

New users pay a one-time fee of \$125. They should apply to the DIW (see [FAQ 2.1](#) on how to do so). When the contract has been signed by both, the researcher and the DIW representative, FAX it to us (+1 607-255-4071) so we can process your request and send the data.

Events & Activities

Submit Nominations of Papers for SOEPprize2009 now

The SOEPprize is awarded bi-annually in the year between the International SOEP User Conferences. You can submit papers for the SOEPprize 2009 now.

The prize honors the best scientific publication, the best scientific publication by a junior researcher (not older than 35 years), and the best paper or essay in popular media written by journalists. Winning publications are awarded up to €5,000. The SOEPprize is funded by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF).

Period of eligibility ends December 31, 2008.

All papers based on SOEP data and published since the last award are eligible. The period of eligibility ends December 31, 2008. Only papers registered in SOEPLIT not later than January 15, 2009, can be considered.

Deadline for nomination is January 31, 2009.

Papers may be nominated either by sending a fax to the SOEP Office (-109, keyword: SOEPprize) or an e-mail to soep-prize@diw.de.

For detailed information on participation, please see our website:

http://www.diw.de/english/soep_awards/33907.html

Leibniz Association Supports Young Researchers in the Berlin Network for Labor Market Research (BeNA)

Silke Anger, Eva Berger, Thomas Siedler and Nicolas Ziebarth from the SOEP department at DIW Berlin have been active for several years in the Berlin Network for Labor Market Research (Berliner Netzwerk für Arbeitsmarktforschung, BeNA) of young scholars in the economic sciences. Anger and Siedler are senior researchers; Berger and Ziebarth doctoral students in DIW Berlin's Graduate Center.

BeNA was founded in 2004 by young labor market researchers working in Berlin, and was conceived as a forum for discussion and development of projects in the field of labor market research. Organizations currently involved in the network include DIW Berlin, Humboldt University (HU Berlin), RWI Es-

sen (Berlin office) and the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB).

The Leibniz Association has expanded the labor market network into the "Leibniz Seminar for Labor Market Research" for the academic year 2008-2009. The seminar aims to provide young researchers in particular with opportunities to exchange ideas and findings with outstanding scholars from Germany and Europe, to build their own networks at an early stage in their careers, and to develop trans-regional cooperation.

For more information on the Berlin Labor Market Seminar, see:

<http://www.labor-research.net>

SOEP Hosts Members of German Parliament at its First "Parliamentary Reception"

On the evening of November 11, 2008, the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) department at DIW Berlin invited members of German parliament to attend the SOEP's first "Parliamentary Reception." There, members of parliamentary committees for education, research, and science and members of the Berlin House of Representatives had the opportunity to inform themselves about the SOEP firsthand.

A successful event

The invitation was accepted by several members of German parliament, including **Andreas Storm** (CDU), parliamentary State Secretary in the Ministry for Education and Research. Also in attendance was the Chair of the Committee for Education, Research and Technology, **Ulla Burchardt** (SPD), as well as **Krista Sager** (Bündnis 90/The Greens), who is also the Deputy Chair of her parliamentary fraction.

The SOEP was also pleased to welcome the Chair of the Committee for Economics and Technology, **Edelgard Bulmahn** (SPD) and **Wolfgang Strengmann-Kuhn** (Bündnis 90/The Greens). The larger group of attendees asked numerous questions, engaged in lively discussions with members of the SOEP, and reported having obtained a wealth of useful information.

Research infrastructure for social, economic, and behavioral research

The SOEP survey group and doctoral students in the SOEP department underscored the vast potential of SOEP to the members of parliament by presenting their current research findings (a list of posters and links to the pdf files can be found further below in the section "People&Papers"). Their

presentations offered ample evidence of what an important piece of research infrastructure the SOEP study offers for social, economic, and behavioral research.

In some presentations, it was pointed out that the scientifically based survey concept and the long duration of the SOEP enable innovative research on individual life chances and risks, by providing data that are used by scientists both in Germany and abroad. The SOEP is among the pioneering studies in empirical social research worldwide and the research quality of the SOEP department has been evaluated as “excellent” by the German Research Council (Wissenschaftsrat), as Parliamentary State Secretary, **Andreas Storm** emphasized in his opening address.

Grip strength test

The SOEP team was able to demonstrate that new methods of data collection do not always have to be presented in abstract, theoretical terms by inviting parliamentary representatives to try a grip strength test. Changes in grip strength have been shown to be a reliable indicator of health.

In the year 2006, selected interviewers first introduced the grip strength test into the survey. In the meantime, complete data have been collected for 4,921 persons. The majority of survey respondents reported that the test was an interesting break from the long interview. Since initial analyses have shown that measuring grip strength offers highly promising possibilities for analysis in the long term, all SOEP respondents will be invited to “grab hold” from 2008 on. This will soon offer researchers the first objective health measure in SOEP, alongside the subjective assessments of personal health already covered in the survey.

Experience sampling — the cellphone as a research tool

Other presentations provided information on methodological tests that can help improve the collection of data in SOEP. **Michaela Riediger** from the Max Planck Institute for Human Development (MPIB), Berlin, reported on a project on “experience sampling” funded by the BMBF. This approach attempts to measure experiences, events, or behavior in the particular situation where they occur. That is, measurement takes place in the normal everyday surroundings or personal living environment.

In cooperation with the MPIB, SOEP is seeking procedures that can utilize experience sampling for the panel and survey research without major technical efforts. Successful tests show that cellphones are an ideal tool for collecting data in the particular situation of interest. Questionnaires can be displayed by cellphone and answered using Ja-

va script. Respondents can, for example, provide a value for their current emotional state with the press of a button. Since the cellphone has become a normal communication device for a large part of the population, it is highly unlikely that respondents will experience difficulties with this method.

One of the methodological advantages lies in the fact that collecting the data in the personal living environment maximizes the generalizability of the results. Furthermore, repetition of the survey at (very) short intervals is possible, such that short-term changes and intra-individual variances can be measured.

Special Lecture in the SOEP Department on the “Genetics of Personality”

On November 12, 2008, **Bernd Weber** from the Neuroeconomics Lab and adjunct professor at the University of Bonn (and Research Affiliate at DIW Berlin) presented a special lecture at SOEP on the subject of “Parsing the Genetics of Behavior.” In it, he showed how genes influence behavior and personality, and how different “transmitter systems” in the brain are integrated into cognitive systems.

In this context, Weber emphasized the great importance of representative samples for studies of gene-environment interactions based, for example, on personality characteristics.

The importance of gene-environment interactions for the social and economic sciences has also been discussed in depth by DIW Research Professor **Martin Diewald** (University of Bielefeld) in **DIW Research Note 27**. A broad overview of this subject is provided in the most recent issue of *Sociological Methods and Research* (SMR 37/2).

In **SOEPpaper 142**, “Improvements and Future Challenges in the Field of Genetically Sensitive Sample Designs,” **Frank M. Spinath** discusses possibilities for explaining gene-environment interactions through genetically sensitive sample designs. If studies were supplemented, for example, by a targeted twin survey (twins are surveyed in SOEP along with other relatives), it would become possible to produce convincing analyses on gene-environment interactions for all those life areas surveyed in SOEP with relatively minimal effort.

SOEP "Brown Bag" Seminar

The SOEP "Brown Bag" Seminar series offers SOEP researchers and other scholars from within and outside the DIW an opportunity to present their ongoing work to the SOEP staff and other members of the DIW Berlin. The seminars take place approximately every two weeks at the DIW Berlin and are organized by **Frauke Peter** (fpeter@diw.de). If you would like to present a paper, please contact her. If you are interested in finding out about recent presentations, please contact the presenters directly.

Presentations in the last three months have included:

Nicolas Ziebarth: "Do I really need to go to rehab? I'd say no, no, no." Estimating Price Elasticities of Convalescent Care Programs. October 22, 2008.

Priscila Ferreira: A tale of two risks? An integrated analysis of the determinants of promotions and firm separations in Portugal. November 12, 2008.

Special SOEP Brown Bag Seminar

Andrew Clark: Let Us Pray: Religious Interactions in Life Satisfaction. November 19, 2008.

Charlotte Cabane: Sporting practice and wages, the relationship between sporting practice and wages analysed with SOEP Data (1991-2007) in order to analyse the situation in Germany. November 26, 2008.

Henning Lohmann: Acceptance of teacher recommendations at the end of primary school and its impact on prospective educational attainment. December 17, 2008.

People & Papers

Germany's Most Prestigious Research Prize goes to SOEP User Armin Falk



Photo: Schöler & Friends

Armin Falk during the panel discussion at the SOEP 25 anniversary celebration on July 8, 2008 in Berlin

The most prestigious German research prize, the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize of DFG (German Research Foundation) for 2009 was recently conferred on SOEP User **Armin Falk** (University of Bonn) for his research, "which has set standards in the behavioral economic research and in the economic sciences as a whole."

Among the eleven Leibniz prizes awarded in 2009, only two go to researchers in the humanities and social sciences. The winners were named by the joint committee of the German Research Foundation (DFG). They had previously been selected by the nominations committee from among 141 candidates.

More information can be found at http://www.dfg.de/en/news/press_releases/2008/press_release_2008_67.html

Armin Falk's publication based on SOEP data can also be found in SOEPlit at:

http://panel.gsoep.de/cgi-bin/baseportal.pl?htx=/soeplit/soeplit&_fullsearch~~Falk+-susanne+-gade+-hornu%DF&f

SOEPpaper Authors Receive Honors

SOEPpaper authors **Richard Layard** and **Stephen J. Nickell** received the IZA Prize 2008. Together with **Guy Mayraz**, they authored the much-noted essay, "The marginal utility of income," which first appeared as SOEPpaper 50 and was later published in the Journal of Public Economics. The IZA Prize Committee evaluated Layard's and Nickell's life's work as "path-breaking work on the relationship

between labor market institutions and unemployment." Further information can be found at:

<http://www.iza.org/en/webcontent/news?item=216>

SOEP "Power User" Stefan Liebig at the University of Bielefeld

The group of SOEP Power Users in the Department of Sociology at the University of Bielefeld has been strengthened by the addition of **Stefan Liebig**. Liebig took over the Chair for Social Inequality and Social Structural Analysis in October, 2008 (stefan.liebig@uni-bielefeld.de).

Gert G. Wagner and Petra Stanat New Chairpersons of the RatSWD

SOEP Director **Gert G. Wagner** was elected Chair of the Council for Social and Economic Data (RatSWD) on November 28, 2008. Wagner holds the Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Economic Policy at the TU Berlin. In the 2008/2009 academic year, he taught as a Fellow at the Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies at the University of Erfurt.

The new Deputy Chairperson of the RatSWD is **Petra Stanat**, Professor of Empirical Educational Research at the Freie Universität Berlin. Wagner is the successor to **Heike Solga**, who held the chair of the RatSWD from November 30, 2007 to 2008. Wagner had previously served as Chair of the RatSWD from 2004 to 2007.

New RatSWD working papers relevant to SOEP Users are

Providing data on the European level

Peter Elias, 46/2008

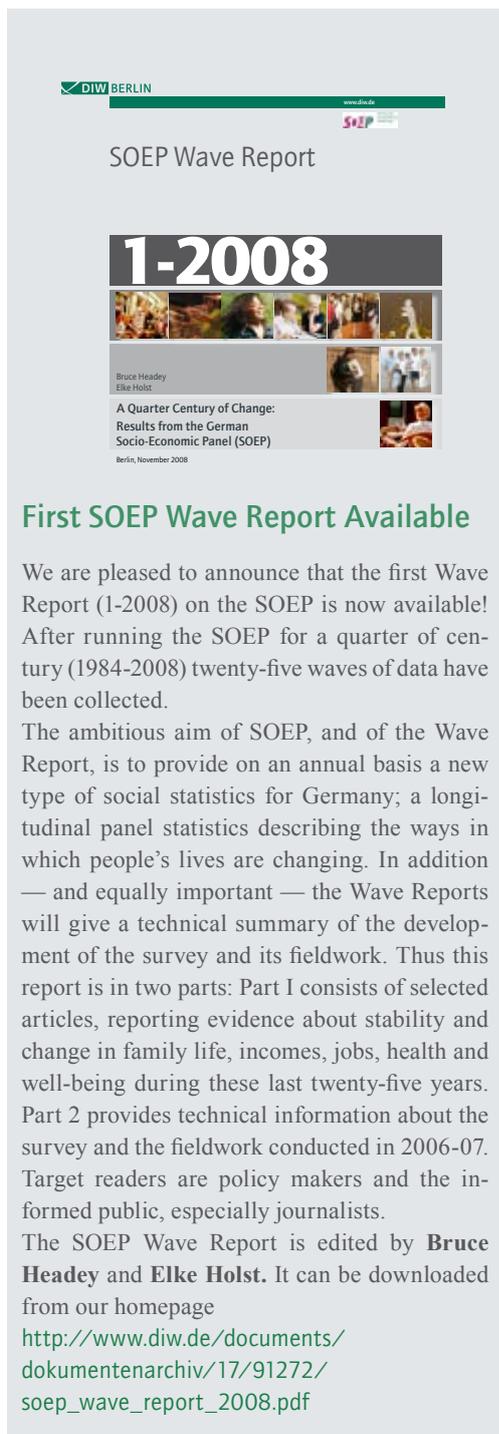
Improvements and Future Challenges in the Field of Genetically Sensitive Sample Designs

Frank M. Spinath, 45/2008

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Mark W. Bell, Edward Castronova, Gert G. Wagner, 42/2008



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SOEP Wave Report

1-2008

Bruce Headey
Elke Holst

A Quarter Century of Change:
Results from the German
Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)

Berlin, November 2008

First SOEP Wave Report Available

We are pleased to announce that the first Wave Report (1-2008) on the SOEP is now available! After running the SOEP for a quarter of century (1984-2008) twenty-five waves of data have been collected.

The ambitious aim of SOEP, and of the Wave Report, is to provide on an annual basis a new type of social statistics for Germany; a longitudinal panel statistics describing the ways in which people's lives are changing. In addition — and equally important — the Wave Reports will give a technical summary of the development of the survey and its fieldwork. Thus this report is in two parts: Part I consists of selected articles, reporting evidence about stability and change in family life, incomes, jobs, health and well-being during these last twenty-five years. Part 2 provides technical information about the survey and the fieldwork conducted in 2006-07. Target readers are policy makers and the informed public, especially journalists.

The SOEP Wave Report is edited by **Bruce Headey** and **Elke Holst**. It can be downloaded from our homepage

http://www.diw.de/documents/dokumentenarchiv/17/91272/soep_wave_report_2008.pdf

Comparative Study on Retirement Insurance Systems by Trudie Schils Marks the 5,000th Publication in SOEPlit

In November 2008, the 5,000th publication based on SOEP data was entered into our literature databank SOEPlit.

Written by **Trudie Schils** from the Netherlands, the comparative study examined the retirement insurance systems in Germany, the Netherlands, and Great Britain. Her study focused on the question

of the effects of the different retirement insurance systems on rates of early retirement. She comes to the conclusion that increasing levels of private insurance are accompanied by a decreasing rate of early retirement. This development does not affect all population groups equally, however. With the expansion of private retirement plans, the inequality of access to early retirement has increased: individuals who earn more apparently still retire earlier than those who earn less and are therefore able to save less. “This publication by Trudie Schils is a very good example of the importance of the SOEP as an integral element of the international research infrastructure,” commented **Joachim R. Frick**, who, as SOEP Data Operations Manager, is responsible for the integration of SOEP into internationally comparative databases.

“*Early Retirement in Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom: a longitudinal Analysis of Individual Factors and Institutional Regimes*“, Trudie Schils, *European Sociological Review*, Volume 24, Number 3, 2008, Page 315-329.

<http://esr.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/24/3/315>

Personnel News from the SOEP Department at DIW Berlin



Max Dehne stands next to the right (from the viewer's perspective) of Prof. Dr. Hans Joas (Director of the MWK and University of Chicago); in the last row second from left: Gert G. Wagner, who is a Fellow at the MWK in the academic year 2008/09.

Max Dehne, past visiting fellow in the SOEP department, was accepted into the Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies at the University of Erfurt (<http://www.uni-erfurt.de/maxwe/>).

Following the presentation of her paper with **Andrea Schäfer** and **Mechthild Schrooten**, “Gender, Migration, Remittances: Evidence from Germany“ (http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1151186) at the ASSA 2009 Annual Convention in San Francisco, California, **Elke Holst** will work at Stanford

University with **Myra Strober**, labor economist and Professor at the School of Education, on the theme of “Women in Management.”

Rainer Pischner, longstanding member of the SOEP Surveygroup, entered the “inactive phase” of early retirement on December 1, 2008.



Photo: Georg Erber

Rainer Pischner at SOEP.

He is thus no longer active in the SOEP department. Pischner's extensive experience as an economist began in 1968, when he took a job at DIW Berlin as a student assistant, taking a position as researcher in 1971. He is among the pioneers of Input-Output Analysis, the field in which he attained his Doctoral Degree. Rainer has been part of SOEP's surveygroup since the very beginning in 1983. His work dealt mainly with statistical issues. In the area of Statistical Modeling, he dealt most recently with cross-sectional weighting of SOEP, with spell data, software design, and data distribution. He has contributed to numerous publications ranging from Weekly Reports to papers, without taking center stage.

Rainer Pischner's work has been of great importance in making the SOEP data user-friendly. His many tasks have now been distributed among other staff members who are working hard to take his place.

We are very grateful to our colleague Rainer Pischner for all his contributions to the SOEP study over the years. It has been a great pleasure to work with him and we will miss his friendly, helpful manner. Without colleagues like Rainer, who are equally engaged in research and service, a study and research infrastructure like SOEP would not be possible. The SOEP group wishes him all the best for a healthy, happy and active new phase of life!

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:

<http://www.diw.de/english/news/32584.html>

Paper presentations in the next three months

Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer, and Mechthild Schrooten: Gender, Migration, Remittances: Evidence from Germany. ASSA 2009 Annual Convention, January 3–5, 2009, San Francisco, Cal./USA.

Siedler Thomas: Right-Wing Extremist Attitudes: Intergenerational Transmission and Socioeconomic Channels. ASSA 2009 Annual Convention, January 3–5, 2009, San Francisco, Cal./USA.

Nicolas Ziebarth: “Do I really need to go to rehab? I'd say no, no, no.” Estimating Price Elasticities of Convalescent Care Programs. Meeting of the Health Economists' Study Group (HESG), January 7-9, 2009, Manchester/United Kingdom.

Paper presentations in the last three months

Silke Anger and Michael Kvasnicka: Does smoking really harm your earnings so much? Biases in current estimates of the smoking wage penalty. (1) Seminar Presentation, University of Dundee, October 22, 2008, Dundee/Scotland. (2) Seminar Presentation, University of Aberdeen, October 23, 2008, Aberdeen/Scotland.

Mark Bell, Edward Castronova, and Gert G. Wagner: Virtual Assisted Self Interviewing (VASI): An Expansion of Survey Data Collection Methods to the Virtual Worlds by Means of VDCI. Conference “IR 9.0” Internet Research Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers, October 17, 2008, Copenhagen/Denmark.

Eva M. Berger: Part-time Employment, Non-Participation, and Life Satisfaction of Mothers in Germany. JESS Seminar at the University of Essex, November 5, 2008, Essex/UK.

Joachim R. Frick, Markus M. Grabka: Einkommens- und Vermögensungleichheit in Deutschland. 34th Congress of the German Society of Sociology “Uncertain Times,” Section on Medical and Health Sociology, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Joachim R. Frick, Olaf Groh-Samberg, and Markus M. Grabka: The distributional impact of non-cash income components in Germany. International Workshop on “Measuring discrimination, inequality and deprivation: Recent developments and applications”, CEPS/INSTEAD, October 24-25, 2008, Differdange/Luxembourg.

Olaf Groh-Samberg, Ingrid Tucci, Anne Juhasz and Carsten Keller: Formelle vs. informelle Strategien

der Integration: Hypothesen und erste Ergebnisse eines deutschen-französischen Vergleichsprojekts. [34th Congress of the German Society of Sociology "Uncertain Times,"](#) Section on Migration and Ethnic Minorities, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer und Mechthild Schrooten: Gender, Migration, Netzwerke: Überweisungen ins Heimatland. [34th Congress of the German Society of Sociology "Uncertain Times,"](#) Section on Women and Gender Research, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, October 6-10, 2008, Jena.

Elke Holst: Fachkräfte im Management. Volkswirtschaftliches Kolloquium. Helmut-Schmidt-Universität Hamburg, December 10, 2008, Hamburg/Germany.

Henning Lohmann: Working Poor in Europa: Armut trotz Erwerbstätigkeit. [34th Congress of the German Society of Sociology "Uncertain Times,"](#) Section on Social Inequalities and Social Structural Analysis, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Henning Lohmann: The Working Poor in Europe. Seminario del Dipartimento di Studi Sociali e Politici, Università degli Studi di Milano, December 10, 2008, Milan/Italy.

Michaela Riediger, Florian Schmiedek, Gert G. Wagner, and Ulman Lindenberger: Seeking Pleasure or Seeking Pain: Pro- and Contra-Hedonic Motivation From Adolescence to Old Age. 61st Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 21–25., 2008, National Harbor/USA.

Jürgen Schupp, Bernd Weber, Martin Reuter, Agnes Jänsch, Nico A. Siegel, Armin Falk, Thomas Dohmen, Uwe Sunde und Gert G. Wagner: Der sozialwissenschaftliche bundesweite Survey „Genetische Grundlagen von Alltagsentscheidungen“ – Stichprobenbildung, Durchführung der Befragung, Gewinnung von Genmaterial und Selektivität der Teilnahme. [34th Congress of the German Society of Sociology "Uncertain Times,"](#) Section on Medical and Health Sociology, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

C. Katharina Spieß: Außerfamiliale Kinderbetreuung: Eine ökonomische Perspektive. [Herbsttagung 2008](#) der Schweizer Akademie der Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften. November 20-21, 2008, Bern/Switzerland.

Ingrid Tucci: Prozesse sozialer Distanzierung in Zeiten ökonomischen und sozialen Wandels: Migranten nachkommen in Frankreich und Deutschland. [34th Congress of the German Society of Sociology](#)

["Uncertain Times,"](#) Plenum of the Sections Migration and Ethnic Minorities, Social Inequalities and Social Structural Analysis and Social Policy, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Ingrid Tucci und Olaf Groh-Samberg: Geprellte Generationen? Jugendliche mit Migrationshintergrund in Deutschland und Frankreich. [34th Congress of the German Society of Sociology „Uncertain Times“](#), Sektion Bildung und Erziehung, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

Tanja Zähle, Katja Möhring, Peter Krause: Erwerbssequenzen vor Renteneintritt. [34th Congress of the German Society of Sociology "Uncertain Times,"](#) Veranstaltung 'Gesundheit und Lebensqualität im Lebenslauf' der Sektionen Soziale Indikatoren, Altern sowie Medizin- und Gesundheitssoziologie, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, October 6-10, 2008, Jena/Germany.

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Christian Schmitt: Familie und Arbeit im internationalen Vergleich. Proseminar. Institute for Sociology and Demography, University of Rostock.

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C. Katharina Spieß: Evaluatorische Ansätze bei der Bewertung von Kindertageseinrichtungen. Seminar, Department for Psychological and Educational Sciences, FU Berlin.

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Past, current and upcoming guests (more than one month)	
Dominik Butler	Poznan University/Poland
Charlotte Cabane	University of Paris/France
Anna Fraesdorf	University of Bamberg
Renée Reichl	UCLA/USA
Carsten Sauer	University of Duisburg-Essen
Short visits (in the last three months and the near future)	
Sabrina Brack	Technical University Darmstadt
Priscila Ferreira	Institute for Economic Research (ISER)/UK
Andrea Hense	University of Duisburg-Essen
Stephen Machin	University College London/UK
Tobias Maier	University of Konstanz
Christiane Schwieren	University of Heidelberg
Interns (in the past three months and near future)	
Jan Drees	University of Duisburg-Essen
Christoph Feldhaus	University of Cologne
Jessica Jechorek	Berlin University of Technology

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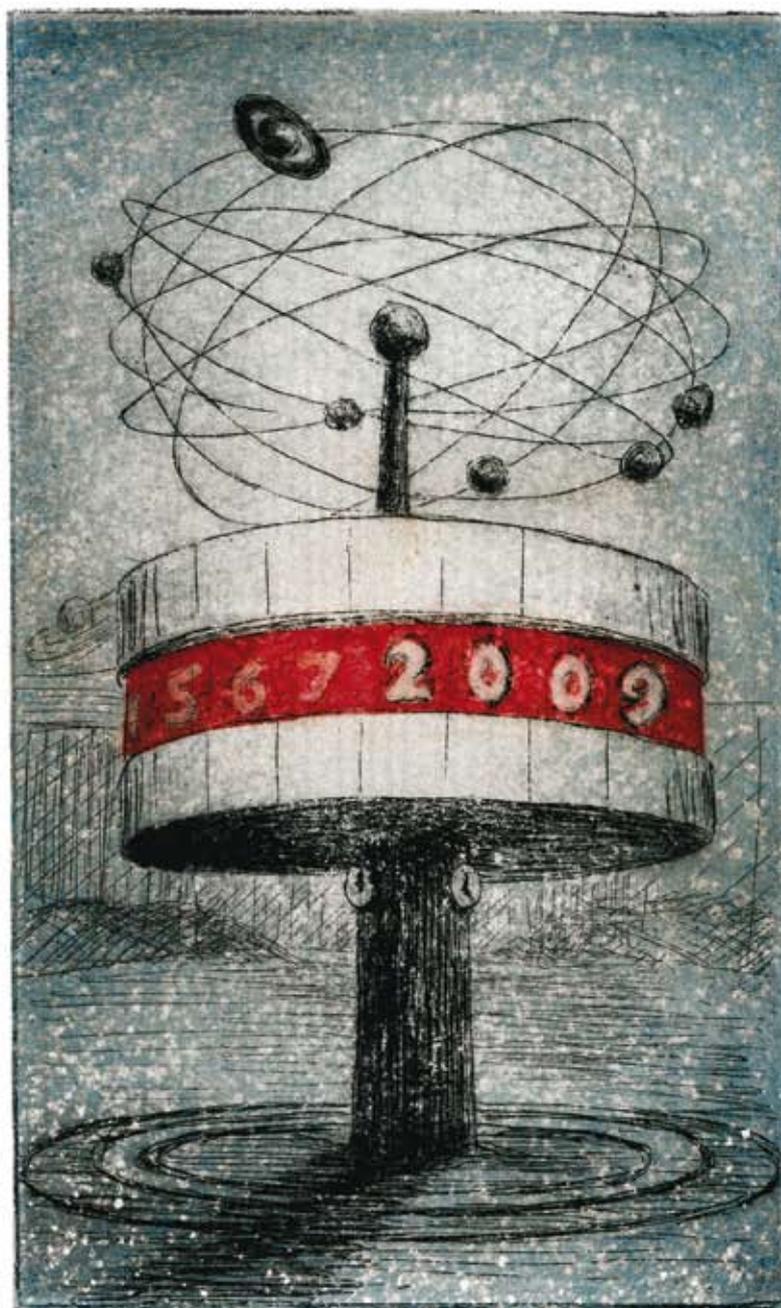
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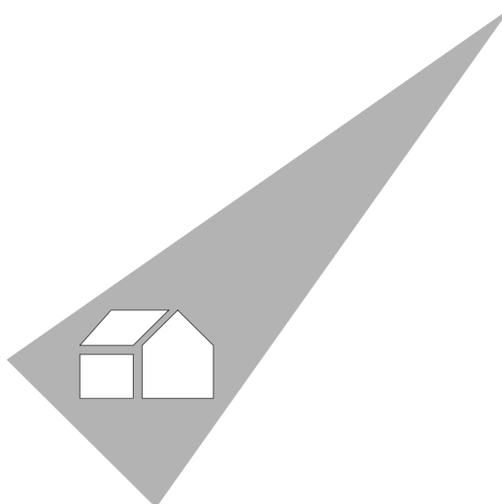
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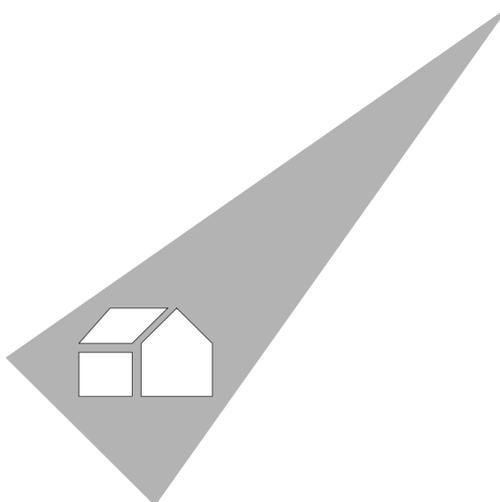
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By the end of the workshop, attendees will be fully trained to use the database independently. Workshop faculty includes the LIS directors, Janet Gornick and Markus Jäntti, the LIS staff (<http://www.lisproject.org/introduction/staff.htm>) and guest lecturers.

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Tuition of €1,400 covers instructional materials, single-occupancy accommodations, and full board. Transportation to and from Luxembourg is the responsibility of the student.

The workshop will be held from July 5 to July 11, 2009
(with arrival on July 5 and departure on July 12)

Applications can be downloaded (<http://www.lisproject.org/workshop/2009application.pdf>) from the LIS website. They should be completed and returned to Caroline de Tombeur, either by email (caroline@lisproject.org) or by fax (+352 26 00 30 30). The application deadline is **April 3, 2009**. Applications will be reviewed by April 30, 2009.

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Call for Papers und Ankündigung

***FDZ-RV-Daten zur Rehabilitation,
über Versicherte und Rentner***

Sechster Workshop des
Forschungsdatenzentrums der Rentenversicherung
FDZ-RV

1.07. bis 3.07.2009 in Bensheim

In den Mittelpunkt medialen wie gesellschaftspolitischen Interesses sind Fragen gerückt, wie:

- Passt der Zuschnitt von Rehabilitationsleistungen auf einzelne Zielgruppen? Gibt es Unterinanspruchnahme von medizinischen Rehabilitationsmaßnahmen und Leistungen zur Teilhabe am Arbeitsleben bei bestimmten Personenkreisen?
- Helfen Mindestlöhne als Mittel gegen Minirenten? Was bedeutet es, wenn nahezu eine Million „Riester-Sparer“ ihre Verträge kündigen, stornieren oder die Anbieter wechseln? Führen solche Entwicklungen zur Spreizung der Alterseinkünfte und nimmt dadurch das Risiko von Altersarmut zu? Welche Konsequenzen lassen sich daraus für die Ausgestaltung der Alterssicherung ziehen?

Grundsätzlich ist zu fragen, ob solche plakativen Behauptungen und darauf aufbauende Schlussfolgerungen einer empirischen Überprüfung überhaupt standhalten?

Antworten auf solche Fragen können nur auf Grundlage kontinuierlich durchgeführter empirischer Beobachtungen und systematischen Analysen gegeben werden. Hierfür bieten sich die Daten der gesetzlichen Rentenversicherung, die für wissenschaftliche Forschungsprojekte über das FDZ-RV bezogen werden können, besonders an.

Auf dem sechsten Workshop des FDZ-RV wird im ersten Teil eine kurze Einführung über das Datenangebot und die verschiedenen Zugangswege gegeben.

Im Hauptteil haben Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler die Möglichkeit ihre empirischen Befunde, die sie mit den Daten des FDZ-RV gewonnen haben, zu präsentieren und zu diskutieren.

Vortragsangebote erbitten wir in Form eines 1-seitigen Abstracts bis zum 2. Juni 2009 an Ralf K. Himmelreicher (ralf.himmelreicher@drv-bund.de).

Anmeldungen zur Teilnahme richten Sie bitte bis zum 15. Juni 2009 an ralf.himmelreicher@drv-bund.de

Call for Papers

6. Nutzerkonferenz "Forschung mit dem Mikrozensus" Analysen zur Sozialstruktur und zum sozialen Wandel

15.-16. Oktober 2009, GESIS, Mannheim

Die 6. Nutzerkonferenz widmet sich der Untersuchung der Sozialstruktur und des sozialen Wandels in Deutschland. Auf der Basis von Mikrozensusdaten gewonnene Forschungsergebnisse sollen vorgestellt und diskutiert werden. Darüber hinaus ist die Konferenz ein Forum für den Erfahrungsaustausch der Datennutzer/innen untereinander sowie mit den Vertreter/innen der amtlichen Statistik. Sie wendet sich an Wissenschaftler/innen, die mit den Scientific Use Files des Mikrozensus arbeiten oder zukünftig mit diesen Daten arbeiten wollen. Gegenwärtig wird mit den Scientific Use Files der Zeitraum 1973 bis 2006 abgedeckt. Zudem stehen für Analysen im individuellen Längsschnitt Paneldaten der Mikrozensus der Jahre 1996 bis 1999 sowie 2001 bis 2004 als Scientific Use Files zur Verfügung.

Es können Beiträge aus allen Arbeitsgebieten eingereicht werden, die sich unter Verwendung von Scientific Use Files des Mikrozensus mit Fragen der Sozialstruktur und des sozialen Wandels oder mit methodischen Aspekten bzw. der Datenqualität beschäftigen.

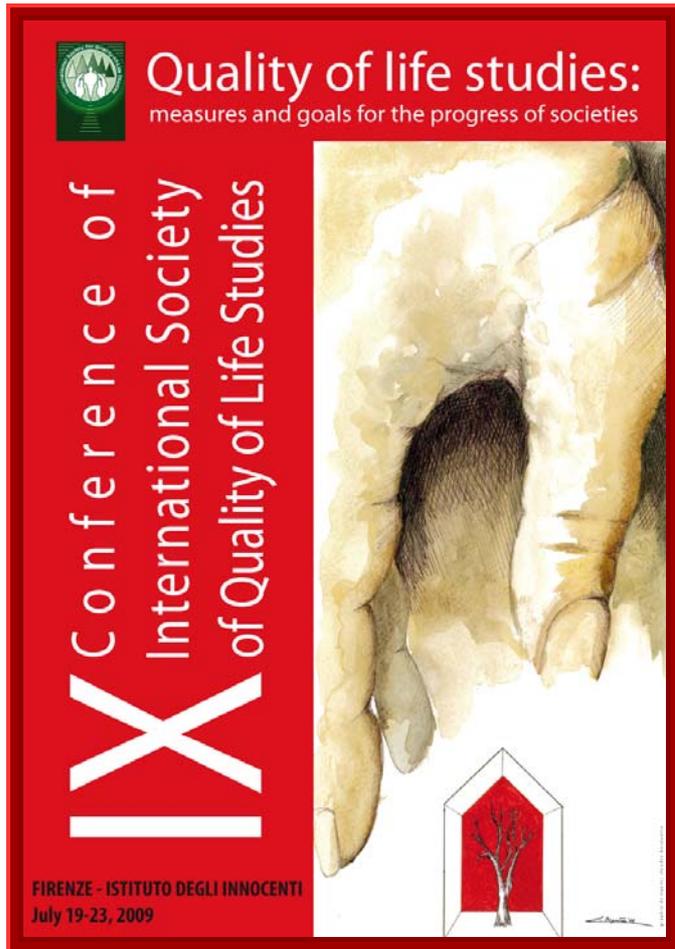
Interessent/innen werden gebeten, Abstracts der geplanten Beiträge bis spätestens 30. März 2009 einzureichen an: andrea.lengerer@gesis.org und julia.schroedter@gesis.org. Die Abstracts sollten maximal zwei Seiten umfassen sowie den Titel des Beitrags und Name, E-Mail und Institution der Autor/innen enthalten.

Durchgeführt und organisiert wird die Konferenz vom German Microdata Lab (GML) der GESIS und vom Statistischen Bundesamt, Gruppe VIIC – Mikrozensus. Ihre Ansprechpartnerinnen bei GESIS sind:

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At the
IX CONFERENCE OF THE *INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF QUALITY OF LIFE STUDIES*
(FLORENCE – ITALY, JULY 19-23, 2009),
Quality of Life Studies will be seen in terms of Measures and Goals for the Progress of Societies.

In this perspective, we would like that the following key questions could guide the discussion and find an answer at the conference:

- can we measure progress without identifying some goal or target toward which we are aiming?
- how can we measure progress in terms of community and environmental well-being, instead of economic growth?
- what models can be used to help integrate the ideas, aims, energy and work of technical and non-technical people in the pursuit of progress?
- what models can be used to help integrate the work of large and small local communities with provinces/states, regions and countries?
- how can the wealthiest countries and citizens be most helpful to less wealthy countries and citizens?

The IX ISQOLS Conference in Florence is considered one of the key-events in the ambit of the OECD Global Project "Measuring the Progress of Societies" in view of the III OECD World Forum that will be held in late 2009 in Korea. In the ambit of the Global Project, ISQOLS is "associate organization".

We look forward to welcoming you to IX ISQOLS Conference in Florence!

Conference Chairs

Filomena Maggino
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