

SOEPnewsletter

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Dear Colleagues:

The processing and distribution of the SOEP data is now taking place in a new organizational framework: that of the "SOEP Research Data Center" (SOEP RDC). This won't actually change much in practice: we remain in strict compliance with the German data protection legislation and continue to provide the non-exclusive data to the broadest possible research community, together with thorough documentation. But the new RDC framework provides increased visibility, especially to potential new users, and new possibilities to expand the SOEP group's service activities. More information can be found on page 4 and in the Comment by SOEP Director Gert Wagner on page 2.

The SOEP can serve as reference data for comparison with researchers' own data sets. The new SOEP RDC offers advice to researchers on how to design their own longitudinal studies. We report on two such projects page 7.

In cooperation with the Institute for Social Sciences of Humboldt University Berlin the SOEP department is seeking candidates for a "W3" professorship under an initial five-year contract for the teaching and research area "Social Research Methods, in particular Survey Methods and Survey Statistics," starting January 1, 2010. Please apply! Further information is available on page 9.

The winners of the 2009 SOEPprize have been announced! Please see page 9 for details.

The aim of empirical research is to use methodological processes to make important findings and to develop new approaches. The workshop for International Users of SOEP and CNEF data will take place at Cornell University in the USA from September 10–12, 2009 (see page 4). The 3rd International Research Workshop "Methods for Ph.D." (October 4–9, 2009) offers support to Ph.D. students to tackle the following steps of their research project: Choosing a topic and grounding an idea in theory, gathering and analyzing data as well as presenting results in scientific contexts. For more information, see page 6.

The SOEP team has just finished a phase of intensive evaluation. We thank the representatives of the German Council of Science and Humanities (Wissenschaftsrat) and the members of the DIW Advisory Board for their important and constructive input. To date no official evaluation results have been released.

With best regards,

Elke Holst | Editor

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SOEP Director
Gert G. Wagner

Last month, the SOEP established its Research Data Center (RDC, Forschungsdatenzentrum). It replaces the former “data center” on our homepage. The intention is twofold: first, we want to make SOEP service even more accessible and effective than it already is. Given that more and more Research Data Centers are being established throughout Germany, we believe that this label is useful. For example, the GESIS Institute, which is providing infrastructural services in the social sciences in Germany, recently established three Research Data Centers: one for the General Social Survey (ALLBUS), one for the international survey program (e.g., ISSP), and one for the German election studies under academic direction. This makes good sense because Research Data Centers help to focus the range of services provided by a survey. As a result, larger institutions establish different “tailored” RDCs.

Giving our SOEP service more focus is indeed the second aim of our “SOEP RDC”. Thus, we are not really providing completely new types of services, but under the umbrella of our Research Data Center, our services will be better structured and thus easier to use.

SOEP DVD

In fact, the RDC does not change anything about our standard dissemination of SOEP data: the scientific use file on DVD is sent to users who have signed a user contract by mail.

SOEP's Spatial Data

The dissemination of enriched data files that contain more detailed spatial information has not changed, either. Users who are interested in accessing this data can contact [SOEPmail](#) and will receive a special user contract, after guaranteeing adherence to special data protection measures. SOEPremote provides a service for those users who want to analyze spatial-data on an intermediate level (countries).

To analyze the highly detailed geo-coded data, users have to come to the RDC located at DIW Berlin.

SOEP-in-Residence

For the use of small-scale coded geodata, a research stay at the SOEP Research Data Center located at DIW Berlin is mandatory. But SOEP also offers research stays to address special research questions and topics. Furthermore, we provide the opportunity to conduct research during a stay in the SOEP Department at DIW Berlin. Direct discussion with SOEP staff members and our user-friendly environment provide fruitful input and support, enabling visiting scholars to work effectively on research projects and bring them to successful completion. A research visit to SOEP's fieldwork organization, TNS Infratest Sozialforschung, is also possible in principle.

We offer SOEP data users the possibility for

- Short-term research stays

- Long-term stays for doctoral or PhD students
- Long-term stays for post-docs, senior researchers, and professors
- Research stays in cooperation with the SOEP

Visiting Young Scholars Program

Under the umbrella of the RDC this is a new feature of SOEP's service: travel and accommodation costs for up to three months are provided to young scholars who want to pursue their research project at the SOEP Research Data Center. Per diems are not provided; longer self-financed stays are also possible. The precondition for acceptance in this program is that the analyses will be conducted using the SOEP data, either exclusively or in combination with other datasets, and that the results will be published as a SOEPpaper at the latest three months after the end of the stay. Applicants must be under the age of 35. In one year a maximum of five young scholars can take advantage of this new program.

Internships

SOEP offers students from all disciplines of the social sciences who have gathered some experience with the SOEP data during the course of their studies the possibility to complete an internship in the SOEP Department at DIW Berlin. Preconditions: as a rule, a completed bachelor's degree in the subject of economics, sociology, psychology or statistics is required, as is a confirmation of mentoring from a member of the SOEP staff. In your application, please state your thematic interests in SOEP as well as a subjective assessment of your experience with common statistical software packages (SPSS, Stata, SAS). As a rule, internships are unpaid, but for students who spend a longer period and compile a report or documentation at the end, a small “appreciation stipend” may be provided.

The SOEP RDC offers two further kinds of services:

SOEP as Reference Data

Household panels in general—and the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) in particular—can serve as reference data for researchers compiling datasets that do not represent the full universe of the population of interest (e.g., through clinical trials, intervention studies, laboratory or behavioral experiments, or cohort studies). A unique feature of the SOEP RDC is that we provide tailored advice to researchers who want to use SOEP as a reference data set or as a control sample for their own studies. This service includes advice to researchers on designing their own longitudinal studies.

SOEPcampus

SOEP wants to strengthen methodological training in the use of SOEP data—especially for young scholars in the disciplines of sociology, economics, and psychology. As an additional service, we provide introductions to the use of the SOEP data or dealing with particular issues of data use.

German Section

SOEP und Gender Studien

In der Wissenschaft haben Gender Studien in den letzten Jahrzehnten stark an Bedeutung gewonnen. Für eine empirische Fundierung theoretischer Ansätze zu dem Einfluss der sozialen Geschlechterrolle eignen sich die SOEP-Daten sehr gut. Wichtig sind die Ergebnisse auch in der Politikberatung. Eine Auswahl deutschsprachiger Studien der SOEP Gruppe aus dem Jahr 2009 möchten wir Ihnen hier beispielhaft vorstellen:



Im vom Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend (BMFSFJ) herausgegebene „**Führungskräfte-Monitor**“ belegen die SOEP Ergebnisse eindrücklich die für Frauen und Männer unterschiedlichen Auswirkungen der traditionellen Aufgabenteilung im Haushalt. Neben deskriptiven Informationen und multivariaten Untersuchungen werden hier auch erstmals mit Längsschnittanalysen Muster in den Führungskarrieren von Frauen und Männern in der Privatwirtschaft in Deutschland aufgezeigt: So kann von einem „männlichen, stabilen Normalführungsverlauf“ im Gegensatz zum „weiblichen, fragmentierten, prekären Führungsverlauf“ gesprochen werden. Ab einer Altersphase, in der gewöhnlich die Familienbildung erfolgt, bestehen für Frauen signifikant geringere Chancen des Einstiegs in eine Führungsposition als für Männer. Männer hingegen haben in dieser Zeit – mit geringerer weiblicher Konkurrenz – die höchsten Chancen, eine Führungsposition einzunehmen. Die Anwesenheit von Kindern im Haushalt schränkt zudem die Verweildauern in Führungspositionen für Frauen deutlich stärker ein als für Männer. Für Frauen trägt auch die berufliche Position des Partners zur Erklärung von Ein- und Ausstiegen in bzw. aus Führungspositionen bei:

Für den Einstieg in eine Führungsposition erweist sich die hohe berufliche Stellung des Partners als Nachteil. Sie stellt sich aber als Vorteil dar, wenn es um das Risiko des Ausstiegs aus einer Führungsposition geht.

Eine weitere kürzlich veröffentlichte **Studie** zeigt die Bedeutung der Berufswahl für die Karriere auf. Oft wählen Frauen Berufe, dies es ermöglichen, Familie und Erwerbsarbeit miteinander zu vereinbaren. Dies hat Konsequenzen: Berufszweige, die mehrheitlich von Frauen ausgeübt werden, bieten generell geringere Aufstiegsmöglichkeiten – und zwar für Frauen in stärkerem Maße als für Männer. Meist schaffen jene den Aufstieg, die bei der Familie zurückstecken.

Schließlich zeigt die gerade erschienene **Studie** zu Arbeitszeiten von Frauen und Männern in Deutschland, dass auch zwei Jahrzehnte nach der deutschen Vereinigung Frauen in Ostdeutschland eine sehr viel höhere Erwerbsorientierung aufweisen als in Westdeutschland. Offenbar spielt immer noch eine Rolle, dass in der DDR die (volle) Erwerbsbeteiligung von Frauen erwartet wurde. In Westdeutschland nehmen immer mehr Frauen eine Erwerbsarbeit auf – und sie wollen heutzutage deutlich länger erwerbstätig sein als noch in den ersten Jahren nach der Wende. Trotz großer bestehender Unterschiede hat insgesamt eine Annäherung des Erwerbsverhaltens sowohl unter den Frauen als auch unter den Männern stattgefunden, die auf Änderungen in beiden Teilen Deutschlands zurückgeht.

Ansprechpartnerin für Gender-Studien in der SOEP Gruppe: **Elke Holst** (eholst@diw.de).

Datenschutz in den Sozial-, Verhaltens- und Wirtschaftswissenschaften

RatSWD Working Paper 90

In diesem Working Paper werden praktische Datenschutzregeln dargestellt. Wir empfehlen diese Expertise von **Michael Häder** als Anregung für die (universitäre) Lehre und den praktischen Datenschutz im Forschungsprozess.

Der Text ist unter dem Link: „http://www.ratswd.de/download/RatSWD_WP_2009/RatSWD_WP_90.pdf“ zu finden. Häder geht nicht nur auf den Schutz vorhandener Daten (wie den SOEP-Daten) ein, er diskutiert auch Probleme bei der Erhebung von Daten. Diese Hinweise sind insbesondere auch für Forscherinnen und Forscher nützlich, die die SOEP-Daten als „Referenz-Daten“ für eigene Erhebungen nutzen.

Data & Service

SOEP Research Data Center

Recently we have begun compiling and distributing the longitudinal data from the SOEP study in the framework of a “Research Data Center” (see also the Comment on page 2 by SOEP Director **Gert G. Wagner**). The establishment of Research Data Centers in Germany is promoted by the Council for Social and Economic Data (RatSWD) in order to focus the national statistical and empirical infrastructure.

In distributing the SOEP data in the framework of a Research Data Center, we remain in strict compliance with the German data protection legislation. As always, the non-exclusive data are made available to the broadest possible research community along with thorough documentation. If you are interested in the “Criteria for the use of the SOEP data and for the service provided by the SOEP Survey Group,” please see http://www.diw.de/criteria_rdc_soep/99046.html. Users can order data directly from SOEP as before.

For more information, see:

<http://www.diw.de/SOEPfdz> (Deutsch)

<http://www.diw.de/SOEPrdc> (English)

SOEPlit Update

The SOEPlit databank has been updated:

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

We have added the following new options:

- The discussion papers and recent journal articles can now be selected by theme areas/labels (corresponding to the categories of the SOEPpapers); please click on the corresponding boxes. With this new tool, you can easily find literature, for example, on well-being (subjective_indicators) or the health system (health_transfer_systems).
- We have added the fields DOI (Digital Object Identifier), Keywords, Abstract, TypeOfAnalysis, ReferenceType, JournalType and Label (the aforementioned categories), so that now, the databank contains interesting information, especially on recent journal articles and discussion papers.
- Using the “free search” function, you can find papers by searching for co-authors. Since the field “author” only finds the first author listed, a complete list by author can

be found with “free search” and the search string “+First name□+Last name” (please pay attention to capitalization and the space (□) before the second +!).



Data News from Cornell

Workshop for Users of the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF), September 10–12, 2009 at Cornell University

The Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell University will hold a workshop to introduce researchers to the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF). Twenty-four waves of SOEP data are available to researchers interested in using this rich panel study. The CNEF currently includes data from six country's panel studies: the SOEP, the British Household Panel Study (BHPS), the Canadian Survey of Income and Labour Dynamics (SLID), the Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA), the Swiss Household Panel (SHP) and the United States Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID). Data from each of these studies have been extracted and manipulated to facilitate cross-national comparative research. The resulting subset of variables from each study constitutes the Cross-National Equivalent Files.

The purpose of the workshop is to introduce and familiarize new users with the file structure and potential of the German SOEP and CNEF data. Current users will also benefit from sessions with highly trained researchers who will explain more subtle issues involved in analyses that use the German SOEP sample of residents of the former East Germany.

Instructional Facilities:

The workshop will be run by **Gert G. Wagner, Joachim Frick, Markus Grabka** and **Jan Goebel** of the Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW) – Berlin (German Institute for Economic Research) (German SOEP and SOEP-CNEF), **Dean Lillard** of Cor-

nell University (PSID-CNEF), **Ursina Kuhm** of the Swiss Household Panel (SHP-CNEF), **Roger Wilkins** from the Household Labour and Income Dynamics in Australia (HILDA-CNEF), and representatives from Statistics Canada (SLID-CNEF) and the University of Essex (BHPS-CNEF).

Curriculum:

The workshop will consist of nine sessions covering the following topics:

1. Introduction to the GSOEP file structure
2. Merging household and person specific files
3. Sample issues
4. Clustered sampling, Sample attrition, Sample weights and Issues when comparing residents of East and West German states
5. Cross-sectional versus longitudinal research
6. Constructing calendar data from Spell files
7. Web-based user support
8. Introduction to the CNEF file structure
9. Linking CNEF files to their parent survey data
10. PSID, BHPS, German SOEP, HILDA and SHP
11. Procedures for accessing the SLID Equivalent file
12. The workshop will commence with a reception and keynote speech on the evening of September 10th. Sessions will be held throughout the day September 11th and on the morning of September 12th.

Costs:

The workshop fee is \$200, which includes all instructional materials, the welcoming receptions, and lunches on September 11th and 12th. The fee also includes the cost of a copy of the Public Use Version of the German SOEP and the CNEF data, subject to the approval of a written contract for their use by the DIW Berlin, the UKDA, the HILDA Data Archive, or the Swiss Foundation for Research in Social Science.

Hotel accommodations are available at a reduced rate of \$109 per night at the Ithaca Comfort Inn Motel. Please see details below.

Application Dates:

Applications for the workshop should be sent

no later than August 1, 2009. Applications for scholarships should be sent no later than July 15th, 2009. Applications will be considered in the order in which they arrive. The workshop will be limited to 20 people. See the conference website for the application. Please fill it out and return it to Cornell by mail, fax, or email at the address listed below:

Scholarships:

Funds provided by Cornell University and the DIW allow us to offer partial scholarships on a competitive basis to offset transportation, hotels, and registration fees.

Scholarship Application:

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must submit:

1. A letter stating why they are interested in coming to the workshop.
2. A brief description of the research they will pursue with the SOEP and/or CNEF data
3. A statement attesting that funds to cover the workshop costs are not available from their university or research institute.
4. Graduate students or research associates should include a supporting letter from their senior advisor with their application.

Further information:

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Conference information will also be available on the Department of Policy Analysis and Management web site. The URL is: http://www.human.cornell.edu/che/PAM/Research/Centers-Programs/German-Panel/gsoep_event_info.cfm

Events & Activities



Third Conference on Non-Cognitive Skills, October 22–24, 2009 at the DIW Berlin/Germany

For the third time, the research network “Non-Cognitive Skills: Acquisition and Economic Consequences,” which is funded by the Leibniz Association, is pleased to announce a conference on “Non-Cognitive Skills.” The network involves the cooperation among economic and psychological experts at leading European research institutions, the research group of **James Heckman** at the Economic Research Center, Chicago, and the Baden-Württemberg employers’ association Südwestmetall, including its educational institutions. At the conference, we plan to discuss theories and research methods from different disciplines in order to study non-cognitive skills (such as motivation, persistence, self-regulation) in the modern economy. The discussions will also shed some light on the priorities of educational policy.

Keynote Lectures:

Jens Asendorpf, Institute for Psychology; Humboldt University Berlin

Ernst Fehr, Institute for Empirical Research in Economics, University of Zurich

Scientific Committee:

Friedhelm Pfeiffer, Jürgen Schupp, C. Katharina Spiess

Scientific Organization:

Anja Achtziger, Joan Blanden, James J. Heckman, Manfred Laucht, Friedhelm Pfeiffer, Winfried Pohlmeier, C. Katharina Spiess

Local Organizers:

Jürgen Schupp, C. Katharina Spiess, Christine Kurka

A small number of persons not presenting a paper will be allowed to participate. If interested, please contact:

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More information after August 15, 2009 on our conference homepage:
<http://conference.gsoep.de/cnscs2009>



Third International Research Workshop “Methods for Ph.D.” near Flensburg, October 4–9, 2009

The aim of empirical research is to use methodological processes to make important findings and new development approaches. Besides choosing a topic and grounding an idea in theory, empirical research consists of gathering and analyzing data as well as presenting results in scientific contexts in order to contribute new insights to the body of acquired knowledge—not only one’s own knowledge, but also that of others.

Our workshop helps you tackle these steps of your research project:

- gathering data via (un)structured interviews and analyzing standardized survey data
- using the computer for qualitative data analysis and as a tool for statistics
- writing a report and giving presentations

These steps will strengthen the cooperation on empirical research to boost and streamline your project.

The regular workshop fee is 370 euros (including meals and accommodation at Sankelmark) and 230 euros without accommodation at Sankelmark (only meals are included).

It is possible to get a certificate with credit points (under the European Credit Transfer System). The following courses will be offered:

Quantitative Methods:

- Analyzing Panel Data (Prof. Torben Dall Schmidt and Prof. Peter Sandholt Jensen)

- Structural Equation Modeling with Amos (Prof. Volker Müller-Benedict and Katja Galen-Spanier)
- Data Analysis with Stata – Beginners (Tobias Gramlich)
- Data Analysis with Stata – Advanced (Andrea Schäfer)
- Data Analysis with R (Dr. Detlef Steuer)
- Handling Missing Data (Prof. Martin Spieß)
- Introduction to the SOEP (PD Dr. Elke Holst and Andrea Schäfer)
- Network Analysis (Dr. Mark Trappmann and Jun.-Prof. Anja Iseke)

Qualitative Methods:

- Introduction to Qualitative Interview Methods (Dr. Ralph Kattenbach)
- Qualitative Inquiry and Content Analysis with MAXQDA (Heiko Grunenberg)
- Case Studies (Prof. Nicole Torka, tbc.)

Academic Research Methods:

- Writing a Research Proposal (Dr. Ulrike Pospiech and Marion Hartung)

PLEASE notice that each course has a limited number of participants. For further information, especially on lecturers, the program, organizers, and registration, visit our website at: <http://ipa.hsu-hh.de/irws/>

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: irws@hsu-hh.de

Workshop on "Data on children from birth to early teens" at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor/USA, August 5–6, 2009

On August 5 and 6, 2009, the workshop "Data on children from birth to early teens" will take place at the Panel Study of Income Dynamics Survey Research Center—Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor/USA. The event will be carried out jointly by the PSID, SOEP, and U Soc teams. The objective is to discuss papers based on these various datasets on children, and to address specific questions of data collection and methodology. The contact at SOEP is **C. Katharina Spiess** (kspiess@diw.de).

SOEP as a Control Sample

BASE II underway

The Berlin Aging Study II (BASE II) is an extension and expansion of the [Berlin Aging Study](#) (BASE). This new study with about 2,200 participants of different ages aims to complement the analysis of cognitive development across the lifespan by including socio-economic and biological factors such as living conditions, health, and genetic preconditions.

Participants are surveyed in a similar way to the SOEP respondents. Charité hospital's Geriatrics Research Group at the Evangelisches Geriatriezentrum Berlin carries out the medical sessions. Data on the following domains are collected: objective health (e.g., cardiovascular system, musculoskeletal system, immune system), functional capacity (e.g., physical capacity, vision, hearing, balance), subjective health, and well-being. Genetic analyses carried out in collaboration with the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics provide information about the effects of genetic differences on physical and mental development processes.

The survey carried out analogously to SOEP started in May 2009. The first 1,000 persons have already been surveyed successfully. In order to make the medical survey as comparable as possible with the SOEP data, SOEP questions on health and life satisfaction are posed both before and after the medical exams. As a special medical test, grip strength is tested using the same instruments used by SOEP in 2006 and 2008—the same instruments that will be used for the third time in 2010 for longitudinal measurement in SOEP.

Brain Gene Behavior Project (BBGBP)

The Bonn Brain Gene Behavior Project (BBGBP) is a large-scale study based in the [Institute of Differential Psychology and Personality Research at the University of Bonn](#) that studies the molecular genetic foundations of inter-individual differences in relation to personality traits (such as anxiety or cooperativeness), cognitive functions, and everyday behavior.

At present the databank of the Bonn Brain Gene Behavior Project (BBGBP) contains data on 600 participants, and the project is set up for the long-term. As the sample size grows, the results will provide the basis for even more meaningful results.

The majority of the sample (a so-called "convenient sample") consists of students and their friends and parents. Currently, these participants are being informed that they can fill out a short SOEP questionnaire on the Internet. The data provided will be comparable with the SOEP data. This allows for a better estimation of the selectivity of the Bonn sample. At the same time, this provides additional

information on the everyday behavior of the participants.

SOEP "Brown Bag" Seminar

The SOEP "Brown Bag" Seminar offers SOEP researchers and other scholars from within and outside the DIW Berlin an opportunity to present their ongoing work, mainly to the SOEP staff and other researchers within the DIW Berlin. The seminars take place approximately every two weeks at the DIW Berlin. Special Brown Bag Seminars are possible and welcome. If you would like to present a paper, please contact the organizer, **Frauke Peter** (fpeter@diw.de).

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

Shahanah Schmid (Centre for the Study of Bioscience/London School of Economics): Beyond the dichotomy: Introducing a new measure for gender, June 12, 2009.

Jennifer Hunt (McGill University Montreal): Which Immigrants Are Most Innovative and Entrepreneurial? Distinctions by Entry Visa, June 17, 2009.

Michael Naef (Royal Holloway University of London): Trust and Trustworthiness, June 19, 2009.

Peter Krause, Katja Möhring, Ingo Sieber and Arno Simons (SOEP/DIW): SOEPlong, June 24, 2009.

Presentations in the last three months have included:

Tanja Jungmann (Universität Hannover): ProKind Studie und ihre Verknüpfung mit dem SOEP, April 3, 2009.

Dominik Buttler (SOEP Guest/University of Poznan): The Labour Market Return to Volunteering. The Case of Germany and Great Britain, April 8, 2009.

Matthias Schonlau (RAND): Propensity Matching – Verfahren zur Reduzierung der Selektivität der Teilnahme an Web-Umfragen, May 5, 2009.

Dieter Wolke (University of Warwick): Understanding Society: the UK Household Longitudinal Study and Biomarkers, May 6, 2009.

Bernd Fitzenberger (Universität Freiburg): Can a task-based approach explain the recent changes in the German wage structure, May 7, 2009.

Denise Sassenroth (Universität Oldenburg): Welchen Einfluss hat die Persönlichkeit auf die Qualität von Umfragedaten? May 13, 2009.

Francesca Zantomio (University of Essex/ISER): The route to take-up: raising incentives or lowering barriers? May 27, 2009.

Thomas Leopold (Universität Bamberg): Intergenerational Transfers, Life Course Events, and Social Inequality. A Longitudinal Comparison on Gifts and Bequests in Germany, June 10, 2009.

People & Papers

SOEP Job Advertisement: Professor in "Social Research Methods, in Particular Survey Methods and Survey Statistics"

The Institute for Social Sciences of Humboldt University Berlin, in cooperation with the SOEP longitudinal study at DIW Berlin, is seeking candidates for a W3 professorship (with reduced teaching load) under an initial five-year contract for the teaching and research area "Social Research Methods, in particular Survey Methods and Survey Statistics," starting October 1, 2009.

Candidates should have teaching experience, particularly in graduate-level social sciences courses, and outstanding research output in the area of survey methodology, particularly in the fields of weighting and imputation, total survey error (selectivity of dropout processes or incomplete values, probabilistic selection models), design effects, mode effects, and survey-related effects (response sets). Among the challenges facing the successful applicant will be the integration of survey methodological problems into applications in the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) study. The position holder will be responsible for weighting the SOEP data and the imputations in the SOEP data.

Along with independent research in the fields mentioned, which should be carried out mainly with the SOEP longitudinal study, applicants are expected to be willing to take an active role in the training of international doctoral students (advising doctoral theses, contributing to the methodological curriculum and research profile) of the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) and the European Ph. D. in Socio-Economic and Statistical Studies (Sess.EuroPhD) as well as the DIW Berlin Graduate Centre of Economic and Social Research (GCESR).

Humboldt University is working to promote gender equality by increasing the percentage of women among the scientific personnel. Qualified female scholars are urged to apply. We welcome applications from abroad.

Applications including the usual documents should be submitted until August 14, 2008 to the Chairman of the Faculty for Philosophy III, **Prof. Dr. Bernd Wegener**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Unter den Linden 6, 10099 Berlin/Germany.

Winners of the SOEPprize 2009

The SOEPprize is awarded bi-annually in the year between the international SOEP user conferences. 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. The SOEPprize is funded by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF).

We are proud to present the 2009 prize winners. They are impressive evidence of the high level of scholarly research that can be achieved using SOEP data.

Best scientific publication

First prizes

- **Nicola Fuchs-Schündeln** (Harvard University): The Response of Household Saving to the Large Shock of German Unification. In: *American Economic Review*, 98 (5), 2008, 1798–1828. Prize: €1,000.
- **Richard Layard, Guy Mayraz, and Stephen J. Nickell** (London School of Economics): The Marginal Utility of Income. In: *Journal of Public Economics*, 92 (8-9), 2007, 1846–1857. Prize: €1,000.

Second prizes

- **Beatrice Rammstedt** (GESIS, Mannheim, Germany): Who worries and who is happy? Explaining individual differences in worries and satisfaction by personality. In: *Personality and Individual Differences*, 43 (6), 2007, 1627–1634. Prize: €500.
- **Katrin Rehdanz** (University of Kiel, Germany), and **David Maddison** (University of Birmingham, UK): Local Environmental Quality and Life-Satisfaction in Germany. In: *Ecological Economics*, 64 (4), 2008, 787–797. Prize: €500.

Best junior publication

First prizes

- Prize money: €500 each
- **Teresa Casey** (University College of London) (with **Christian Dustmann**): Intergenerational Transmission of Language Capital and Economic Outcomes. In: *Journal of Human Resources* 43(3), 2008, 660–687.
- **Daniel Oesch** (University of Geneva, Switzerland): The changing shape of class-voting. An individual-level analysis of party support in Britain, Germany and Switzerland. In: *European Societies*, 10(3), 2008, 329–355.

- Christoph Wunder (University of Bamberg, Germany) with Johannes Schwarze, Gerhard Krug and Bodo Herzog): Welfare effects of the euro cash changeover. In: European Journal of Political Economy, 24(3), 2008, 571–586.

Best article by journalists

- Philipp Krohn: Die Mittelschicht schrumpft. In: Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, July 26, 2008. Prize: €500.

Personnel News from the SOEP Department at DIW Berlin

Olaf Groh-Samberg received an offer for a Junior-Professorship at the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS).

After the IAFFE 2009 conference end of June 2009, Elke Holst will visit the Department of Economics at the University of Massachusetts in Boston/USA. She will be dealing there with questions of the role of women in management positions.

C. Katharina Spiess will be spending July and August 2009 at the Center for Research on Families at the University of Washington, Seattle/USA in the framework of a DFG guest research grant. She will be studying questions of early childhood care and indicators of child development.

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

Silke Anger: The Cyclicalities of Effective Wages within Employer-Employee Matches in a rigid labor market". 24th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA 2009), August 23–27, 2009, Barcelona/Spain.

Silke Anger and Guido Heineck: Do Smart Parents Raise Smart Children? The Intergenerational Transmission of Cognitive Abilities. (1) Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association (Jahrestagung des Verein für Socialpolitik), Vfs2009, September 8–11, 2009, Magdeburg/Germany. (2) Annual

Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists (EALE 2009), September 10–12, 2009, Tallinn/Estonia.

Eva M. Berger: Maternal Employment and Happiness: The Effect of Non-Participation and Part-Time Employment on Mothers' Life Satisfaction. (1) Work Pensions and Labour Economics (WPEG) Conference 2009, July 13–15, Nottingham/UK (2) IX ISQOLS Conference (International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies), July 19–23, 2009, Florence/Italy. (3) 24th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA 2009), August 23–27, 2009, Barcelona/Spain. (4) Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists (EALE 2009), September 10–12, 2009, Tallinn/Estonia.

Anne Busch and Elke Holst: Glass Ceiling Effect and Wages—The Gender Pay Gap in Management Positions in Germany. 9th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA 2009), September 2–5, 2009, Lisbon/Portugal.

Simon Fietze, Elke Holst and Verena Tobsch: Personality, Gender and Career in Management. 9th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA 2009), September 2–5, 2009, Lisbon/Portugal.

Joachim R Frick, Markus M. Grabka, and Olaf Groh-Samberg: The Impact of Home Production on Economic Inequality in Germany. 31st Conference of the International Association for Time Use Research (IATUR 2009), September 23–25, 2009, Lüneburg/Germany.

Joachim R Frick and Markus M. Grabka: Accounting for imputed and capital income flows in inequality analyses. (1) 24th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA 2009), August 23–27, 2009, Barcelona/Spain. (2) Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association (Jahrestagung des Verein für Socialpolitik), Vfs2009, September 8–11, 2009, Magdeburg/Germany.

Olaf Groh-Samberg and Joachim R. Frick: Non-Take-Up of Social Assistance in Germany. A Longitudinal Perspective. Annual Meeting of the German Economic Association (Jahrestagung des Verein für Socialpolitik), Vfs2009, September 8–11, 2009, Magdeburg/Germany.

Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer and Mechthild Schrooten: Gender, Migration, Remittances: Evidence from Germany. 9th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA 2009), RN33 Women's and Gender Studies, September 2–5, 2009, Lisbon/Portugal.

Elke Holst and Carsten Sauer: Indirect Measurement of Fair Wages and the Persistence of the Gender Pay Gap. 9th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA 2009), September 2–5, 2009, Lisbon/Portugal.

Peter Krause: Impact of financial poverty on subjective well-being. Track on "QOL of the Poor". 9th International Conference of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS), "Quality of Life Studies: Measures and Goals for the Progress of Societies", July 19–23, 2009, Florence/Italy.

Martin Kroh: The Origins of Political Inequality: Economic and Political Life-Courses of Siblings. (1) 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA 2009), September 3–6, Toronto/Canada. (2) 5th ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) General Conference, September 10–12, Potsdam/Germany.

Martin Kroh and Hannes Neiss: Why are Internet Users Politically More Mobilized? In Search of a Causal Effect. 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA 2009), September 3–6, Toronto/Canada.

Martin Kroh: The Origins of Political Inequality: Economic and Political Life-Courses of Siblings. 5th ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) General Conference, September 10–12, Potsdam/Germany.

Henning Lohmann and Olaf Groh-Samberg: Why to choose a non-recommended school track? Determinants and consequences of the non-acceptance of teachers' recommendations in Germany. ISA, RC28 Summer Meeting, August 3–6, New Haven, Connecticut/USA..

Michaela Riediger, Ulman Lindenberger, Florian Schmiedek, and Gert G. Wagner: Mobile Phones as Assessment Instruments: Experience Sampling Is Feasible in Survey Research, New Approaches and Results in Time Use Research. 31st Conference of the International Association for Time Use Research (IATUR 2009), September 23–25, 2009, Lüneburg/Germany.

Christian Schmitt: Occupational Performance, Uncertainty, and the Transition to First Birth in Germany and the United Kingdom. Workshop on Economic Uncertainty and Family Dynamics, MPI for Demographic Research/French National Institute for Demographic Studies/Stockholm University, July 3–4, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

Christian Schmitt and Heike Trappe: The Impact of Occupational Mobility on Family Formation in Germany and the UK. ISA, RC28 Summer Meeting, August 3–6, 2009, New Haven, Connecticut/USA.

Christian Schmitt: Labour market integration and the transition to parenthood—a comparison of Germany and the UK. XXVI IUSSP International Population Conference, September 27–October 2, 2009, Marrakesh/Morocco.

C. Katharina Spiess and Katja Coneus: The Intergenerational Transmission of Health in Early Childhood. 7th World Congress on Health Economics (iHEA Congress 2009), July 12–15, 2009, Beijing/China.

Ingrid Tucci: Die Rolle des nationalen Kontextes bei der Identitätsbildung junger Menschen mit Migrationshintergrund. Tagung „Integration und Chancengleichheit fördern. Ein deutsch-französisches Netzwerk zum Austausch beispielhafter Initiativen auf regionaler und lokaler Ebene“, Stiftung Genshagen und Deutsch-Französisches Jugendwerk, July 2–5, 2009, Paris/France.

Ingrid Tucci, Carsten Keller and Olaf Groh-Samberg: Migranten in Paris und Berlin: Sukzession, Aneignung und Partizipation in innerstädtischen Quartieren. 1. Regionalkonferenz der DGS (Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie) an den Ruhrgebietsuniversitäten, Panel 9 „Metropolen als Migrations- und Inkorporationsräume in vergleichender Perspektive“, September 28–30, 2009, Bochum/Germany.

Gert Wagner, Bernd Weber, Jürgen Schupp, Martin Reuter, Christian Montag, Nico Siegel, Thomas Dohmen, Uwe Sunde, David Huffmann, and Armin Falk: Realisierungsmöglichkeiten von Biosocial-Surveys in Deutschland. 21. Jahrestagung des Ausschusses für Gesundheitsökonomie des Vfs, October 8–10, 2009, Bielefeld/Germany.

Nicolas Ziebarth: "Do I really need to go to rehab? I'd say no, no, no." Estimating Price Elasticities of Convalescent Care Programs. (1) 24th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA 2009), August 23–27, 2009, Barcelona/Spain (2) Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists (EALE 2009), September 10–12, 2009, Tallinn/Estonia.

Nicolas Ziebarth and Martin Karlsson: A Natural Experiment on Sick Pay Cuts, Sickness Absence, and Labor Costs. (1) 15th International Conference on Panel Data (Panel Data 2009), July 3–5, 2009, Bonn/Germany (2) 64th European Meeting of the Econometric Society (ESEM 2009), August 23–27, 2009, Barcelona/Spain.

Paper presentations in the last three months

Silke Anger and Katie Lupo: Returns to Human Capital in Germany Post-Unification. Annual Conference of the Society of the German Economic Research Institutes, April 23, Berlin/Germany.

Silke Anger and Michael Kvasnicka: Stop Smoking, Your Paycheck Will Thank You – Wage Effects from Smoking Cessation. (1) [Annual Conference of the Scottish Economic Society](#), April 27–29, Perth/Scotland. (2) [XIII Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics \(ESPE\)](#), June 10–13, 2009, Seville/Spain.

Silke Anger: The Cyclicalities of Effective Wages within Employer-Employee Matches in a Rigid Labor Market. [14th Annual Conference of the Society of Labor Economists \(SOLE\)](#), May 8–9, 2009, Boston, Massachusetts/USA.

Mark Bell, Edward Castronova, and Gert G. Wagner: Comparing real & virtual quality of life data using a virtual assisted self-interview method. [59th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association \(ICA 2009\)](#), May 21–25, 2009, Chicago, Illinois/USA.

Eva Berger: Maternal Employment and Happiness: The Effect of Non-Participation and Part-Time Employment on Mothers' Life Satisfaction. [XIV. Spring Meeting of Young Economists \(SMYE 2009\)](#), April 23–25, 2009, Istanbul/Turkey.

Simon Fietze, Elke Holst, and Verena Tobsch: Personality, Gender and Career in Management. [2009 IAFFE Annual Conference](#), June 26–28, Boston, Massachusetts/USA.

Joachim R. Frick, Markus M. Grabka, and Olaf Groh-Samberg: Dealing with incomplete household panel data in microsimulation models. [2nd General Conference of the International Microsimulation Association \(IMA\)](#), June 8–10, 2009, Ottawa/Canada.

Joachim R. Frick, Markus M. Grabka, and Olaf Groh-Samberg: Imputation of annual income in panel surveys with partially non-responding households. [Third Conference of the European Survey Research Association \(ESRA 2009\)](#), June 29–July 3, 2009, Warsaw/Poland.

Joachim R. Frick: Household Panel Surveys—Challenges for Social Science Research. [5th International Conference of Panel Data Users in Switzerland](#), June 4–5, 2009, Lausanne/Switzerland.

Markus M. Grabka and Joachim R. Frick: Ökonomische Ungleichheit und Mobilität in Deutschland: Fakten und Trends. Meeting des [Hayek-Kreises–Gesellschaft für Politikberatung e.V.](#) „Einstiegs- und Aufstiegschancen? Zur sozialen (Im-)Mobilität in Deutschland“, May 4, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

Olaf Groh-Samberg: Abstiegs- und Aufstiegsrisiken und Statusverunsicherungen: was "bewegt" die Mittelschichten? Meeting "Dynamiken (in) der gesellschaftlichen Mitte" der Sektion Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse der DGS, TU Dortmund, June 19–20, 2009, Dortmund/Germany.

Olaf Groh-Samberg and Joachim R. Frick: Simulating Eligibility for and Estimating Non-Take-Up of Social Benefits—A Longitudinal Perspective. [2nd General Conference of the International Microsimulation Association \(IMA\)](#), June 8–10, 2009, Ottawa/Canada.

Helena Holmlund, Helmut Rainer, and Thomas Siedler: Family Structure and Geographic Mobility. [XIII Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics \(ESPE\)](#), June 10–13, 2009, Seville/Spain.

Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer, and Mechthild Schrooten: Bringing Home the Money: New Evidence on Remittances from Germany. Conference "Defining the State-of-the-Art on Remittances and Return", Sussex Centre for Migration Research and Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, May 14–15, 2009, Maastricht/Netherlands.

Elke Holst, Andrea Schäfer, and Mechthild Schrooten: Networks, Gender and Remittances: Evidence from Germany. [2009 IAFFE Annual Conference](#), June 26–28, Boston, Massachusetts/USA.

Peter Krause in Zusammenarbeit mit Katja Möhring und Tanja Zähle: Wohlstandsdisparitäten bei Älteren in Ost- und Westdeutschland. 77. Sitzung des Fachausschusses „Alter und Pflege“ im Deutschen Verein für öffentliche und private Fürsorge (dv), May 12, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

Guy Mayraz, Jürgen Schupp and Gert G. Wagner: Life Satisfaction and Relative Income—Perceptions and Evidence. [CEP \(Centre for Economic Performance\) Annual Conference](#), May 18–19, 2009 Brighton/UK.

Michael Naef and Jürgen Schupp: Measuring Trust—Experiments and Surveys in Contrast and Combination. [Conference of the European Survey Research Association \(ESRA\)](#), June 29–July 6, 2009, Warsaw, Poland.

Christian Schmitt: From Cradle to High Age—Biographical Perspectives of the German Socio-Economic Panel Study. Meeting on biographical perspectives in register data, May 5–7, 2009, Seville/Spain.

Christian Schmitt: Fertility Histories in Survey Data: A View on Methodological Issues. Workshop Statistics, May 7, 2009, Seville/Spain.

Jürgen Schupp: Biomarker in den Sozialwissenschaften—Genetische Grundlagen ungleicher Alltagsentscheidungen—Erste Befunde auf Basis des SOEP. Institut für Soziologie, Universität Bielefeld, Kolloquium, May 11, 2009, Bielefeld/Germany.

Jürgen Schupp: Genetische Grundlagen von Alltagsentscheidungen—Zur Verknüpfung von Surveyforschung mit Biomarkern. Zentrum für Altern und Gesellschaft (ZAG), May 20, 2009, Vechta/Germany.

Jürgen Schupp: Droht in Ostdeutschland Altersarmut? Koreferat bei 72. wissenschaftlicher Tagung der ARGE-Institute, April 23, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

Jürgen Schupp: Sozialstatistik und SOEP: Verknüpfungsmöglichkeiten für ein nachhaltiges Informationssystem Zivilgesellschaft. Symposium Informationssystem Zivilgesellschaft, June 15, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

C. Katharina Spiess and Katharina Wrohlich: Does Distance Determine Who Attends a University in Germany. Annual Meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG 2009), May 22–23, 2009, Linz/Austria.

Nicolas R. Ziebarth and Martin Karlsson: A Natural Experiment on Sick Pay Cuts, Sickness Absence, and Labor Costs. XIII Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), June, 10–13, 2009, Seville/Spain.

Nicolas R. Ziebarth: “Do I really need to go to rehab? I’d say no, no, no.” Estimating Price Elasticities of Convalescent Care Programs. 2009 Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society, University of Surrey, April 20–22, 2009, Guildford/UK.

Nicolas Ziebarth: Measurement of Health, the Sensitivity of the Concentration Index, and Reporting Heterogeneity. Leibniz Seminar on Labour Research (BeNA) Seminar, June 3, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

Invited lectures and policy forums, March – September 2009

Hermann Barth, Ulrich Duchrow, Rüdiger Schaarschmidt, Karin Wind and Gert G. Wagner: Podiumsdiskussion “Stört die Bibel kirchliche Verlautbarungen?”, 32. Deutscher Evangelischen Kirchentag, May 21, Bremen/Germany.

Renke Brahms, Jutta Günther, Otto Lamotte and Gert G. Wagner: Unternehmerisches Handeln in evangelischer Perspektive. Vortrags- und Diskussionsveranstaltung der Handelskammer Bremen im Rahmen des 32. Deutschen Evangelischen Kirchentags, May 22, 2009, Bremen/Germany.

Günter Dux, Gert Scobel, Huberta von Voss and Gert G. Wagner: Sieger und Verlierer—Wie gerecht ist unsere Gesellschaft? Wissenschaftsgespräch, scobel, 3sat, March 5, 2009, Mainz/Germany.

Markus M. Grabka: Altersarmut in Deutschland? Klausurtagung des Arbeitskreis Arbeit und Sozialen der FDP-Bundestagsfraktion, March 31, 2009, Storkow/Germany.

Markus M. Grabka: Zur Lage der Mittelschicht und der Vermögenssituation in Deutschland. Vortrag beim Workshop der Kommission Sozialpolitik und Gesellschaft des Deutschen Caritasverband, April 3, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

Markus M. Grabka: Einkommens- und Vermögensverteilung in Deutschland—aktuelle Befunde. Sitzung des Ausschusses Volkswirtschaftliche Fragen. Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände (BDA), April 28, 2009, Munich/Germany.

Michael Hartmann, Reinhard Göhner, Johannes Schneider, Gert G. Wagner, Gerhard Wegner and Josef Wieland: Podiumsdiskussion: Nach Krise, ordnungspolitischen Sündenfällen und Neuanfang. Tagung „Die Aktualität der Sozialen Marktwirtschaft—Protestantische Antworten auf die Krise“, Evangelical Academy Berlin and the Social Science Institute of the Evangelical Church, April 22–23, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

Friedhelm Hengsbach and Gert G. Wagner: Streitgespräch zur Unternehmerdenkschrift der EKD. Max-Weber-Kolleg, June 22, 2009, Erfurt/Germany.

Peter Krause: Unsichere Mitte? Zur Veränderung der materiellen Grundlagen. Workshop der Herbert-Quandt-Stiftung „Mittelschicht und Wohlfahrtsstaat im Wandel—Das Ende der staatlich gesicherten Mitte?“, June 5, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

Henning Lohmann, Frauke H. Peter, Tine Rostgaard and C. Katharina Spiess: Towards a framework for assessing family policies in the EU, Meeting of the Expert Group on Demographic Issues, European Commission, March 10, 2009, Brussels/Belgium.

C. Katharina Spiess: Moderation und Einführung in das Thema des Forums III bei der Fachtagung des BMAS, des BMFSFJ und der Bundesagentur für Arbeit „Perspektiven für Alleinerziehende“, May 26, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

C. Katharina Spiess: Familienzentren, Eltern-Kind-Zentren, Mehrgenerationenhäuser – neue Chancen infrastruktureller Familienförderung? Konferenz „Berlin vernetzen für Familien: Handlungsbedarf, Konzepte und gelungene Beispiele“, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, May 26, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

Gert G. Wagner: Zur Organisation von Längsschnitterhebungen, Workshop „Large Scale Studies in den deutschen Sozialwissenschaften“ der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), March 19–20, 2009, Bonn/Germany.

Gert G. Wagner: Probleme der Erhebung von Einkommen, Symposium „Die Folgen von Hartz IV“. Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Statistik (DAGStat)/SOEP, April 30, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

Gert G. Wagner: Statement auf dem öffentlichen erweiterten Berichterstattungsgespräch des Innenausschusses des Deutschen Bundestages zum Gesetzentwurf der Bundesregierung „Entwurf eines Gesetzes zur Anordnung des Zensus 2011 sowie zur Änderung von Statistikgesetzen“(BT-Drucksache 16/12219), April 20, 2009, Berlin/Germany.

Poster presentations at scientific conferences (April – September 2009)

Simon Fietze, Elke Holst, and Verena Tobsch: Personality, Gender and Career in Management. XIII Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), June 10–13, 2009, Seville/Spain.

Nicolas R. Ziebarth and Martin Karlsson: A Natural Experiment on Sick Pay Cuts, Sickness Absence, and Labor Costs. 12th IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics, April 27–May 3, 2009, Buch/Germany.

University teaching, summer term 2009

Joachim R. Frick and Markus M. Grabka: Non-response and Multiple Imputation of Wealth Data in the German SOEP. Quantitative Economic Colloquium, Institute for Statistics and Econometrics, May 28, 2009, FU Berlin.

Joachim R. Frick and Markus M. Grabka: Item Non-Response and Imputation of Labor Income in Panel Surveys: A Cross-National Comparison based on SOEP, BHPS, HILDA. Quantitative Economic Colloquium, Institute for Statistics and Econometrics, May 28, 2009, FU Berlin.

Martin Kroh: Ursachen und Folgen von Bildungungleichheit. Department of Social Sciences, FU Berlin.

Christian Schmitt: Exercise in Family Demography: Demographic Analysis of Change in Living Arrangements. Undergraduate Course, Family Demography: Demographic Analysis of Changing Lifestyles, University of Rostock.

Christian Schmitt: Applied Research in Sociology and Family Demography I. Undergraduate Course, Research Internship I, Sociology/Family Demography, University of Rostock.

Gert G. Wagner, Joachim Frick, Markus Grabka: Einführung in die Volkswirtschaftslehre für Nicht-Ökonomen, TU Berlin.

University teaching, short-term special courses

Elke Holst and Andrea Schäfer: Introduction to the SOEP, 3rd International Research Workshop „Methods for PhDs“. Flensburg, October 4–9, 2009.

Martin Kroh: Survey Weighting in Panel Studies. DFG-Summer Academy on Methods of Educational Research University of Bamberg, July 27–August 5, 2009. For further information see <http://www.uni-bamberg.de/inbil/em2009/>.

Jürgen Schupp: Ungleichheiten zwischen privaten Haushalten—Längsschnittergebnisse aus dem SOEP. Lecture in the Department of Sociology, May 12, 2009, University of Bielefeld.

Thomas Siedler: Survival Analysis. 42nd Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex, July 20–24, 2009, Essex/UK.

Ingrid Tucci: Workshop "Migration and integration research with the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)". International Summer School 2009 "Migrants Networking", Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB), October 5–8, 2009, Bochum/Germany.

Gert. G. Wagner: DoktorandInnen- und HabilitandInnen-Kolloquium. Max Weber Kolleg at the University of Erfurt.

Gert. G. Wagner: DoktorandInnen Kolloquium. LIFE Summer Academy, University of Zurich.

Visitors

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

Dominik Buttler	Poznan University/Poland
Anna Fraesdorf	University of Bamberg/Germany
Renée Reichl	UCLA/USA
Michael Schonlau	Rand Corporation/USA

Short visits (in the last three months and the near future)

Michele Belot	Oxford University/UK
Max Bohnet	University of Bielefeld/Germany
Christina Felfe	University of St. Gallen/Switzerland
Bernd Fitzenberger	University of Freiburg/Germany
Baptiste Francon	Université Paris Panthéon/Sorbonne/France
Denis Gerstorff	Pennsylvania State University/USA
Michael Näf	Royal Holloway University of London/UK
Matthias Parey	University College London/UK
Denise Sassenroth	University of Oldenburg/Germany
Hannah Schildberg-Hörisch	University of Bonn/Germany
Olmo Silva	London School of Economics/UK
Arndt Rüdiger Reichert	Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung e.V./Germany
Sven Voigtländer	University of Bielefeld/Germany
Dieter Wolke	Warwick Medical School/UK
Francesca Zantomio	University of Essex/UK

Interns (in the past three months and near future)

Jan Drees	University of Duisburg-Essen/Germany
Alexander Fries	University of Munich/Germany
Claudia Häterich	University of Konstanz/Germany
Oliver Winkler	University of Leipzig/Germany
Hannes Oehler	Institute for Economic Research, Bozen/Austria
Kristin Schotte	University of Leipzig/Germany

SOEP Publications – in English

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Barasinska, Nataliya; Schäfer, Dorothea, and Stephan, Andreas (2009): Private Households Display Strong Aversion to Investment Risk. In: *Weekly Report*, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp. 13–18.

Bartling, Björn; Fehr, Ernst; Maréchal, Michel André, and Schunk, Daniel (2009): Egalitarianism and Competitiveness. In: *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, Vol. 99, No. 2, pp. 93–98.

Bauer, Thomas K.; Kluge, Jochen; Schaffner, Sandra, and Schmidt, Christoph M. (2009): Fiscal Effects of Minimum Wages: An Analysis for Germany. In: *German Economic Review*, Vol. 10, No. 2, pp. 224–242.

Bauer, Thomas K. and Sinning, Mathias G. (2009): The Purpose of Remittances. Evidence from Germany. *Ruhr Economic Papers* #109. Bochum/Dortmund/Duisburg/Essen: Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Department of Economics, Technische Universität Dortmund, Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Department of Economics and Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI).

Bazyl, Monika (2009): Factors influencing tenure choice in European countries. *IRISS Working Paper Series No. 2009-04*. Differdange: CEPS/INSTEAD. (Also published in 2009: *SOEPpapers* 186. Berlin: DIW Berlin).

Bechtel, Gordon G. (2009): Panel Regression of Arbitrarily Distributed Responses. In: *Journal of Data Science*, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 255–266.

Behr, Andreas and Pötter, Ulrich (2009): What determines wage differentials across the EU? In: *Journal of Economic Inequality* (online first).

Berger, Eva M. (2009): Maternal Employment and Happiness: The Effect of Non-Participation and Part-Time Employment on Mothers' Life Satisfaction. *SOEPpapers* 178. Berlin: DIW Berlin. (Also published in 2009: *DIW Discussion Paper* 890. Berlin: DIW Berlin).

Block, Jörn and Sandner, Philipp (2009): Necessity and Opportunity Entrepreneurs and their Duration

in Self-Employment: Evidence from German Micro Data. In: *Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade*, Vol. 9, No. 2, pp. 117–337 (Previously published in 2007: *Discussion Paper* 2007-10. Munich: Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich School of Management; and in 2009: *SOEPpapers* 191. Berlin: DIW Berlin).

Brenner, Jan (2009): Life-Cycle Variations in the Association between Current and Lifetime Earnings. Evidence for German Natives and Guest Workers. *Ruhr Economic Papers* #95. Bochum, Dortmund, Duisburg, Essen: Ruhr Graduate School in Economics and RWI Essen.

Brown, Sarah and Taylor, Karl (2008): Household debt and financial assets: evidence from Germany, Great Britain and the USA. In: *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A—Statistics in Society*, Vol. 171, No. 3, pp. 615–643 (Previously published in 2005: *Discussion Papers in Economics* 05/5. Leicester: University of Leicester, Department of Economics).

Budria, Santi; Diaz-Serrano, Luis; Ferrer-i-Carbonell, Ada, and Hartog, Joop (2009): Risk Attitude and Wage Growth: Replication and Reconstruction. *IZA DP No. 4124*. Bonn: Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA). (Also published in 2009: *SOEPpapers* 192. Berlin: DIW Berlin).

Burkhauser, Richard V. and Couch, Kenneth A. (2009): Inter-generational inequality and intertemporal mobility. In: Salverda, Wiemer; Nolan, Brian and Smeeding, Timothy M. (eds.): *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Inequality*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 522–545.

Busch, Oliver and Weigert, Benjamin (2008): Where have all the graduates gone? Internal cross-state migration of graduates in Germany 1984–2004. In: *Annals of Regional Science* (online first) (Previously published in 2007: *When Have All the Graduates Gone?—Internal Cross-State Migration of Graduates in Germany 1984–2004*. *SOEPpapers* 26. Berlin: DIW Berlin).

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Clauss, Markus and Schnabel, Reinhold (2008): Distributional and Behavioural Effects of the German Labour Market Reform. In: *Zeitschrift für Arbeitsmarktforschung (ZAF)*, Vol. 41, No. 4, pp. 431–446 (Previously published in 2008: *ZEW Discussion Paper No. 08-006*. Mannheim: Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)).

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anne (2009): Noncognitive Skills, School Achieve-
ments and Educational Dropout. *ZEW Discussion
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Economic Research (ZEW) (Also published in 2009:
SOEPpapers 176. Berlin: DIW Berlin).
- D'Amuri, Francesco; Ottaviano, Gianmarco I. P., and
Peri, Giovanni (2008): The labor market impact of
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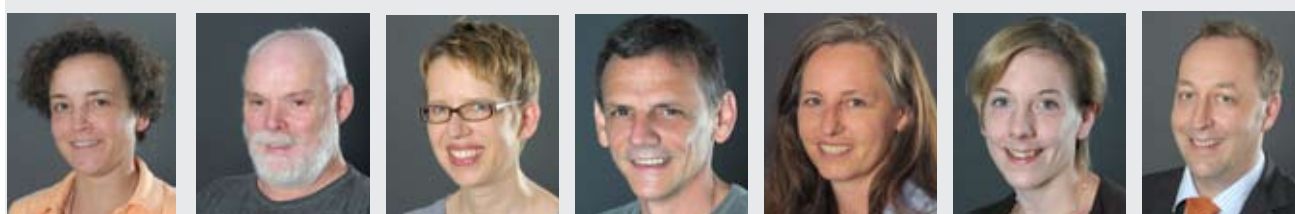
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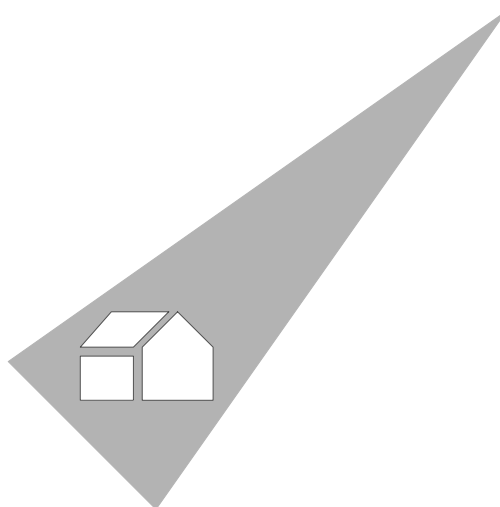
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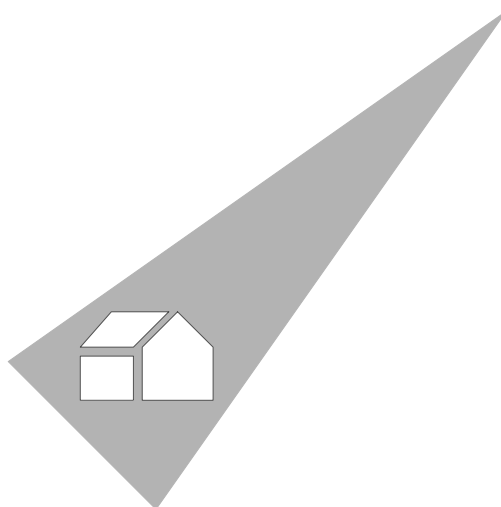
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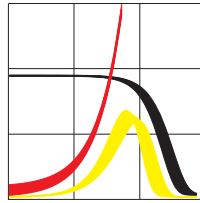
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Friday, July 3

09:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-11:00 **Session 1: Overview**

Gunnar Andersson, Michaela Kreyenfeld and Ariane Pailhé (Stockholm University, MPIDR, INED)
Economic uncertainty and fertility (Welcome and introduction)

Alicia Adsera (Princeton University)
Employment uncertainty and fertility in Europe

11:00-11:30 *Coffee*

11:30-12:30 **Session 2: Occupation, unemployment and fertility in Europe**
Chair: Brienna Perelli-Harris (MPIDR)

Ariane Pailhé and Anne Solaz (INED)
Does economic uncertainty affect plans, timing or level of fertility?
Evidence from France

Christian Schmitt (University of Rostock)
Occupational performance, uncertainty and the transition to first birth
in Germany and the United Kingdom

Sunnee Billingsley (MPIDR, Pompeu Fabra)
Labour market trajectories and second births in Russia

12:30-14:30 *Lunch*

14:30-15:30 **Session 3: Economic uncertainty, poverty and child outcome**
Chair: Ann-Zofie Duvander (Stockholm University)

Anne Gauthier, Frank Furstenberg Jr. and Shelley Pacholok (University of Calgary, U Penn, UBC)
The investments of families in their children in the context of financial insecurity

Carsten Ochsen (University of Rostock)
Parental labor market success and children's educational attainment

Sara Ayllón (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
Modelling state dependence and feedback effects between poverty, employment and parental home emancipation among European youth

15:30-16:00 *Coffee*

Friday, July 3

16:00-17:00 Session 4: The impact of economic uncertainty on nest-leaving, partnership and marriage

Chair: Setsuya Fukuda (MPIDR)

Anna Baranowska (Warsaw School of Economics)
The role of income insecurity for leaving parental home among young adults – evidence from Poland

Liat Raz-Yurovich (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Men's and women's employment uncertainty and the transition to first marriage

Bernadett Szél and Ivett Szalma (Hungarian Central Statistical Office, Hungarian Academy of Science)
The consequences of shifting between typical and atypical employment on the nature and quality of the partnership

19:00 *Conference dinner*

Saturday, July 4

9:30-11:00 Session 5: Economic uncertainty and family formation in East and West Germany

Chair: Michaela Kreyenfeld (MPIDR)

Michael Gebel and Johannes Giesecke (MZES, WZB)
Economic uncertainty and fertility: The effects of employment insecurity and unemployment on family formation in East and West Germany

Berkay Özcan, Karl Ulrich Mayer and Joerg Luedicke (Yale University)
Education, career uncertainty and first parenthood of East and West German men

Gerrit Bauer and Marita Jacob (MZES)
The influence of the partner's education and employment on fertility

Mandy Boehnke and Katharina Maul (University of Bremen)
Prerequisites and consequences of parenthood. The importance of socio-economic and regional differences in Germany

11:00-11:30 *Coffee*

Saturday, July 4

11:30-12:30 Session 6: Economic uncertainty and fertility intentions

Chair: Anne Gauthier (University of Calgary)

Bernd Weiss, Ina Berninger and Michael Wagner (University of Cologne)

On the links between employment, partnership instability and the desire to have children

Francesca Fiori, Antonella Pinnelli and Francesca Rinesi (Sapienza, University of Rome)

Does employment uncertainty affect fertility intentions? The case of Italy

12:30-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-14:45 Session 7a: Labor market status and fertility in Europe

Chair: Anne Solaz (INED)

Juho Härkönen (Yale University)

Childbearing and coupled joblessness: A comparison of eleven European countries

Karin Elisabet Lundström (Statistics Sweden)

Labour market status and reproductive behaviour of foreign and Swedish born men and women

14:45-15:00 *Coffee*

15:00-16:00 Session 7b: Labor market status and fertility in Europe

Chair: Anne Solaz (INED)

Martin Klesment (Estonian Institute of Demography)

Education, economic activity and second birth: Some evidence from the Estonian GGS

Elisabetta Santarelli (Sapienza, University of Rome)

Economic insecurity and entry into parenthood in Italy

Anna Matysiak and Daniele Vignoli (Warsaw School of Economics and University of Florence)

Finding the “right moment” for the first baby to come: A comparison between Italy and Poland

16:00-16:30 *Coffee*

16:30-17:00 **Concluding remarks**

When Marriage Ends

Economic and Social Consequences of Partnership Dissolution

Edited by **Hans-Jürgen Andreß**, Professor of Social and Economic Research, University of Cologne, Germany and **Dina Hummelsheim**, Researcher, Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany

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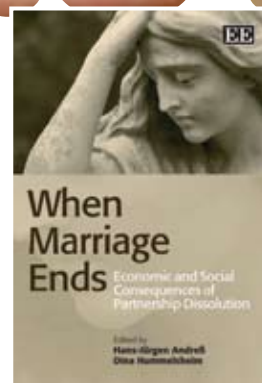
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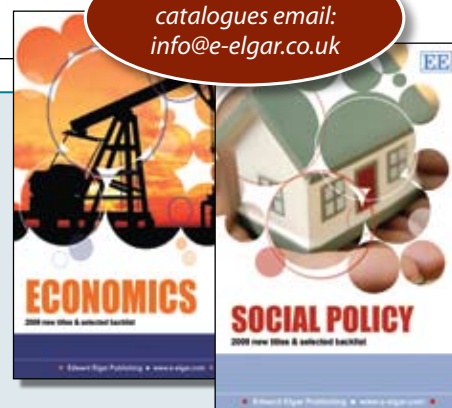


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