

SOEPnewsletter



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Dear Colleagues:

We are always interested in improving our service for you—our data users. Our most recent effort is a special service designed to assist you in using the SOEP as a reference data set. This SOEPnewsletter includes a list of core SOEP topics that we recommend researchers consider when collecting their own data. Please contact us if you are interested in using this new service!

Furthermore, our expanded range of services now includes numerous workshops on the use of the SOEP data, some of which are adapted to

the interests of users in specialized disciplines such as psychology. The workshops are coordinated by Henning Lohmann of the SOEP survey group at DIW Berlin. In this SOEPnewsletter, we report briefly on past workshops and describe new opportunities for utilizing the potential of the SOEP data. We also announce an upcoming workshop organized by our partner in the USA to introduce international researchers to the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) at Cornell University/USA on September 10–12, 2009.

For all our users outside Germany and all those who want to use the CNEF, this SOEPnewsletter contains detailed information on how to obtain these datasets. Please keep in mind that the data in the CNEF have been prepared for international comparison, which facilitates analysis considerably.

At present, the SOEP-team is preparing “SOEP Anniversary” Wave 25 for distribution (1984–2008). Extensive work is required to edit the data due to the numerous planned changes and extensions of user friendly generated variables—to cite just a few, an update of the weighting procedure, complete revision of the domicile-related variables in the wave-specific \$HGEN files, and the introduction of a new “mother & child” file (for children five and six years old). The data distribution is scheduled for late fall 2009.

As you know, the SOEP is constantly being developed, improved, and adapted to the demands of a contemporary longitudinal survey. On this topic, we would like to again call your attention to SOEPpaper Nr. 155: “Developing the SOEPsurvey and SOEPservice: The (Near) Future of the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP).” It describes our plans and broader ideas for the future development of SOEP. Please share your own ideas and suggestions with us! In fall 2009, the SOEP Survey Committee will meet for the first time to discuss the further development of SOEP.

Last but not least: The sociological program of DIW Berlin’s “Graduate Center for Economic and Social Research” is being reinforced. We encourage outstanding graduates with “SOEP experience” in the social and behavioral sciences (as well as in economics) to apply. Please note: the incoming deadline for applications is April 15, 2009.

With best regards,

Elke Holst | Editor

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Expert for child related research
with the SOEP
C. Katharina Spiess

Since its very beginning in 1984, the SOEP has been collecting information about children. This information is based on questions and details in the “address protocol” and in the “household questionnaire,” but the information is limited to age, gender, care status, and type of school. Due to its increasing relevance for a wide variety of research questions, the data collected on childcare has been expanded over the years.

Concept of surveying the entire life course “from the cradle to the grave”

With the public discussion in Germany and around the world focusing to an increasing degree on the importance of the early phases of life, the SOEP responded at the start of the new century with the concept of surveying the entire life course in detail starting at birth. This concept was implemented technically such that in 2003, an additional age-specific survey instrument was introduced for a complete birth cohort (births in 2002 and 2003) and has since been used annually for new cohorts. Additional age-specific questionnaires for older children are introduced into SOEP whenever the first birth cohort addressed (the births in 2002 and 2003) reach the subsequent age range. This was the case for the first time in 2005 for those aged two to three. And with the upcoming new “anniversary wave” of 2008, new data will become available on the first child cohort that reached the age of five or six in 2008.

Plans are underway to continue the series for eight and nine-year-olds. With this extension, the SOEP will improve its potential for analyzing developments over the entire life course. Moreover, with this extension, the SOEP is going further than another household panel study in a similar approach: In 1997, the PSID introduced a “Child Development Supplement (CDS)” that studied 2,394 families with children from birth to age twelve. Up to now, PSID did not include new birth cohorts in CDS. However, SOEP is addressing every new birth cohort since the starting wave of 2003.

Detailed child information

In the SOEP, detailed information is collected on development in early childhood. These questions are usually answered by the children’s mothers. To date, the age-specific questionnaire is only three pages long, i.e., around 15 questions, in order not to overtax mothers—particularly in those households where such questionnaires have to be answered for several children.

For children up to the age of one, mothers are asked questions about their child’s health and their own health. In addition, there are questions about the

beginning and progress of the pregnancy, and about the birth. One first crude indicator on the “personality” of the child is available as well. In addition, questions are asked about the childcare situation, and about health for two and three-year-olds. These questions contain indicators about the child’s temperament, his or her care situation and the mother’s activities with the child. One development benchmark, the adaptive behavior of the child, is also measured along with media and language usage.

First-time information on preschoolers

In the upcoming new wave, which offers specific information on preschoolers for the first time, information will be available about health, personality (similar to the Big Five inventory for adults) and socio-emotional behavior. Furthermore, differentiated questions are asked about the care situation in the household and about other activities the child undertakes. The child’s media usage is surveyed in a more differentiated form than previously.

With the 2008 release of SOEP (in autumn 2009) data will be available on about 1,430 children in their first year of life, about 960 children aged two to three, and about 230 preschoolers. Given the SOEP approach, there will be data available for most of these preschoolers for three important stages of early childhood: information on the first year of life, information on ages two to three, and information on ages five to six. Thus the SOEP offers a unique source of data for early childhood research in a static and a dynamic sense. With every new wave, about 200 more preschoolers will be added to the data base. About 2011 eight-to-nine-year-old children will be addressed as well.

SOEP is a unique source for the analysis of intergenerational and family contexts

The SOEP offers information about the mother and the family context during pregnancy. Given the household concept of the SOEP, the data also allows for a unique linkage of data on the household, and in particular on mother and the father, with data on the children. This type of linked data is particularly useful for the analysis of intergenerational linkages. Thus the new SOEP offers a unique source for various analyses in an intergenerational and a family context—not just “from the cradle to the grave” but stretching from the earliest stages of fetal development all the way to family members’ memories of the deceased person. As more waves of the SOEP are collected, this potential will grow even further—but given the 25 waves that will already be available in the second half of this year, researchers interested in childhood research will already have a substantial data set to analyze.

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German Section

25 Wellen SOEP – Download Vierteljahrsheft des DIW Berlin 3/2008

Das Vierteljahrsheft des DIW Berlin Vierteljahrsheft 3/2008 zum Thema „25 Wellen Sozio-oekonomisches Panel“ kann komplett oder in einzelnen Aufsätzen heruntergeladen werden unter: http://www.diw.de/publikationen/vierteljahrshefte/jahrgang_2008/79108.html

Ankündigung: SOEPCampus@ Universität Mannheim – Workshop 22. bis 24. Juni 2009

Vom 22. bis 24. Juni 2009 findet in Mannheim in Zusammenarbeit mit der Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS) ein Workshop zum Thema „Längsschnittdatenanalyse mit dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel (SOEP)“ statt. Zusammen mit einer allgemeinen Einführung in das Arbeiten mit dem SOEP werden Analyseverfahren für Längsschnittdaten behandelt (insb. Pandeldatenanalyse und Matchingverfahren). Die Veranstaltung richtet sich an fortgeschrittene Studierende, DoktorandInnen und NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen aus den Sozial- und Wirtschaftswissenschaften. Voraussetzung für die Teilnahme sind solide Kenntnisse in multivariaten Analyseverfahren und praktische Erfahrungen mit der Datenanalyse. In den Beispielen und Übungen im Rahmen des Workshops wird ausschließlich das Statistikprogrammpaket STATA verwendet. Anmeldungen sind ab dem 20. April 2009 möglich. Die TeilnehmerInnenzahl ist begrenzt. Nähere Information finden sich unter <http://www.diw.de/soepcampus/59925.html>



Ankündigung: SOEPCampus@ Universität Bielefeld 2009 – Dreiteiliger Workshop 28. September bis 2. Oktober 2009

Ein dreiteiliger Workshop zu Analysemöglichkeiten mit dem SOEP findet vom 28. September bis

2. Oktober 2009 an der Universität Bielefeld statt. Die Veranstaltung richtet sich an DoktorandInnen, NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen und fortgeschrittene Studierende aus den Fächern Soziologie, Ökonomie, Politikwissenschaft und Psychologie, für deren Forschungsfragen die Längsschnittdaten von besonderer Relevanz sind. Neben einer komprimierten Einführung in die Nutzung der SOEP-Daten bietet der Workshop zudem die Gelegenheit, den Umgang mit Datensätzen und Analyseverfahren in einem Ausmaß zu üben, der in der universitären Methodenausbildung nicht immer gegeben ist.

Der Workshop wird im Rahmen der Nachwuchsförderung des Rates für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten finanziell unterstützt.

Sie können sich ab dem 1. Juli 2009 online anmelden über www.uni-bielefeld.de/soz/soep@campus

Auf der Seite erhalten Sie auch weitere Informationen zum Workshop.

Bericht: Workshop zur Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten am 2. und 3. März 2009 im DIW Berlin

Am 2. und 3. März 2009 veranstalteten wir unseren jährlichen deutschsprachigen Einführungskurs zur Analyse der SOEP-Daten. TeilnehmerInnen aus ganz Deutschland besuchten den Workshop, der im DIW Berlin stattfand.

Im Rahmen von eröffnenden Plenarveranstaltungen wurden die NutzerInnen über Inhalt, Struktur und Nutzungsmöglichkeiten der SOEP-Daten, das umfassende Dokumentationsmaterial, den User-Support, über die SOEP-Website sowie die Verwendung der Hochrechnungs- und Gewichtungsfaktoren informiert. Im weiteren Verlauf der Veranstaltung standen die Hands-on-Sessions im Vordergrund, in denen in software-spezifischen Arbeitsgruppen der Umgang mit den SOEP-Daten auf der Basis von STATA und SPSS geübt werden konnte.

Das abendliche ‚Get-together‘ bot Gelegenheit zur Netzwerkpflege von DatenproduzentInnen und -nutzerInnen. Bei Wein und Brezeln konnten sich alle besser kennen lernen und dabei auch von der Multidisziplinarität der TeilnehmerInnen aus Soziologie, Ökonomie, Erziehungswissenschaften, Politikwissenschaften, Psychologie und Public Health profitieren.



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TeilnehmerInnen des diesjährigen Workshop zur Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten

Wir freuen uns, dass die Schulung wiederholt eine positive Resonanz unter den TeilnehmerInnen hervorrief und dies sich auch in der abschließenden anonymen schriftlichen Befragung spiegelte. Die dabei gegebenen wertvollen Anregungen werden wir bei der Vorbereitung des SOEP-User-Workshop 2010 gerne aufgreifen.

shop sehr zielgerichtet. Als Fazit ist zu überlegen, wie themenspezifische Fragestellungen auch in zukünftigen Schulungen noch besser adressiert werden können. Eine gemeinsame Planung mit externen PartnerInnen, wie bei diesem Workshop, und ein vorheriger intensiver Austausch über relevante Inhalte sind für eine zielgruppenspezifische Umsetzung unerlässlich.

Bericht: Workshop zur Einführung in die Nutzung von SOEP-Daten für PsychologInnen am 19. und 20. Februar 2009 im DIW Berlin

Am 19. und 20. Februar 2009 fand am DIW Berlin ein weiterer Workshop zur Nutzung der SOEP-Daten statt. Die zusammen mit dem Institut für Psychogerontologie der Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg und dem Max-Planck-Institut für Bildungsforschung in Berlin organisierte Veranstaltung bot eine allgemeine Einführung in das praktische Arbeiten mit dem SOEP, wobei auch spezifische Nutzungsmöglichkeiten für psychologische Fragestellungen behandelt wurden. Aufgrund der ähnlichen inhaltlichen Interessen der ForscherInnen und der Arbeit in einer kleinen Gruppe war der Work-

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 *SOEPnewsletter no 81/2009* 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/SOEPfaq>

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 continue providing additional SOEP datasets to research groups for €5 each.

Wave 25 (2008) data distribution to contain numerous new features

The upcoming Wave 25 (2008) data distribution will include numerous improvements, additions, and modifications. The most important of these are listed in the following:

- (a) We will provide an update and revision of the post-stratification scheme and an additional regional calibration of SOEP weights.
- (b) The domicile-related variables in the wave-specific \$HGEN files will be completely revised. New additions include the full imputation of missing values for the variables on surface living area, number of rooms, heating costs, gross rent excluding heating, as well as the newly generated variable on utility costs in addition to rent additional

“flag variables,” show the imputation status, if relevant.

- (c) In the year 2007, wealth was surveyed—like in the first survey of 2002—on the individual basis for all persons aged 17 and up. These “raw” data were already part of the standard data distribution of data distribution of Wave 24 and will be distributed now with the upcoming data distribution in a file containing the data for 2002 and 2007 in “long format”—the file PWEALTH for individual data, HWEALTH with data aggregated according to household context. In these missing values due to item or partial unit non-response (e.g., missing interviews with individual household members in interviewed households) will be subjected to multiple imputation in complex procedures, taking longitudinal information into account. Documentation on this is under preparation. An initial analysis of these new wealth data is provided (in German) in: **Joachim R. Frick** und **Markus M. Grabka**: Gestiegene Vermögensungleichheit in Deutschland. <http://www.diw.de/documents/publikationen/73/93785/09-4-1.pdf>

- (d) The new data distribution will contain the file BIOAGE06. It includes for the first time in 2008 the information collected with the special mother-child questionnaire, usually from mothers of five-to-six-year-old pre-schoolers. The data are thus on a birth cohort that was first “surveyed” in the year 2002/2003 with a special Newborn Questionnaire. The new data on pre-school-age children contain data on the children’s height and weight, health, care situation, activities with and without the mother, and their media usage. Detailed questions address the care situation. Furthermore, valid information on the child’s personality were collected for the first time (based on the Big Five used with adults) and their socio-emotional behavior (surveyed with a modified version of the Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire).

The new data will be distributed in late fall 2009.

SOEP as reference data set

Household panels in general—and the SOEP in particular—can provide reference data for researchers collecting datasets that do not represent the full universe of the population of interest (e.g., data collected in clinical trials, intervention stud-

ies, laboratory and behavioral experiments, and cohort studies).

At our homepage we present a list of SOEP core topics that we recommend researchers consider when collecting their own data. We focus on seven topics:

- (1) demographic and parental characteristics
- (2) labor market
- (3) health
- (4) personality, preferences, and subjective orientations
- (5) subjective wellbeing
- (6) political involvement and participation
- (7) a set of core questions for young children before they enter school.

Of course the selection of a minimum set of questions depends on the research question. Using SOEP questions is easy, but selecting the best questions for a given project is often more difficult. The SOEP survey group is more than happy to provide advice.

While the SOEP questionnaire is an important component of the overall SOEP survey, we would like to point out that certain survey techniques such as the tracking rule in panel studies make it possible to follow not only cohort members but also their children (and grandchildren), spouses, and other related persons over time. Thus, in addition to recommendations for which questions to incorporate into a particular survey, the SOEP survey group can also provide advice on other aspects of how to conduct a survey. Due to our finite staff capacities, consultations must be planned well in advance. Contact please SOEP director **Gert G. Wagner** (officewagner@diw.de).

For more information see

<http://www.diw.de/soep-as-reference>

First results of the SOEP online "DataUse" questionnaire— participation still requested!

We thank all those who have responded so far to the DataUse survey in which was asked all our contract holders a few questions about their work with the SOEP data and/or the German Cross National Equivalent File (CNEF) data.

Please continue participating so that your information will be taken into account in the upcoming evaluation of SOEP by the German Council of Sciences and Humanities in April 2009. We will provide the final results of the survey in the next SOEPnewsletter, No. 85, July 2009.

Preliminary results

The 619 contract holders who have responded up to now reported the following numbers of persons currently working with the data:

445 students/researchers without a PhD/doctoral degree, 275 post-doctoral researchers, 181 student assistants, and 32 non-scientific research assistants. Among the projects for which SOEP/CNEF data were used in 2008, 153 were externally funded (third-party funding), and 387 were internally funded (institutional funding). The numbers for the previous years are reported in [Table 1](#). Please note: the figures for the years 2004 to 2007 may have been higher than reported due to difficulties remembering data from longer ago.

[Table 2](#) reports the number of sources of external funding for projects based on SOEP data for the years 2004–2008. Throughout this period, the majority of projects were funded by the German Research Foundation, (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG) or similar bodies abroad, followed by projects funded by government bodies. Please note: the sum of the projects is larger than the number of contract holders who report third-party funding because some contract holders are running more than one third-party-funded project.

In addition, we asked about the number of graduate/undergraduate theses written in recent years based on SOEP. As can be seen from [Table 3](#), 119 individuals reported having used the SOEP for their bachelor's, master's or PhD thesis in 2004. The numbers thus increased considerably over the period, with more than 300 young scholars using the SOEP in 2008.

Similarly, the number of users who reported using the SOEP for university teaching increased considerably over the period. For 2004, 76 academics reported using the SOEP for teaching purposes. The corresponding figure for 2008 was 193. This means that more than 25% of the contract holders who responded are using SOEP in their teaching.

Table 1:
Number of respondents by means of funding

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
No third-party funding	198	224	254	326	387
Third-party funding	96	100	126	134	153

Table 2:
Number and types of external funders of projects based on SOEP data

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
DFG, NSF etc.	35	34	48	48	53
Foundations	22	25	22	29	32
European Union	16	11	13	18	12
Governments	27	22	37	42	52
Others	20	29	31	33	44

Table 3:
SOEP usage for writing a Bachelor/master or PhD thesis and for teaching

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SOEP usage for writing a bachelor/master or PhD thesis	119	138	161	221	314
SOEP usage for teaching	76	79	117	128	193



Data News from Cornell

Workshop for International Users of SOEP and CNEF Data: September 10–12, 2009 at Cornell University/USA

The Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell University and DIW Berlin will hold a workshop to introduce researchers to the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) and the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) on September 10–12, 2009.

The purpose of the workshop is to introduce and familiarize new users with the file structure and potential of the 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 SOEP sample of residents of the former East Germany.

Twenty-four waves of SOEP data are available to researchers interested in using this rich panel study. The CNEF currently includes data from six countries' panel studies: the SOEP, the British Household Panel Study (BHPS), the Swiss Household Panel Study (SHP), the Canadian Survey of Income and Labour Dynamics (SLID), the Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia survey (HILDA), 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. For more information and to register, please visit:

http://www.human.cornell.edu/che/PAM/Research/Centers-Programs/German-Panel/gsoep_event_info.cfm

Current procedures to access the German SOEP data and data from all of the CNEF data files



To clarify what may be a confusing issue for many potential users, we would like to briefly describe the procedure for obtaining the German SOEP Public Use File and/or all files of the Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF).

Data distribution contract with DIW Berlin—Precondition for German SOEP and CNEF

Direct use of SOEP data is subject to the high standards for lawful data protection in Germany. Signing a data distribution contract with SOEP is therefore a precondition for working either with the data distributed by SOEP or with the data distributed by Cornell (whether SOEP data or CNEF data). If you have not already signed such a contract, you can apply for it [here](#). Since we do not give contracts to PhD candidates or students, the professor or supervisor should sign the application for a contract.

Receiving German SOEP data from DIW Berlin

Researchers in EEA member countries including Switzerland can get the 100% Scientific Use Files of the German SOEP directly from the DIW Berlin.

Every researcher must submit a proposal to DIW Berlin with a title of their project. Each researcher is approved to use the data and must sign a contract with the DIW Berlin. The DIW Berlin charges a nominal data use fee of €30 (+ €8 for shipping/handling).

The DIW Berlin release of the German SOEP contains files with variables equivalized to the CNEF definitions.

[Application form](#)

[Order form](#)

Correspondence may be mailed directly to:

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Receiving German SOEP data from Cornell

Researchers can also obtain German SOEP data from Cornell but the files sent from Cornell cover only 95% of the full sample. By German law, 5% of the sample must be randomly dropped for users outside of the EEA.

Every researcher must submit a proposal to DIW Berlin with a title of their project. Each researcher is approved to use the data and must sign a contract with the DIW Berlin. When the SOEPHotline in Berlin receives the approved contract, the contract is then forwarded to Cornell to CNEF@cornell.edu.

In addition, every individual researcher who gets data through Cornell is required to pay a

fee of \$125 the first time he or she receives (any) data from Cornell. The fee helps fund operations through periods where there is no federal funding for the project. This project operates on a shoestring budget and so even in situations where there are multiple researchers working in the same university or institution, each researcher is required to establish an account and pay the fee. Until now, only a “one-time” fee has been charged, the first time a researcher initially receives data from Cornell. So far, that arrangement has generated enough revenue to keep the operation running. The situation may change, but hopefully this procedure can continue.

CNEF data files (from Cornell)

The Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF) is a project that is related to but also separate from the German SOEP. The Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF) consists of a subset of variables from the British Household Panel Study (BHPS), the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), the Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia survey (HILDA), the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), and the Canadian Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID). The variable subset includes variables that various researchers

have developed and recalibrated to be comparable. To access the BHPS-CNEF, German SOEP-CNEF, HILDA-CNEF, or SHP-CNEF files you must apply for and be approved to use those data by the respective country’s data manager. The PSID-CNEF file is public use. The CD does not actually contain the SLID-CNEF file—just instructions for how to run programs using the SLID-CNEF file at Statistics Canada (we have a special arrangement). Researchers may get the original data from the data providers in each of these countries.

For all data except SLID-CNEF, a researcher who requests the equalized CNEF versions of the data gets them from Cornell.

To access CNEF versions of the data researchers must:

1. Apply to the data provider in each country for permission to access the data
2. In some cases such as Australia, the country requires the user to pay a separate fee
3. Pay the \$125 USD fee to Cornell the firsttime a researcher uses (any one) of the CNEF data sets.

CNEF Access Procedures:

To access the German SOEPCNEF files you need to apply to the DIW Berlin to use the data and sign a contract with them.

▶▶ STEP 1: Apply for a Contract

Send an email to soepmail@diw.de to request a contract. In your application you will need to name your project. If you are a graduate student, you must have a faculty member sign the contract. In signing the contract you (he/she) agree to protect the confidentiality of the data.

▶▶ STEP 2: Send your Contract and Payment to Cornell

Email your request for the data to our project assistant at GSOEP@cornell.edu. We will email you an invoice for \$125 (USD). Once the contract is signed with the DIW Berlin, you should FAX a copy of it

to +16072554071. Once we receive your contract and your payment, we will mail you the discs.

1. PSIDCNEF data files are posted on the Cornell website and can be downloaded free of charge by anyone: [[click here](#)]

2. SLID data are only available by remote access—researchers submit a program to Statistics Canada—all they must do is register with the CNEF staff (CNEF@cornell.edu). To submit a program, send an email to the SLID Client Services Unit at Statistics Canada (dynamics@statcan.ca).

The whole process takes about a week to ten days. This application process, by the way, also gives you access to the full German SOEP data which are currently included on the CD.

For more information, visit the following page: [[click here](#)]

to +16072554071. Once we receive your contract and your payment, we will mail you the discs.

If your question is about	Contact
Completing the DIW Berlin contract	soepmail@diw.de
The German SOEP data	soepmail@diw.de
Receiving a copy of the dataset	gsoep@cornell.edu

BHPCNEF access procedures

To get access to the BHPCNEF files one needs to register with the UK Data Archive (UKDA). The Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex produces the data, but they are distributed by the UKDA. To register, follow these steps:

▶▶ STEP 1: Apply for an Athens ID

Search for your institution at <http://auth.athensams.net/orglist.php>. If your institution is listed there, apply for an Athens ID from the Athens administrator at your institution. If your institution is not listed there, complete and submit the UKDA Athens registration form at http://www.data-archive.ac.uk/aandp/access/online_form.asp. Print out and sign the summary page and fax or post it to the UKDA (contact details are provided on the page) or scan and email a copy to help@esds.ac.uk. UKDA will process the form and an email will be sent to you with your Athens username and password and a link to registration.

▶▶ STEP 2: Register with UKDA

1. Click on the “Login” link at the top of <http://www.esds.ac.uk> or <http://www.data-archive.ac.uk> and enter your Athens username and password. Submit the registration form and agree to the End User License.
2. Once registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation email.
3. Once you have received the confirmation email, forward it to cnef@cornell.edu. When we get your registration and your payment, we can send you the data.

If your question is about	Contact
Obtaining your Athens ID	help@esds.ac.uk
The BHPS data	longitudinal@esds.ac.uk
Receiving a copy of the dataset	cnef@cornell.edu



HILDACNEF access procedures

To obtain the HILDACNEF dataset, you need to apply for permission from the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA). To initiate this process you need to complete a Deed of License and send it to FaCSIA. Please note that the HILDA requires the user to annually reregister for the data.

» STEP 1: Download a copy of the Deed of License

You need to complete a paper copy of the Deed of License HILDACNEF Dataset appropriate to the release for which you are applying. The Deed can be downloaded from the HILDA website at <http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda/>

» STEP 2: Complete the Deed

You must read the Deed. By signing it you are signing that you understand all provisions set out in the Deed and are willing to abide by them. Ensure that all parts highlighted in grey are completed with the requested information. Note that completing the Deed will not automatically give you permission for access to the dataset. The Deed is not enforceable until signed by both parties, the first being you and the second being the HILDA authorizing officer from FaCSIA.

» STEP 3: Lodge the Deed

Send the completed Deed to:

HILDA Applications
 Research and Analysis Branch
 Department of Families, Community
 Services and Indigenous Affairs
 Box 7788

Canberra Mail Centre
 ACT 2610 AUSTRALIA

The HILDA Team at FaCSIA will then process your application. We will contact you if we have any questions or if your Deed is not completed properly.

» STEP 4: Notification about your application

The HILDA team will email you to let you know whether or not permission has been granted. The HILDA team will also inform the CNEF team at Cornell University. This will indicate to them that FaCSIA has granted you permission to have access to the dataset.

» STEP 5: Obtain the HILDACNEF Dataset

Once you have received confirmation from FaCSIA, you need to contact the CNEF team at Cornell University (CNEF@cornell.edu) and provide a copy of your contract and your payment. The password to access the dataset will be forwarded to you separately from the dataset itself.

The CNEF Team will notify FaCSIA once a copy of the HILDACNEF dataset has been provided to you.

If your question is about	Contact
Completing the Deed or the progress of your application	hilda@facsia.gov.au
The HILDA data	hilda-inquiries@unimelb.edu.au
Receiving a copy of the dataset	cnef@cornell.edu

PSID-CNEF access procedures

If you only want to use the PSID-CNEF files you can download them for free from the Cornell website:

<http://www.human.cornell.edu/che/PAM/Research/Centers-Programs/German-Panel/cnef-data-files.cfm>.

If you want the CD with the PSID-CNEF and all other CNEF files on them, send an e-mail message and check for \$125 (made payable to Cornell University) to cnef@cornell.edu. When we get the check, we will send the data.

SHP-CNEF access procedures

To access the SHP-CNEF files you need to apply to the SHP to use the data and sign a contract with them. All of the CNEF users are charged a one-time fee of \$125, regardless if you utilize just the SHP data or all of the data sets (with respective permissions). Currently, continuing users get updates of the data free.

▶ STEP 1:

Complete a Contract. You may download the contract from http://www.swisspanel.ch/file/cnef_contract/cnef_shp_datacontract.pdf

▶ STEP 2:

Send your contract to the SHP. The contact information is listed at the bottom of the form.

▶ STEP 3:

Once the contract is signed with the SHP, you should FAX a copy of it to +1-607-255-4071. Once they receive your contract and it is authorized, they will email you and/or the CNEF team. Once the CNEF team has verified your access, you will be given the password to “unlock” the SHP data from the CNEF disk.

SLID-CNEF access procedures

To get access to the SLID-CNEF files send e-mail to: CNEF@cornell.edu.

The SLID data are not available outside Statistics Canada. To analyze the data, one needs to submit a program which will be executed against the database. Results will be returned. Although SAS programs are preferred, SPSS and Stata programs will also be accepted. The file pathname is T:\CNEF\SAS_FILES. To submit a program, send an e-mail to the SLID Client Services Unit at Statistics Canada (dynamics@statcan.ca). This option is only available to researchers who have registered and are approved to use the CNEF files.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In the output, users may not include information which could be used to identify individual respondents. A SLID survey officer will scan all output before any output is returned to users. Researchers will be advised if their output is unacceptable for release. They will be required to change their program to comply with Statistics Canada policies.

If your question is about	Contact
Submitting a program	income@statcan.gc.ca
Receiving a copy of the dataset	cnef@cornell.edu



Events & Activities

Doctoral Programm for Economic and Social Research

The sociological program of DIW Berlin's "Graduate Center for Economic and Social Research" is being reinforced. We encourage outstanding graduates with "SOEP experience" in the social and behavioral sciences (as well as in economics) to apply.

The deadline for applications for the next round of doctoral students, who will begin in September 2009, is April 15, 2009. See http://www.diw.de/graduate_center/application/27304.html.

For further questions contact the Vice-Dean of the Graduate Center, **Jürgen Schupp** (jschupp@diw.de).



Governing Mayor of Berlin, Klaus Wowereit, visited the DIW Berlin

Berlin Mayor Klaus Wowereit visited DIW Berlin on February 12, 2009

Governing Mayor of Berlin **Klaus Wowereit** visited the DIW Berlin on February 12, 2009. In addition to a discussion with the DIW President **Klaus Zimmermann**, Wowereit also took part in a discussion with the DIW graduate students and other younger members of the DIW staff. The event focused mainly on the current financial and economic crisis as well as on questions of educational policy. Here, the increasing importance of the SOEP data was highlighted for issues of educational economics, particularly in the area of early childhood education.

The graduate students gave short presentations; and by lucky coincidence, all three of them were working with SOEP in their doctoral theses. **Nataliya Barasinska** (DIW Department Innovation, Manufacturing, Service) is analyzing SOEP—as one data set among others—for determinants of financial portfolio diversification, **Olga Nottmeyer**, who works on the DIW Berlin Executive Board, is using SOEP as her main data basis. She is analyzing the impacts of intermarriage on the labor market outcomes of immigrants in Germany. And **Nicolas Ziebarth** (Department SOEP) is using SOEP for his thesis in the field of health economics (see his presentation listed below under Activities in this SOEPnewsletter).

CfP – BHPS 2009 Conference 9–11 July 2009 University of Essex, Colchester/UK

The Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) will be hosting the 2009 BHPS Research Conference in July 2009 at the University of Essex.

This conference provides an international forum for the exchange of research based on longitudinal data. An important aim of the conference is to bring together people from different disciplines. Papers may be based on any aspect of economics, sociology, politics, social psychology, or research and survey methods.

There is no conference fee. Substantial contributions towards travel and accommodation costs will be available (only for those presenting papers, one contribution per paper presented).

200–400 word abstracts of papers for presentation at the BHPS-2009 Conference should be submitted by March 15, 2009. The deadline for submissions of accepted papers is June 1, 2009.

While priority will be given to papers based on research using the British Household Panel Survey (BHPS), the European Community Household Panel (ECHP), or the European Union Statistics of Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC), we wish to encourage the dissemination of any social-science research that promotes the use of longitudinal data on individuals or households. Papers using cross-national comparisons are especially encouraged.

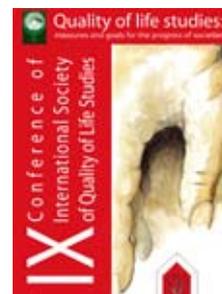
ISER Homepage: <http://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/>

Conference webpage:

<http://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/bhps/2009/>

Online abstract submission:

<http://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/bhps/2009/call.php>



IX Conference of the International Society of Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS) at Florence/Italy, JULY 19–23, 2009

The next ISQOLS Conference on the theme of "Quality of Life Studies: Measures and Goals for

the Progress of Societies” will take place from July 19–23, 2009 in Florence, Italy.

The SOEP supports this conference and will be present there with an information booth. We look forward to seeing you there.

Further information on the conference can be found at <http://www.isqols.org/>

Conference on Non-Cognitive Skills at DIW Berlin October 22–24, 2009

The third conference on “Non-Cognitive Skills: Acquisition and Economic Consequences” will take place at DIW Berlin from October 22–24, 2009. The conference will be put on by the Leibniz research network of the same name, and will be organized by ZEW Mannheim. The two keynote speeches will be held by **Jens Asendorpf** (Institute for Psychology, HU Berlin) and **Ernst Fehr** (Institute for Empirical Research in Economics, University of Zürich). Local organizers of the third conference are: **Jürgen Schupp**, **Katharina Spiess**, and **Christine Kurka** (DIW Berlin/SOEP).

3rd International Research Workshop “Methods for PhD” near Flensburg, October 4–9, 2009

For the third time, PhD students in the social economic sciences will have the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and experience in research on empirical data including the SOEP. The workshop will focus on the analysis of social networks. The workshop language will be English. Interested parties from all countries are invited. The workshop is especially for those who need training in the process of choosing a topic, grounding the research idea in theory, gathering and analyzing the data, and presenting the results in scientific contexts.

The workshop addresses the following steps of PhD research projects:

- gathering data through (un)structured interviews and analyzing standardized survey data (e.g., SOEP); **Elke Holst** (SOEP/DIW and Flensburg University) and **Andrea Schäfer** (ZeS Bremen) will give lectures;
- using the computer for content analysis and as a statistical tool,
- writing a report and making presentations,
- strengthening cooperation in empirical research to boost and streamline one’s project.

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

The workshop fee is €370. This includes all lectures, meals, and accommodations during the workshop (October 4–9, 2009).

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

For more information, see:

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

Report on the 2nd International Research Workshop “Methods for PhD” October 5–10, 2008, near Flensburg

Already for the second time from October 5–10, 2008 the International Research Workshop (IRWS) took place at the Akademie Sankelmark near Flensburg and at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) in Sonderburg, Denmark. The workshop received financial support from SOEP/DIW Berlin, University of Flensburg, the University of Southern Denmark (SDU), and the Helmut Schmidt University/Bundeswehr University of Hamburg (HSU) in the interests of promoting young researchers.

The previous year’s success carried over into the second year, with well over 50 participants from 20 different universities and research institutions in Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Austria and Poland. The kick-off for the workshop was the traditional Sunday Evening Dinner Lecture. In his lecture, the President of Flensburg University, **Heiner Dunckel**, discussed the psychological effects of completing a PhD. The individual workshop courses were addressed to doctoral level students and young scholars from the social and economic sciences, and were offered in parallel morning and afternoon sessions. The focus of this year’s workshop was “experiments.” Three half-day courses on this topic were offered: “Experiments and Organisational Behavior” (**Albert Martin**, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg), “Experiments and Economics” (**Roland Menges**, TU Clausthal & Universität Flensburg) and “Experiments and the SOEP” (**Thomas Siedler**, DIW SOEP). Introductory courses to the statistics software STATA (**Rainer Schnell** and **Tobias Gramlich**, University of Duisburg-Essen) and the freeware program R (**Detlef Steuer**, HSU) were also provided. Further courses included “Introduction to the SOEP” (**Martin Kroh**, DIW SOEP),

“Analysing Panel Data” (**Torben Dall Schmidt**, SDU), “Case Studies” (**Nicole Torcka**, University of Twente), “Qualitative (Experts) Interviews, Content Analysis, and Grounded Theory” (**Maïke Andresen**, HSU), “Data Analysis – Logit” (**Volker MüllerBenedict**, Universität Flensburg) and

outcome of immigrants in Germany. January 14, 2009.

Stefan Liebig, Carsten Sauer und Jürgen Schupp (Soziologie/Universität Bielefeld und SOEP) Einkommensgerechtigkeit in Deutschland – Inhaltliche und methodische Befunde aus einer Vignettenstudie im Rahmen der SOEP Innovationstudie 2008. January 28, 2009.

Eva Berger and C. Katharina Spiess (SOEP): Life satisfaction of mothers and child outcomes: Are they related? A panel data approach. February 4, 2009.

Silke Hans (FUB): Assimilation oder Segregation? Anpassungsprozesse bei Einwanderern in Deutschland. February 18, 2009.

Christiane Schwier (Universität Heidelberg): Women can't jump – An experiment on competitive attitudes and stereotype threat. March 18, 2009.



Participants in the successful 2nd International Research Workshop 2008
Photos: Simon Fietze

“Data Analysis – Multivariate” (**Wenzel Matiaske**, HSU). Towards the middle of the workshop, it became even more international: about 40 kilometers away at the University of Southern Denmark in Sonderburg/Denmark, courses were offered in “Scientific Writing” and “Presentation.”

The workshop was organized by the Institut für Personalwesen und Internationales Management at the Helmut Schmidt University of Hamburg (Wenzel Matiaske).

As indicated above, the 3rd International Research Workshop will take place in 2009, focusing on the “analysis of social networks,” from October 4–9, 2009. Further information can be obtained in this SOEPnewsletter and (including registration materials) at:

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

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:

Olga Nottmeyer (Graduate Center DIW Berlin): The impact of intermarriage on the labour market

Program of the Leibniz Seminar for Labor Market Research, summer term 2009

The Berlin Network for Labor Market Research (BeNA) was founded in the year 2004 by young Berlin researchers, and is understood as a forum for discussion and development of projects from the field of labor market research. At present, the DIW Berlin, the Humboldt University of Berlin (HU Berlin), RWI Essen (Berlin office), the Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin) and the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB) are actively involved in the network.

Since 2008 the Leibniz Association has been supporting the Berlin Network for Labor Market Research, and thus promoted its expansion into the “Leibniz Seminar for Labor Market Research.” This allows young scholars to discuss ideas and research findings with top German and European experts, to create their own networks at an early stage in their careers, and to develop interregional cooperation projects. The summer term program is provided on the next page. All those interested are welcome to attend the lecture series.

Further information, in particular details on the different locations, can be found at: <http://www.labor-research.net>. Those who are interested in presenting a lecture at the Leibniz Seminar for Labor Market Research should contact **Peter Haan** (phaan@diw.de), **Thomas Siedler** (tsiedler@diw.de), **Michael Kvasnicka** (RWI Essen, Berlin Office, michael.kvasnicka@rwi-essen.de) or **Sebastian Braun** (HU Berlin, sbraun@wiwi.hu-berlin.de).

Program of Leibniz Seminar for Labor Market Research in Berlin, summer term 2009

Date	Speaker/Affiliation	Title
08.04.09	Nicole Schneeweiss Johannes Kepler University Linz	Girls, Girls, Girls: Gender Composition and Female School Choice
15.04.09	Johannes Münster (joint with Sven Chojnacki and Nils Metternich) Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung	Mercenaries
22.04.09	Arne Uhlenborff (joint with Marco Caliendo and Steffen Künn) IZA Bonn	Marginal Employment, Unemployment Duration and Employment Stability: Evidence from a Multivariate Duration Model
29.04.09	Sebastian Braun HU Berlin	Unionisation Structure, Trade and Productivity
06.05.09	Peggy David Ruhr Graduate School in Economics	Cohort Wage Effects and Job Mobility
13.05.09	Michele Belot Oxford University	Healthy School Meals and Educational Outcomes
27.05.09	Olmo Silva (joint with Helena Holmlund) London School of Economics	Unobservables and Matching as an Evaluation Method: Evidence from an Education Intervention
03.06.09	Leonie Sundmacher TU Berlin Nicolas Ziebarth DIW Berlin	Focus on Health Economics Avoidable Mortality in Germany A Natural Experiment on Sick Pay Increases, Sickness Absence and Labour Costs
10.06.09	Matthias Parrey University College London	TBA
17.06.09	Esben Anton Schultz Copenhagen Business School	TBA
24.06.09	Dominik Buttler Poznan University of Economics and DIW Berlin	Labour Market Outcome of Volunteering. The Case of Germany and Great Britain
01.07.09	Connie Wunsch University of St. Gallen	Optimal Monitoring and Sanction Systems
08.07.09	Katharina Wrohlich DIW Berlin	Tuition Fees and Educational Choices

People & Papers

Soon available: SOEP after 25 Years: Proceedings of the 8th International Socio- Economic Panel User Conference

A selection of 18 papers originally presented at the 8th International SOEP User Conference will soon be published in a special issue of *Schmollers Jahrbuch* 129(2) 2009, guest-edited by **Silke Anger, Olaf Groh-Samberg, Bruce Headey, and Gisela Trommsdorff**. The SOEP User Conference, held at the Social Science Research Center (WZB) in Berlin from July 9 to 11, 2008, provided a perfect opportunity to celebrate SOEP's 25th anniversary. The proceedings volume covers interesting papers on various topics and from different disciplines, reflecting the state of the art of international panel data research. The topics covered by the papers include education, wages and the labour market, well-being, health and old-age topics, migration and religion. Furthermore, an article of the European Data Watch section of *Schmollers Jahrbuch* provides an overview on SOEP's potential as a reference dataset. We will inform you via our SOEP listserver about the download possibilities.

Personnel News from the SOEP Department at DIW Berlin

Three experienced SOEP users and researchers who are working with us in Berlin as Research Affiliates have made important steps in their careers: **Marcel Erlinghagen** received his habilitation in February 2009 from the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Ruhr University in Bochum in the field of "Social Economics." He will hold an acting professorship (Vertretungsprofessur) in summer term 2009 at the Institute for "Empirical Socio-Structural Analysis" at the University of Duisburg-Essen. **John Haisken-DeNew**, former SOEP team member in Berlin and on the staff of RWI Essen since 2003 was appointed Professor at the Ruhr University of Bochum on March 1, 2009. **Hendrik Jürges**, MEA Mannheim, has held a professorship at the University of Mannheim since January 1, 2009. Congratulations go to these three longtime friends.

Elke Holst stayed in January 2009 at the Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford University. She worked with Myra Strober on women in management.

Denis Huschka and **Peter Krause** have been elected to the Board of Directors of the International

Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS). This will be the first time for Peter and the third time for Denis, who was again also elected as the Vice President of ISQOLS.

Christiane Nitsche has joined the team of the SOEP office management. We are happy to have her as part of the team, and look forward to working together successfully.



After eight years as part of the Berlin SOEP team, **Andrea Schäfer** is leaving us to take on new responsibilities as a research associate at ZeS (Center for Social Policy) starting April 1, 2009. She

will deal mainly with questions of changes in the structure of gainful employment and way of life in welfare state contexts from a gender-sensitive social science perspective. Andrea started at SOEP as a student assistant in the area of gender and the labor market. After completing her Magistra Artium in Sociology at the University of Potsdam, she worked on a project on the interactions between inheritances and the distribution of wealth. At the end of the year 2005, she went to the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) in order to complete her dissertation in the field of life courses and social change. Andrea will maintain her connection to the SOEP department through numerous activities, not least through a project on labor market integration of female managers in the private sector and studies on the determinants of remittances. At present Andrea is completing her dissertation on different forms of intergenerational support at the University of Bremen/BIGSSS.

Jürgen Schupp was appointed by the managing board of the DIW Berlin to Vice-Dean of Graduate Studies of the DIW Graduate Centers of Economic and Social Research. Effective on April 1, 2009, he will focus mainly in the discipline of sociology as well as on expanding the sociological curriculum of the Graduate Centers. This is a signal that the sociological program of the Graduate Center is being reinforced. Jürgen Schupp also was appointed to the Advisory Board of the DFG-funded longitudinal study "Panel Analysis of Intimate Relationships and Family Dynamics" (PAIRFAM). Furthermore he was appointed to the Board of Arbitration for the German Market and Social Research (Rat der Deutschen Markt- und Sozialforschung e. V.).

The next guest of the SOEP-ISER Exchange Program will be **Francesca Zantomio** from the Institute for Economic Research ISER. She will stay at the SOEP May 25–29, 2009 and present a brown bag seminar on May 27.

From February 22 to March 18, 2009, SOEP PhD student **Nicolas Ziebarth** was on a research stay in

Sweden. During the first two weeks, he stayed at Örebro University under the supervision of Daniela Andrén, where he also gave a seminar. During the third week, he visited the Institute for Labour Market Policy Evaluation (IFAU) in Uppsala, where he participated in a Workshop on Labour Economics with David Card as keynote speaker. Finally, he gave a seminar at Stockholm University as well as at Lund University.

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 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.

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 Cyclicity of Effective Wages with-in 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/USA

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: Household Panel Surveys—Challenges for Social Science Research. **5th International Conference of Panel Data Users in Switzerland**. June 4–5, 2009, University of Lausanne/CH.

Olaf Groh-Samberg: Abstiegsverfahren und Statusverunsicherungen: was "bewegt" die Mittelschichten? Meeting "Dynamiken (in) der gesellschaftlichen Mitte" of the Section Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse of the 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, 10–3, 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/NL

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

Elke Holst, Stefan Liebig, and Carsten Sauer: Indirect Measurement of Fair Wages and the Persistence of the Gender Pay Gap. **2009 IAFFE Annual Conference**, June 26–28, Boston, Massachusetts/USA.

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.

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 R. Ziebarth: Long-Term Absenteeism and Moral Hazard—Evidence From a Natural Experiment. **14th Annual Conference of the Society**

of Labor Economists (SOLE), May 8–9, 2009, Boston, Massachusetts/USA.

Paper presentations in the last three months

Silke Anger and Guido Heineck: The Intergenerational Transmission of Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills. *2nd Conference of the Research Network "Noncognitive Skills: Acquisition and Economic Consequences,"* March 19–21, 2009. Constance/Germany.

Eva Berger und C. Katharina Spiess: Life satisfaction of mothers and child outcomes: Are they related? (1) *Annual Meeting of the Economics of Education Committee of the Verein für Socialpolitik*, March 12–13, 2009, Landau/Germany. (2) *2nd Conference of the Research Network "Noncognitive Skills: Acquisition and Economic Consequences,"* March 19–21, 2009. Constance/Germany.

Eva Berger: Maternal Employment and Happiness: The Effect of Non-Participation and Part-Time Employment on Mothers' Life Satisfaction. *5th International Young Scholar SOEP Conference*, March 27–28, 2009, Delmenhorst/Germany.

Simon Fietze, Elke Holst, and Verena Tobsch: Personality, Gender and Career in Management. Korean-German Joint Workshop: HR Research Methodology and Career Management, EWA Women's University, March 11, 2009, Seoul/South Korea.

Joachim R. Frick and Markus M. Grabka: Accounting for imputed and capital income flows in inequality analyses. *Joint OECD/University of Maryland International Conference "Measuring Poverty, Income Inequality, and Social Exclusion—Lessons from Europe,"* March 16–17, 2009, Paris/France.

Joachim R. Frick and Markus M. Grabka: Gestiegene Vermögensungleichheit in Deutschland. *Sozialpolitisches Forum des Sozialverbands VdK Bayern, „Ausgrenzung und Armut: Ist Deutschland zukunftsfähig?,"* March 25–26, 2009, Tutzing/Germany.

Bruce Headey, Peter Krause, and Gert G. Wagner: Poverty redefined as low consumption and low wealth, not just low income: its psychological consequences in Australia and Germany. *Joint OECD/University of Maryland International Conference "Measuring Poverty, Income Inequality, and Social Exclusion—Lessons from Europe,"* March 16–17, 2009, Paris/France.

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.

Henning Lohmann: Measuring poverty and employment using EU-SILC—Differences between register and survey data. *1st European User Conference: European Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS) and European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC)*, Mannheim, March 5–6, 2009.

Henning Lohmann: Why to choose a non-recommended school type? Determinants and consequences of the non-acceptance of teacher's recommendations in Germany. *Joint Empirical Social Science (JESS) Seminar*, Department of Economics and the Department of Sociology, University of Essex, March 18, 2009, Essex/UK.

Thomas Siedler und Bettina Sonnenberg: Intergenerational Mobility and Preferences for Redistribution. *Research Seminar in Economics*, Free University of Berlin, January 21, 2009, Berlin.

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

Nicolas R. Ziebarth and Martin Karlsson: A Natural Experiment on Sick Pay Cuts, Sickness Absence, and Labor Costs. (1) *Seminar Series*, Örebro University, February 27, 2009, Örebro/Schweden (2) *Brown Bag Seminar*, Stockholm University, March 17, 2009, Stockholm/Schweden, (3) *Seminar in Health, Labour and Family Economics*, Lund University, March 18, 2009, Lund/Schweden.

Nicolas R. 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.

Invited lectures and policy forums, January – June 2009

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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.

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.

University teaching, summer term 2009

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Christian Schmitt: Exercise in Family Demography: Demographic Analysis of Change in Living Arrangements. Undergraduate Course, Familiendemographie: Demographische Analyse des Wandels der Lebensformen, University of Rostock.

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

C. Katharina Spieß: Methoden und Instrumente des Qualitätsmanagements und der Personalentwicklung, Bildungscontrolling. Masterstudiengang, FU Berlin.

University teaching, short-term special courses

Thomas Siedler: Survival Analysis. 42nd Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex, July 20–24, 2009, Essex/UK. For further information see <http://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/iser/teaching/summer-school-module>.

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Visitors

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

Dominik Buttler	Poznan University/Poland
Charlotte Cabane	University of Paris/France
Anna Fraesdorf	University of Bamberg
Bruce Headey	University of Melbourne/Australia
Renée Reichl	UCLA/USA
Michael Wurm	Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR)

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

Katja Coneus	ZEW Mannheim
Thomas Lux	FU Berlin
Natascha Nisic	University of Erlangen
Christiane Schwieren	University of Heidelberg
Uwe Sunde	IZA, Bonn

Interns (in the past three months and near future)

Sabrina Brack	Technical University Darmstadt
Jan Drees	University of Duisburg-Essen
Christoph Feldhaus	University of Cologne
Alexander Fries	University of Munich
Jessica Jechorek	Berlin University of Technology
Oliver Winkler	University of Erfurt
Hannes Oehler	Institute for Economic Research, Bozen/Austria

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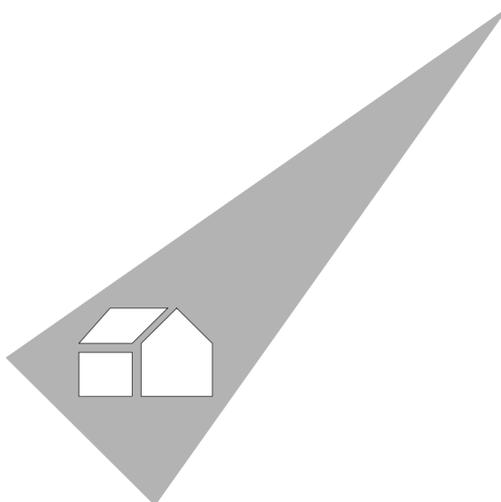
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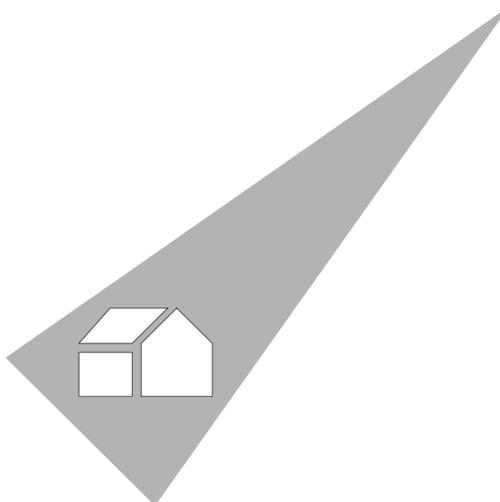
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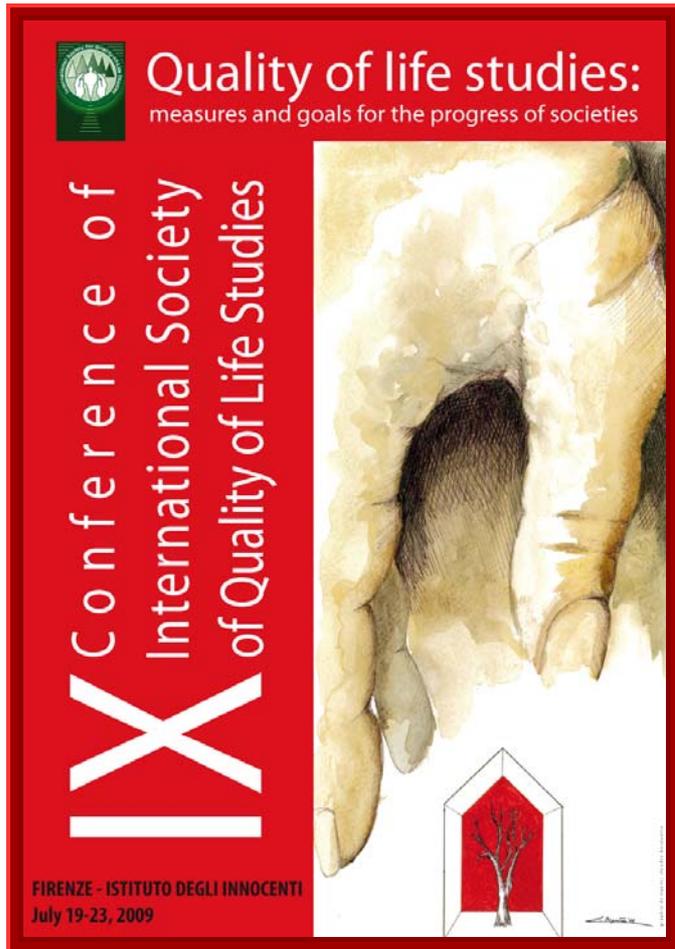
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- how can the wealthiest countries and citizens be most helpful to less wealthy countries and citizens?

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Analysemöglichkeiten mit dem Sozio-oekonomischen Panel (SOEP)

Dreiteiliger Workshop
28. September bis 2. Oktober 2009

Viele sozialwissenschaftliche Forschungsfragen lassen sich nur mit Längsschnittdaten untersuchen. Da der Umgang mit entsprechenden Datensätzen und Analyseverfahren anspruchsvoll ist, in der universitären Methodenausbildung aber nicht überall fest verankert ist, findet vom 28.9. bis 2.10.09 an der Universität Bielefeld ein Workshop zu den Analysemöglichkeiten des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels statt. Die Veranstaltung richtet sich an Studierende und Nachwuchswissenschaftler aus den Fächern Soziologie, Ökonomie, Politikwissenschaft und Psychologie. Der Workshop wird im Rahmen des Nachwuchs-Förderprogrammes des Rats für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten finanziert.

Der Workshop besteht aus drei Modulen, die einzeln oder zusammen besucht werden können:

Modul 1 Einführung
in die Benutzung des SOEP

Modul 2 Analysepotentiale des SOEP –
Diskussion aktueller Forschungsarbeiten

Modul 3 Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse
und ihre Anwendung im SOEP

Modul 1: Einführung in die Benutzung des SOEP

Neben grundlegenden Informationen zum Datenangebot und dem Untersuchungsdesign des SOEP wird beispielhaft die haushalts- wie längsschnittbezogene Struktur der Daten vorgestellt und die Vielfalt der Analysepotentiale diskutiert. Es werden spezielle Tools präsentiert, die den Umgang mit der komplexen Datenstruktur erleichtern.

Modul 2: Analysepotentiale des SOEP – Diskussion aktueller Forschungsarbeiten

In Form kommentierter Präsentationen soll Doktoranden und Nachwuchswissenschaftlern die Möglichkeit geboten werden, ihre aktuellen Forschungsarbeiten einem Kreis erfahrener SOEP-Nutzer und Experten der Längsschnittanalyse vorzustellen sowie individuelle Rückmeldungen zu erhalten. Zudem soll dieses Modul als Forum des informellen und kollegialen Erfahrungsaustauschs dienen. Es besteht die Möglichkeit der Präsentation und Diskussion von acht Beiträgen.

Modul 3: Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse und ihre Anwendung im SOEP

Über Lehrvorträge und darauf bezogene praktische Übungen wird ein vertiefter Einblick in die Panelregression und die Sequenzanalyse sowie ihre Anwendungsmöglichkeiten im Rahmen des SOEP gegeben. Zugleich wird das methodische Vorgehen der Forschungsarbeiten aus Modul 2 in Posterpräsentationen vorgestellt und in kleinen Gruppen diskutiert.

Zielgruppe

Der Workshop richtet sich insbesondere an Doktoranden und Nachwuchswissenschaftler,

- die für ihre theoretischen Fragestellungen geeignete Datensätze zur Sekundäranalyse suchen,
- die bereits das SOEP nutzen und ihre Forschungsarbeiten intensiv mit peers und seniors diskutieren möchten und
- die Längsschnittanalysen mit dem SOEP planen und eine anwendungsbezogene Einführung in die entsprechenden Analyseverfahren wünschen.

Vorkenntnisse

In den computerbezogenen Lehreinheiten wird ausschließlich die Statistik-Software STATA verwendet. Teilnehmer ohne STATA-Kenntnisse sollten deshalb die Einführungsveranstaltung am Montagmorgen besuchen. Der Workshop setzt Kenntnisse in den multivariaten Analyseverfahren voraus.

Teilnahme

Die Teilnahme ist für den gesamten Workshop oder auch gesondert für einzelne Module möglich. Die Gebühr für die Teilnahme am gesamten Workshop beträgt 40 € (Doktoranden/Studenten 20 €), für einzelne Module jeweils 15 € (Doktoranden/Studenten 8 €). Referenten in Modul 2 sind von der Gebühr befreit und erhalten ihre Reise- und Unterkunftskosten erstattet.

In der Teilnahmegebühr sind enthalten: Gesamte Dokumentation des Workshops mit Präsentationen, STATA-Beispielprogrammen und den vorgestellten Beiträgen auf CD, Getränke in den Pausen.

Call for papers

Doktoranden und Nachwuchswissenschaftler/-innen die in Modul 2 eine Forschungsarbeit unter Verwendung von SOEP-Daten vorstellen möchten, senden bis 15. Juli ein maximal 2-seitiges Abstract, in dem Fragestellung, Theoriebezug, verwendete Daten und Analyseverfahren sowie zentrale Ergebnisse dargestellt sind. Die Auswahl und Benachrichtigung erfolgt bis 1. August 2009. Angenommene Beiträge müssen bis 1. September 2009 in Form eines maximal 75000 Zeichen umfassenden Artikels vorgelegt werden.

Anmeldung

Online-Anmeldung ab 1. Juli 2009 über
<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/soz/soep@campus/>

Lokale Veranstalter

Prof. Dr. Stefan Liebig, Professur für Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse, Fakultät für Soziologie
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Kristina Brosda, Professur für Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse, Fakultät für Soziologie

In Kooperation mit
Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Andreß, Lehrstuhl für Empirische Sozial- und Wirtschaftsforschung, Universität zu Köln
Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp, Längsschnittstudie Sozio-oekonomisches Panel (DIW Berlin) und Institut für Soziologie, Freie Universität Berlin

Programmübersicht

Modul 1

Einführung in die Benutzung des SOEP

Die Einführung in die Benutzung des SOEP wird von Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp, Abteilung Längsschnittstudie Sozio-oekonomische Panel, DIW Berlin, durchgeführt und geschieht anwendungsorientiert in den Computerpools der Fakultät für Soziologie der Universität Bielefeld. Die verwendete Statistik-Software ist STATA. Zugleich besteht die Möglichkeit der individuellen Beratung bei der Nutzung des SOEP.

Modul 2

Analysepotentiale mit dem SOEP – Diskussion aktueller Forschungsarbeiten

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

Modul 3

Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse und ihre Anwendung im SOEP

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

Montag, 28. September 2009

10.00-12.00	Propädeutikum in STATA für Teilnehmer ohne STATA-Vorkenntnisse
13.00-13.30	Begrüßung und Einführung PROF. DR. REINHOLD HEDTKE, DEKAN DER FAKULTÄT FÜR SOZIOLOGIE
13.30-15.00	SOEP: Datenstruktur (Querschnitt/ Längsschnitt, Kohorten, Spell-Daten, Haushalt, Familie, Individuum) und Dokumentation (soep-info, DTC, Homepage) PROF. DR. JÜRGEN SCHUPP, DIW BERLIN
15.00-15.30	Pause
15.30-17.00	Übung: Querschnitts- und Paneldatensätze
17.00-17.30	Pause
17.30-19.00	Aggregieren von Informationen auf Haushalts-/ Familienebene, Diskussion Diskontinuitätsproblematik von Haushalts- / Familienstrukturen PROF. DR. JÜRGEN SCHUPP, DIW BERLIN
19.00-21.00	Verfahren zur Längsschnittanalyse: Ein Überblick PROF. DR. HANS JÜRGEN ANDRESS, UNIVERSITÄT ZU KÖLN Anschließend: Wine and Cheese

Dienstag, 29. September 2009

9:30-11:00	Übung: Aggregieren von Informationen
11:00-11:30	Pause
11.30-13.00	Gewichtung und Hochrechnung, Regional- und Geodaten im SOEP PROF. DR. JÜRGEN SCHUPP, DIW BERLIN
13.00-14.00	Mittagspause
14:00-16.00	Übung: Gewichtung und Hochrechnung
16:00-16:30	Pause
16.30-18:30	Vertiefende Übungen Für Fortgeschrittene: Individuelle Beratung zu aktuellen Forschungsarbeiten DR. HENNING LOHMANN, DIW BERLIN

Mittwoch, 30. September 2009

9.30-10.30	Innovationen im SOEP PROF. DR. JÜRGEN SCHUPP, DIW BERLIN
10:30-11:00	Pause
11:00-12:00	Parallele Veranstaltungen: Forschungsarbeiten I + II
12:00-13:00	Mittagspause
13:00-14:30	Postersession und Netzworfbildung der SOEP-Nutzer
14:30-15:30	Parallele Veranstaltungen: Forschungsarbeiten III + IV
15:30-15:45	Pause
15:45-16:45	Parallele Veranstaltungen: Forschungsarbeiten V + VI
16:45-17:00	Pause
17:00-17:45	Parallele Veranstaltungen: Forschungsarbeiten VII+ VIII
19:00-20:00	Abendvortrag: International comparisons of income mobility DR. PHILIPPE VAN KERM, CEPS/INSTEAD, LUXEMBOURG

Teilnehmer ohne STATA-Grundkenntnisse bitten wir, sich im Vorfeld in folgende Literatur einzulesen:

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

ISBN 978-3-486-58456-1

Verwendete Beispieldatensätze, die auf den SOEP-Daten beruhen, können heruntergeladen werden von

<http://www.stata-press.com/data/kkd.html>

Donnerstag, 1. Oktober 2009

9.00-10.30	Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse I: Panelregression DR. HENNING LOHMANN, DIW BERLIN
10:30-11:00	Pause
11.00-13.00	Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse I: Übungen zur Panelregression DR. HENNING LOHMANN, DIW BERLIN
13.00-14.00	Mittagspause
14:00-15:00	Anwendungsbeispiele der Panelregression mit dem SOEP (Poster)
15:00-15:30	Pause
15.30-17.00	Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse I: Übungen zur Panelregression DR. HENNING LOHMANN, DIW BERLIN
18:00-19:00	PanelWhiz

Freitag, 2. Oktober 2009

9.00-10.30	Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse II: Sequenzanalyse DR. ULRICH KOHLER, WZB
10:30-11:00	Pause
11.00-13.30	Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse II: Übungen zur Sequenzanalyse DR. ULRICH KOHLER, WZB
13.30-14.00	Mittagspause
14:00-15:00	Anwendungsbeispiele längsschnittlicher Analysen mit dem SOEP (Poster)
15:00-15:15	Pause
15.15-16.30	Verfahren der Längsschnittanalyse II: Übungen zur Sequenzanalyse DR. ULRICH KOHLER, WZB