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Foreword

2014 was an exciting and successful year for DIW Berlin. The focal point of the Institute's research work was, once again, the major economic and socio-political challenges faced by Germany and other European societies. The Institute's researchers explored the root causes of these challenges and strived to develop ways of addressing them.

In 2014, the importance of investment in Germany and the rest of Europe attracted particular attention in public debate. DIW Berlin provided important impetus for the discussion on economic policy with its analysis of the prevailing lack of investment and a proposal for a European investment agenda. The urgent need for increased investment to secure competitiveness and prosperity was also acknowledged by political decision-makers: the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) placed particular emphasis on the subject, establishing an independent expert commission to develop specific recommendations for strengthening investment in Germany.

In 2014, attention was on a momentous historical event: Germany celebrated the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. DIW Berlin, which has continuously been tracking and evaluating economic and social developments in Germany, published a special edition of *DIW Economic Bulletin* dedicated to the anniversary. The Bulletin articles were predominantly based on data from the *Socio-Economic Panel* (SOEP) and examined how the economic, labor, and living conditions of the inhabitants of eastern and western Germany have changed since the fall of the Wall. The most important message is that German reunification has been and will continue to be a success – not only politically, but also from an economic perspective.

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Germany and other European societies. The Institute's researchers explored the root causes of these challenges and strived to develop ways of addressing them. The foundation for these contributions to economic policy debate is the research work conducted by DIW Berlin's experts. Robust policy recommendations can only be developed on the basis of well-founded theoretical and empirical analyses of current economic policy issues. DIW Berlin's experts have an impressive track record here: the number of articles published in peer-reviewed journals reached an unprecedented high in 2014 and, at the same time, quality also increased further.

A convincing indicator of DIW Berlin's outstanding research performance is the number of successful bids for external funding submitted by its staff. In 2014, DIW Berlin celebrated being awarded three simultaneous grants in the Leibniz Competition: the Leibniz Association opted to fund projects on global food security, the evaluation of minimum wage legislation by the SOEP, and research into issues regarding competition, tax, and consumer protection policies as part of the newly established Leibniz ScienceCampus *Berlin Centre for Consumer Policies* (BCCP).

In addition, a large number of research projects conducted by the Institute's experts have been made possible with grants from the German Research Foundation (DFG), other foundations, and the European Union.



Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner, Prof. Marcel Fratzscher, Ph.D., and Dr. Cornelius Richter, LL.M. (left to right)

These are just a few examples of the diverse work conducted by the Institute in 2014 that demonstrate how DIW Berlin continues to successfully combine first-rate research with sound policy advice on the basis of an excellent research infrastructure and an outstanding doctoral training program. The achievements of the past year are an incentive for us to continue the course we began in 2011 and to also continue to share our research findings with the general public.

In 2015, DIW Berlin will celebrate 90 years since its founding. The theme of the festivities will be the 25th anniversary of the introduction of Germany's economic, monetary, and social union in 1990. What is clear is that DIW Berlin intends to continue making a major contribution to the economic and socio-political discussion with its analyses and research findings, providing the relevant research infrastructure, and offering constructive advice for political decision-making.

Marcel Fratzscher

Cornelius Richter

Gert G. Wagner

The Year in Review

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The Year in Review

DIW Berlin's remit is to combine first-rate research with the provision of research infrastructure, doctoral student training, and sound policy advice. In 2014, the Institute's experts, once again, had their research findings published in top specialist journals, thus making important contributions to economic and socio-political debates with their expertise.

DIW Berlin's Key Areas of Focus in Economic and Socio-Political Debate

In 2014, the analyses conducted by DIW Berlin's researchers made major contributions to economic and socio-political debates. The wide variety of subjects discussed is evidence of the breadth of expertise in DIW Berlin. In 2014, these primarily included the continuing economic and financial crisis in the European Union and developments in Germany since the fall of the Wall.

One key focus of DIW Berlin's work in 2014 was the analysis of the European economic and financial crisis and its impact on investment activity in Europe in particular. In a multi-part *DIW Economic Bulletin*, the Institute's researchers examined the level and development of investment in the individual EU countries and the euro area both before and during the crisis that began in 2008. In their analyses, DIW experts came to the conclusion that gross fixed asset investments in many EU countries plummeted since the onset of the crisis. In order to address this, DIW Berlin's staff proposed a comprehensive investment agenda: the key components of this agenda are a temporary investment fund, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), improved competition policy, an investment-friendly tax policy, and also support for international joint ventures.

In 2014, Germany celebrated the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The Institute dedicated an edition of *DIW Economic Bulletin* to this historic event, which included comprehensive analyses of the transformation of economic, working, and living conditions of the inhabitants of East and West Germany since the fall of the Wall, primarily conducted using SOEP data. In their articles, DIW Berlin's experts examined the development of the economy, the income and asset situation, labor market participation, pensions, childcare, and general life satisfaction, concluding that, despite all the mistakes, pitfalls, and costs, German reunification has been a success, not only politically but also economically. Although the analy-

ses revealed that, even 25 years after the fall of the Wall, in many spheres (such as economic performance, productivity, income, and particularly wealth) East Germany is still lagging significantly behind the West, it was not primarily the actual developments that were problematic but rather the excessively high expectations, from the very outset, of a rapid alignment of economic and living conditions. Nevertheless, the studies conducted by DIW Berlin came to predominantly positive conclusions: the convergence of economic and living conditions achieved as part of the reunification process has been and will remain an exceptional economic accomplishment.

In October 2014, DIW Berlin welcomed the members of the Joint Economic Forecast (*Gemeinschaftsdiagnose*) who develop the fall forecast on the state of the global and German economies.

Lastly, together with other experts including Manuela Schwesig, Federal Minister of Family Affairs, C. Katharina Spieß, Head of the *Department of Education and Family* at DIW Berlin, presented the final report on the overall evaluation of benefit payments to married couples and families in Germany (*Abschlussbericht der Gesamtevaluation ehe- und familienbezogener Leistungen*). As part of a project commissioned by the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) and the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF) in 2009, a group of experts conducted the first systematic evaluation of the German government's family policy using a variety of different methods and data sources. The findings made a major contribution to the impact analysis of policy measures and provided political decision-makers with the knowledge they require to determine any potential reforms.

DIW Berlin Plays Prominent Role in Providing Policy Advice

In 2014, DIW Berlin's researchers were among the most influential economists



Twelve graduates of the *Graduate Center* received their graduation certificates in December 2014, following a speech by the President of the Leibniz Association, Prof. Dr. Matthias Kleiner (right).



At DIW Berlin's Second Gender Studies Conference, Dr. Katharina Wrohlich of the *Department of Public Economics* presents her paper on family working hours.

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in German-speaking countries in terms of their impact on economic policy. The *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (FAZ) economists ranking placed three of DIW Berlin's researchers, Marcel Fratzscher, Gert G. Wagner, and Claudia Kemfert, among the 15 most influential economic experts. Apart from their research achievements and the importance of their role in providing policy advice, the FAZ ranking also takes the researchers' media presence into account. In total, nine members of DIW Berlin staff were among the top 100 economists. This places the Institute in the number one spot in the ranking of most influential non-university economic research institutes.

DIW Berlin experts played an important part in the economic and socio-political debate both by contributing to internal and external publications and through their memberships on the major advisory boards of public institutions. For example, since 2014 Marcel Fratzscher has chaired the independent Expert Commission on Increasing Investment in Germany; appointed by the German Economic Affairs Minister, the Commission developed recommen-

dations for ways to strengthen public investment in Germany and improve the framework for private investment. Fratzscher spoke with Federal Minister Sigmar Gabriel about his theories on Germany's investment requirements at the launch of his book, *Die Deutschland-Illusion*.

In 2014, Gert G. Wagner was elected the new Chair of the Social Advisory Board located at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS), which advises the German government on pension policy and retirement provision issues. He was also appointed by the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (BMJV) to the new Council of Experts for Consumer Issues, whose role it is to advise the German government on important consumer questions and develop recommendations. Further, for 2014 until 2016, Wagner was appointed as a member of the scientific advisory board for the government project Living well in Germany (*Gut leben in Deutschland*) examining quality of life in Germany.

In September 2014, Tomaso Duso, Head of the *Department of Firms and*

Markets at DIW Berlin, was accepted as a member of the Competition Law Working Group, which is part of the *Bundeskartellamt* (an independent competition authority). The working group includes economics and law professors whose main research areas are anti-cartel law and competition economy as well as judges from the Cartel Senate coming together to discuss current issues of competition law.

C. Katharina Spieß was appointed to the Scientific Advisory Board of the cooperation agreement between federal and *Länder* governments on the performance of the German education system by international comparison (*Gemeinschaftsaufgabe im Bildungsbereich*). Among other things, the committee supports projects evaluating the German education system and also facilitates joint federal and *Länder* reporting on education.

Jürgen Schupp, Director of the *Socio-Economic Panel* (SOEP) is a member of the Advisory Council of the German National Library of Economics (ZBW) since 2014.

Research and Career Development

In 2014, we were able to continue the successful development of research performance of recent years. DIW Berlin's researchers published a total of 101 specialist articles in journals listed in the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) and the Science Citation Index (SCI). Thus, DIW Berlin further increased its output in the field of research publications. However, not only is the quantity of publications crucial for DIW Berlin's research performance but also the quality. Here, too, the positive trend is clear: the average impact factor of a DIW Berlin publication in 2014 was 1.7. This is the third consecutive increase since 2011.

The research is closely linked to promoting young researchers, which DIW Berlin is committed to as part of its Graduate Center program. In September 2014, 14 new doctoral students began their training in economics at the Institute. The one-year course is run in cooperation with Berlin universities. In addition, DIW Berlin continued its successful partnership with the Berlin Graduate Schools to train doctoral students in fields other than economics. The traditional GC Graduation Ceremony took place at the end of the year with twelve young researchers celebrating their graduation. Among the well-wishers was the President of the Leibniz Association, Matthias Kleiner, who in his speech emphasized the importance of young talent and their research ideas.

Leibniz Competition Successes

The strong research position of DIW Berlin in 2014 was reflected in the outstanding performance of the Institute in the competition for external research funds. Building on the accomplishments of recent years, both DIW Berlin and the SOEP submitted successful applications to the 2015 Leibniz Competition. The Global Food project (*Globale Ernährungssicherheit: Herausforderungen für Produktion und Konsum*) will be financed by the Leibniz Association in



Prof. Marcel Fratzscher, Ph.D., discusses the main topics of his book *Die Deutschland-Illusion*, published in 2014, with Sigmar Gabriel, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy.

the line of funding for senior management positions in research for women. The project involves researchers examining how the threat of shortages in the global food supply can be prevented. In the line of funding for knowledge transfer and subsidies for outsourcing, SOEP's application for funding of its project Evaluation of the minimum wage in Germany (EVA-MIN) (*Evaluation des Mindestlohns in Deutschland (EVA-MIN) – Wissensproduktion und -vermittlung für die evidenzbasierte (fach-)öffentliche Evaluation der Mindestlohn-Gesetzgebung*) was successful. This project provides for an independent evaluation of the minimum wage with the participation of all six of the Leibniz Association's economic research institutes.

As of 2015, yet another institution in the field of consumer research is set to join the Berlin research landscape, under the auspices of DIW Berlin. The Leibniz ScienceCampus Berlin Centre for Consumer Policies (BCCP) will be funded as part of the Leibniz Association's application procedure for Strategic Networking. The BCCP brings together researchers from the fields of eco-

nomics, law, politics, and life sciences from seven Berlin institutions covering the subjects of competition, taxation, and consumer protection policy.

Partnerships with Universities through Joint Appointments

DIW Berlin's commitment to partnerships with universities in Berlin and beyond is expressed, among other things, in its joint appointments. In 2014, a total of three appointments were arranged and implemented under this procedure.

Carsten Schröder was appointed Chair of Public Finance and Social Policy at the Department of Economics of Freie Universität Berlin in March 2014, and, at the same time, became Head of Applied Panel Data Analyses at SOEP.

In October 2014, Ingrid Tucci and Marco Giesselmann (both SOEP) were appointed junior professors at the Sociology Faculty of the University of Bielefeld through a joint appointment procedure.

Events with Prestigious Guests

DIW Berlin also participated in a multitude of events in 2014. In April, the Institute hosted a Berlin Lunchtime Meeting looking at *An Integrated Approach to EU Energy and Climate Policy* with Michael Grubb from Cambridge University, Thomas Sterner of the University of Gothenburg, and Karsten Neuhoff, Head of the *Department of Climate Policy* at DIW Berlin. Numerous guests and panelists discussed the prospects of a joint strategy for European energy and climate policy.

Continuing the successful cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, DIW Berlin's Second Gender Studies Conference took place in September and broached the subject of gender inequalities and their consequences: *How Should We Work And Do Business?* German Family Minister, Manuela Schwesig, spoke to almost 600 guests from industry, science, politics, and the media about equal opportunities in the labor market and other related topics. DIW Berlin's researchers presented their analyses of wealth and pension gaps between men and women. They also outlined the findings of a study on family working hours.

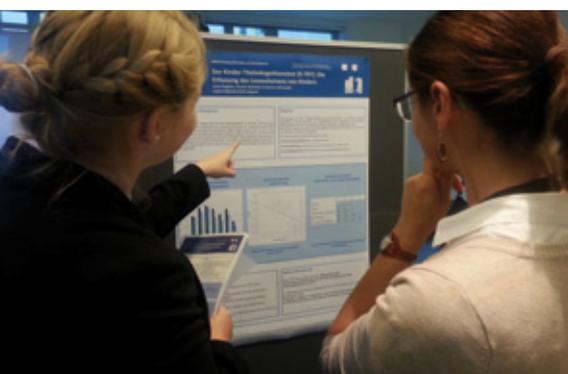
Entitled *Educational Choices and Success in Education*, the first annual meeting of the Berlin Interdisciplinary Education Research Network (BIEN), financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), was held at DIW Berlin in September. The meeting took place over two days and gave approximately 80 young education researchers the opportunity to present their research ideas and findings discussing them with other researchers from a multitude of disciplines.

As in previous years, DIW Berlin hosted its traditional lunchtime reception as part of the annual meeting of the *Verein für Socialpolitik*. In Hamburg, the Director of the European Central Bank, Sabine Lautenschläger, spoke to 600 guests on the challenges of a European banking union.

In October, experts from DIW Berlin, the *Bundesbank*, the European School of Management and Technology (ESMT), and many other institutions discussed options for sustainably strengthening the stability of financial markets under the motto *Achieving Sustainable Financial Stability*.

In 2014, DIW Berlin's Industrial Conference (*Industrietagung*) was dedicated to economic development and prevailing weak investment in Germany and Europe. Contributions from DIW Berlin experts analyzed the impact of the European economic and financial crisis on investment activity and jointly presented recommendations for strengthening investment in Europe with representatives from a variety of industrial and service sectors.

In November, DIW Berlin invited the Chairman of the German Council of Economic Experts, Christoph M. Schmidt, to attend one of their Berlin Lunchtime Meetings. He used the opportunity to present the Annual Economic Report 2014/15. Participants at the event observed a stimulating discussion about the existence and extent of weak German investment and the need to set the course for future economic policy decisions.



Young education researchers at the first annual meeting of the Berlin Interdisciplinary Education Research Network (BIEN).

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Department of the Executive Board

The overall management of DIW Berlin is the responsibility of the **Executive Board**, consisting of the President, the Managing Director and the second scientific Executive Board member.

The Executive Board represents the Institute externally, oversees the Institute's research activities and is responsible for commercial, legal, and administrative affairs. One Executive Board member is appointed from the SOEP management, ensuring close cooperation between the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) research infrastructure and DIW Berlin's departments.

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The Members' Assembly is DIW Berlin's highest decision-making body. The members support DIW Berlin's aims through their activities, both internally and externally. The Federal Government of Germany and the State of Berlin are permanent association members. They support the Institute's activities pursuant to Article 91b of the Basic Law and under the provisions in the Agreement on the Establishment of a Joint Science Conference (*Gemeinsame Wissenschaftskonferenz, GWK*). Within this framework, DIW Berlin receives funding from the Federal State of Berlin and the Federal Government.

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The **Scientific Advisory Board** is comprised of twelve internationally recognized active scholars who advise the Institute. The Board also assesses the Institute's research and reports to the Board of Trustees on the work conducted. The Scientific Advisory Board also participates in appointments or in selection procedures similar to appointments.

The **SOEP Survey Committee** provides advice to the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) research infrastructure's executive management and advises on the SOEP survey and SOEP services. The Committee comprises up to nine scholars appointed by DIW Berlin's Board of Trustees.

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Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF)

The Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF) has provided DIW Berlin with support since 1951. The Society's objectives include developing partnerships with national and international enterprises and strengthening cooperation between researchers and entrepreneurs. Members of the Society represent companies from all branches of industry and the service sector as well as the main business associations. It also has a growing number of individual members. Society members regularly communicate with DIW Berlin employees, providing ample opportunity to maintain informal networks. Members of the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin also attend the Berlin Lunchtime Meetings and the DIW Berlin's Industrial Conference (*Industrietagung*), for example.

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Research Directors

There are currently eight research directors at DIW Berlin whose work is primarily interdisciplinary. In close cooperation with one of the research departments, they each develop a basis for empirical economic and social policy advice. In close cooperation with the research departments they identify new areas of focus and methodologies. They also contribute to the continuing professional development and supervision of researchers.

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Works Council and Commissioners

The **Works Council** at DIW Berlin is comprised of five women and four men. They act as a point of contact for DIW employees regarding all social and personnel matters. As a body of elected employee representatives, the Works Council represents the interests of the workforce in dealings with DIW Berlin's Executive Board with which it has a close cooperative relationship based on trust.

The two DIW Berlin employees occupying the position of **Ombudsman** advise members of staff who wish to report academic misconduct or have questions on this topic in general. The Ombudsman also acts as an arbitrator in disputes or disagreements related to good academic practice. The Ombudsman also provides information about DIW Berlin's principles of research ethics, particularly to young researchers.

The **Data Protection Officer** ensures compliance with the German Data Protection Act and other data protection legislation, such as the EU Data Protection Directive, the German Telemedia Act, and the German Law on Telecommunications. The incumbent also makes sure that DIW Berlin employees and others entrusted with personal data are familiar with data protection requirements. Due to the importance of DIW Berlin's research infrastructure, the Data Protection Officer has a particularly prominent position.

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Macroeconomics

The *Department of Macroeconomics* focuses on the analysis of macroeconomic contexts supported by theory and empirical research as well as on national and international economic policy. Whether studying the institutional structure of the European Monetary Union, the significance of financial markets for the real economy, or monetary and fiscal policy, the department's objective is to improve the decision-making basis for economic policy-makers. The department also analyzes the informative macroeconomic content of media data.



Prof. Marcel Fratzscher, Ph.D., Acting Head of the *Department of Macroeconomics*

What were the highlights of your work in 2014?

The European crisis continues to dominate the attention not only of policy-makers, but also the department's macroeconomic research and policy advice. How can the crisis be successfully negotiated? What roles do fiscal policy, monetary policy, and structural reforms play? Can the Greek exit from the euro be prevented and, if so, how? How should we deal with the excessive debt of countries and companies? How should Europe be reformed to prevent the recurrence of such crises in future? These are some of the questions we concentrated on in 2014. We also worked on a number of specific German issues, such as how our weak private and public investment can be remedied and how property prices are developing. The questions of global networking, for example, among banks and the financial markets, are also becoming increasingly important.

What do you think are the current and future challenges in your work?

The topics I mentioned previously are all closely linked in terms of content and methodology. Many of the important political issues of our time – the future of Europe and globalization – have a very strong economic core and therefore provide a current, relevant basis for the department's research work. At the same time, this means new challenges to which the research community has not yet been able to provide adequate answers. It raises the question as to how we can determine the causes of, and devise empirical solutions to, a crisis without being able to draw on sufficient past experience.

How has the focus of your work changed in recent years?

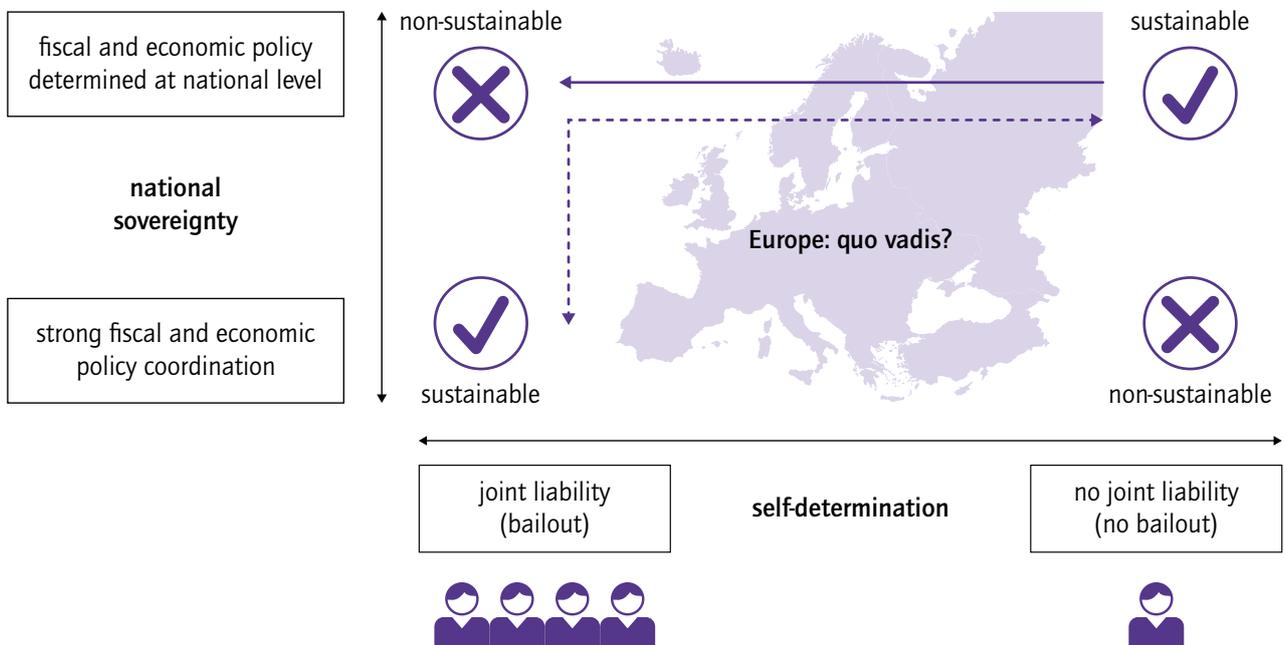
In the last decade, financial markets and financial institutions have become massively important, especially for real economic aspects such as economic growth, employment, and investment. At the same time, however, the economic science lacks a good understanding and reliable models of the links between financial markets and the real economy. Increasing integration and interdependence between countries, companies, and markets mean a greater complexity of macroeconomic analyses. Much of our work is aimed at achieving a better understanding of both these aspects.

What is your personal motivation for your research?

Our objective is to not only unearth new knowledge with our research but also to help economic policy-makers make informed decisions and contribute to debates. In particular, the teamwork within the department and among and beyond DIW Berlin's departments makes this work successful and fulfilling.

Europe, *Quo Vadis?* The Tense Relationship between Nation Sovereignty and Self-Determination of Fiscal Policy

Source: DIW Berlin



Publications

The study “Myopic Governments and Welfare-Enhancing Debt Limits” examines the welfare effects of a debt brake. In this model, the government uses public debt in order to shift the future tax burden. In the long term, however, the greater government debt leads to higher taxes because the higher interest payments have to be serviced. This has a negative impact on welfare. This study’s contribution is to analyze the effects of a debt brake that is configured similarly to the Stability and Growth Pact: the government has to pay a fine if it violates a specified government debt ceiling. It is shown that if we specify the fine and the debt ceiling at an optimal amount, then government debt can be reduced, which leads to welfare gains. In order to quantify this, among other things, a scenario was examined in which government debt is around 100 percent of GDP. Optimally, the debt ratio is reduced to 40 percent over 20 years. The associated welfare gains amount to 0.5 percent of the annual consumer spending of a representative household.

Malte Rieth

Myopic Governments and Welfare-Enhancing Debt Limits
Journal of Economic Dynamics & Control 38 (2014): 250–265



Other Selected Publications:

Kerstin Bernoth and Roberta Colavecchio
The Macroeconomic Determinants of Private Equity Investment: A European Comparison
Applied Economics 46 (2014):
11, 1170–1183

Katharina Pijnenburg and
Konstantin A. Kholodilin
Do Regions with Entrepreneurial Neighbours Perform Better? A Spatial Econometric Approach for German Regions
Regional Studies 48 (5) (2014):
866–882

Helmut Herwartz and
Konstantin A. Kholodilin
In-Sample and Out-of-Sample Prediction of Stock Market Bubbles: Cross-Sectional Evidence
Journal of Forecasting 33 (1) (2014):
15–31

Franziska Bremus and Vladimir Kuzin
Unemployment and Portfolio Choice: Does Persistence Matter?
Journal of Macroeconomics 40 (2014):
90–113

Events/Conference Papers

Banking systems in developing countries tend to be smaller, higher risk, and less internationally integrated than in industrialized countries. What role do these differences in the market structure of the banking sector play in the macroeconomic stability of developing and developed countries? Franziska Bremus considered this question in her paper entitled "Macroeconomic Challenges Facing Low-Income Countries" at the Conference of the International Monetary Fund. Greater bank-specific risks are accompanied by larger fluctuations in per capita income, both in developing and in emerging and industrialized countries. The size of the banking sector, measured as the ratio of credit volume to GDP, also increases macroeconomic volatility. A higher degree of openness in the banking sector could lead to more volatile fluctuations in per capita income in developing countries.

Macroeconomic Challenges Facing Low-Income Countries: Conference of the International Monetary Fund and the UK Department for International Development

Title of paper: Banking Market Structure and Macroeconomic Stability: Are Low-Income Countries Special?

Speaker: Franziska Bremus
Co-author: Claudia M. Buch (IWH)
January 30–31, 2014,
Washington DC, US

Other Selected Events/Conference Papers:

Conference on Financial Stability and Regulation: Jointly Organized by CEPR, IESE Business School (Public Private Sector Research Center) and the European Research Council

Title of paper: How Do Insured Deposits Affect Bank Risk? Evidence from the 2008 Emergency Economic Stabilization Act

Speaker: Claudia Lambert
Co-authors: Felix Noth and Ulrich Schüwer
March 27–28, 2014,
Barcelona, Spain

29th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA) 2014

Title of paper: Illiquidity Risk and Liquidity Regulation

Speaker: Philipp König
August 25–29, 2014,
Toulouse, France

Global Finance – Integration or Mere Convergence? 12th INFINITI Conference on International Finance

Title of paper: Stock Investments for Old-Age

Speaker: Dirk Ulbricht
June 9–10, 2014,
Prato, Italy

Projects

The global financial crisis of 2007 illustrated the importance of financial stability for the real economy. In response to the crisis, many central banks provided additional liquidity. However, while the real economic recovery has been sluggish, stock prices have risen sharply since 2013. This causes concern that currently loose monetary policy will contribute to the emergence and strengthening of new asset price bubbles. The project entitled *Macroeconomic Fundamentals of Asset Prices – State Dependence and Implications for the Conduct of Monetary Policy* will explore the role of monetary policy as a determinant of asset prices and provide insights into possible adjustments of monetary policy to curb asset price excesses. First, the study analyzes how asset price bubbles can be identified in real time and whether this information can be used to better inform monetary policy-makers about the future course of real economic target variables. Second, the study examines the effect of monetary policy on asset prices in different economic regimes. Finally, it aims to identify whether an optimal monetary policy should react proactively and promptly to potential asset price bubbles.

Macroeconomic Fundamentals of Asset Prices – State Dependence and Implications for the Conduct of Monetary Policy

Funded by: German Research Foundation (DFG)

Duration: February 1, 2014 – January 31, 2017

Coordinated by: Kerstin Bernoth

In collaboration with:

- Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Other Selected Projects:

Wage Dispersion in the European Union

Commissioned by: European Parliament

Duration: December 2013 – May 2014

Coordinated by: Christian Dreger

In collaboration with:

- European University Institute, Florence
- Regional Quantitative Analysis Group – University of Barcelona (AQR)

Fiskalische und ökonomische Auswirkungen der Finanztransaktionssteuer (The fiscal and economic impact of the Financial Transaction Tax)

Commissioned by: German Bundestag, SPD parliamentary group

Duration: November 2014 – January 2015

Coordinated by: Dorothea Schäfer

Wissenschaftliche Unterstützung der BMWi-Tätigkeiten im Rahmen der LIME-Arbeitsgruppe (Research support for the activities of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy [BMWi])

Commissioned by: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Duration: October 2013 – December 2014

Coordinated by: Ferdinand Fichtner, Philipp König, and Claudia Lambert

In collaboration with: *Department of Forecasting and Economic Policy*

Forecasting and Economic Policy

The *Department of Forecasting and Economic Policy* uses modern macro-economic methods to analyze economic policy issues. Economic forecasting is a key component of the department's work. The monthly DIW Economic Barometer (*DIW Konjunkturbarometer*), the quarterly DIW Economic Outlook (*Grundlinien der Wirtschaftsentwicklung*), and participation in the Joint Economic Forecast (*Gemeinschaftsdiagnose*) play a particularly major role. The department's experts contribute to economic policy advice and deliver statements on topical issues based on the findings of their research projects. Members of the department actively participate in public discussion and have a strong media presence.



Dr. Ferdinand Fichtner, Head of the *Department of Forecasting and Economic Policy*

What were the highlights of your work in 2014?

In the context of economic forecasting, there were many aspects to consider. In the second half of 2014, for example, the significant decline of oil prices and its impact on the economy prompted interesting analyses and, throughout the year, we had intensive discussions on the consequences of introducing a minimum wage. In addition, we prepared an extremely interesting series of *DIW Economic Bulletins* dealing with the institutional weaknesses of the European Monetary Union.

What do you think are the current and future challenges in your work?

The forecasting work has not become easier in recent years; there are some indications that our models still do not accurately reflect important effects on economic developments, such as the impact of financial market fluctuations. We are working hard to understand these relationships and improve our forecasting on this basis. At the same time, we need to explain to our readers more than ever which areas of our forecasts are not particularly reliable; we consider this to be part of a clean scientific approach.

How has the focus of your work changed in recent years?

We have greatly improved our forecasting methods and model infrastructure in recent years and thus laid a very good foundation for our forecasting work. Last year we were able to place more emphasis on other activities. I think the results speak for themselves: members of the department have published some outstanding academic publications and have made major contributions to economic policy debates on topics such as investment or the euro crisis.

What is your personal motivation for your research work?

The close links to policy advice motivate our work here at DIW Berlin. On the one hand, we are in a position to be able to carefully consider an important topic for days and weeks, together with the rest of the team. On the other hand, we also have a direct line to the policy-makers and can recognize areas where our own deliberations have an impact on the political process.

Publications

The crisis in the European Monetary Union is not over. While the situation on the financial markets in 2014 was generally relatively quiet, and the economic crisis appeared to bottom out in most countries, fundamental design flaws of the monetary union remain. In order to secure the future of the euro area, there needs to be major reform in three key areas: the financial markets, public finances, and the real economy. In order to put the monetary union on a stable footing, all three problem areas need to be given equal consideration; otherwise interactions between the three areas might negate successes in one area due to a flare-up of the crisis in another. The elements of a strategy to institutionally reorganize the monetary union were outlined in *DIW Economic Bulletin*, no. 9. This is the first in a series of publications on the topic which considers in more detail, for example, the role of the ECB as a lender of last resort, banking union and banking regulation, and a European investment agenda.

Other Selected Publications:

Philipp König, Kartik Ananda, and Frank Heinemann

Guarantees, Transparency and the Interdependency between Sovereign and Bank Default Risk

Journal of Banking & Finance
45 (2014): 321–337

Konstantin A. Kholodilin, Claus Michelsen, and Dirk Ulbricht

Speculative Price Bubbles in Urban Housing Markets in Germany

DIW Discussion Paper, no. 1417 (2014)

Paul Viefers, Ferdinand Fichtner, Simon Junker, and Maximilian Podstawski

Filtering German Economic Conditions from a Large Dataset: The New DIW Economic Barometer

DIW Discussion Paper, no. 1414 (2014)

Ferdinand Fichtner, Marcel Fratzscher, Maximilian Podstawski, and Dirk Ulbricht

Making the Euro Area Fit for the Future *DIW Economic Bulletin*, no. 9 (2014): 3–14



Marius Bickmann and Kristina van Deuverden

Länderfinanzausgleich vor der Reform: eine Bestandsaufnahme (Taking stock of the fiscal equalization system before the reform)

DIW Wochenbericht, no. 28 (2014):
671–682

Growth in Germany: Estimates and Reality

Sources: Federal Statistical Office, DIW Berlin.



Events/Conference Papers

This one-day workshop was organized by the *Department of Forecasting and Economic Policy* on behalf of (and in consultation with) the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi). The aim of the event was to identify reforms and priorities required in the further development of economic and monetary union and to devise strategies to advance the debate at the European level. Influential politicians and researchers from many member countries of the monetary union and representatives from federal ministries attended the event, giving them the opportunity to exchange ideas and debate the issues.

Reform Priorities for the European Economic and Monetary Union

Workshop at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Speakers: Agnès Bénassy-Quéré, Henrik Enderlein, Marcel Fratzscher, Jean Pisani-Ferry, Jakob von Weizsäcker, Jeromin Zettelmeyer, and many more.
Planned and organized by:
Ferdinand Fichtner and Philipp König
October 15, 2014, Berlin

Other Selected Events/Conference Papers:

Regular Meeting of the Association of German Economic Research Institutes at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Presentation: Zusammenfassung der Wirtschaftslage (Economic climate: an overview)

Speakers: Ferdinand Fichtner and Simon Junker
January 15, 2014, Berlin

Panel Discussion, "Einfluss der Europäischen Zentralbank zur Lösung der Finanz- und Wirtschaftskrise" (The role of the European Central Bank in resolving the financial and economic crisis) at the Federal Academy of Public Administration

Introduction and discussion moderation

Speaker and moderator: Philipp König
January 30, 2014, Berlin

54th European Congress of the Regional Science Association International (ERSA)

Presentation: The Spatial Dimension of U.S. House Price Developments

Speaker: Katharina Pijnenburg
August 26–29, 2014
St. Petersburg, Russia

DIW Industrietagung 2014 (Industrial Conference)

Presentation: Entwicklung der Weltwirtschaft und der deutschen Konjunktur (Global and German economic development)

Speaker: Ferdinand Fichtner
October 22, 2014, Berlin

Projects

The Joint Economic Forecast (*Gemeinschaftsdiagnose*) is published every spring and fall. It analyzes and forecasts economic developments in Germany, the European Union, and the world. Based on an assessment of the global economic policy environment, economic developments in the world's most important countries and in Europe in particular, are projected. In addition, a projection of medium-term developments in Germany over a five-year horizon is prepared. The forecast for Germany includes detailed information about the production, expenditure, and income sides of GDP and the development of employment and public finances. Forecasts are also made about other macroeconomic developments, such as the labor market or prices and wages. These data are then used as a basis for economic policy recommendations. More in-depth analyses are then conducted on key topics.

Joint Economic Forecast on behalf of the Federal Government

Commissioned by: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Duration: 2013–2016

Coordinated by: Ferdinand Fichtner

Cooperating partner:

- Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO)

In collaboration with:

Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment; Department of Macroeconomics, Department of Public Economics, and Department of Firms and Markets

Other Selected Projects:

Rahmenvereinbarung zur Durchführung von Workshops zu wichtigen wirtschaftspolitischen Themen im Zeitraum 2013 und 2014 (Framework agreement to implement workshops on important economic policy issues in 2013 and 2014)

Commissioned by: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Duration: 2013–2014

Coordinated by: Ferdinand Fichtner

Private Investitionen in Deutschland (Private investment in Germany)

Commissioned by: Joint Committee of German Industry and Commerce

Duration: May 2014 – November 2014

Coordinated by: Ferdinand Fichtner and Martin Gornig

Cooperating partner:

- Handelsblatt Research Institute, Düsseldorf

In collaboration with:

Department of Firms and Markets

Wissenschaftliche Unterstützung der BMWi-Tätigkeiten im Rahmen der LIME-Arbeitsgruppe (Research support for the activities of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy [BMWi])

Commissioned by: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Duration: 2013–2014

Coordinated by: Ferdinand Fichtner, Philipp König, and Claudia Lambert

In collaboration with:

Department of Macroeconomics

Eine Arbeitslosenversicherung für den Euroraum als automatischer Stabilisator – Grenzen und Möglichkeiten (An unemployment insurance for the euro area)

Commissioned by: Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection of the Republic of Austria

Duration: 2013–2014

Coordinated by: Ferdinand Fichtner and Peter Haan

Cooperating partner:

- Berlin School of Economics and Law (HWR Berlin)

In collaboration with:

Department of Public Economics

Development and Security

The *Department of Development and Security* studies major global challenges and develops recommendations for political and social action. It focuses on aspects of sustainable growth and higher quality of life for people in developing countries and asks how these goals can be achieved in the presence of extreme risks and weak institutions. The department examines these issues from the perspective of applied microeconomics, using individual and household survey data. Its researchers regularly collect their own microdata for this purpose.



Dr. Kati Krähnert, Acting Head of the *Department of Development and Security*

What were the highlights of your work in 2014?

The household survey we conducted in Mongolia was especially interesting. Over a period of several years, the *Department of Development and Security* surveyed a sample of 1,700 households. Households were asked about their income situation and how they were adjusting to volatile weather conditions. Mongolia is a classic example of a country increasingly confronted with the effects of climate change, which in this case take the form of particularly hard winters. We analyze the data collected using econometric methods and are able to show what the long-term negative consequences of these extreme weather events are for individuals and households in Mongolia. This allows us to make specific policy recommendations for ways to support households dealing with future weather events.

What do you think are the current and future challenges in your work?

As development economists, we have methodological instruments available that allow us to evaluate the impact of specific government policies. This enables us to demonstrate which interventions work and which do not. Our aim is to conduct more of these impact evaluations in the future and to involve policy-makers in our research.

How has the focus of your work changed in recent years?

We have been placing more emphasis on the issue of climate change in recent years, as it affects developing countries in particular. This is due both to their geographic location and to their lack of resources for combating extreme events and for funding adaptation strategies. Extreme weather events, such as droughts, floods, storms, and heat waves, can quickly undo any progress that has been made in the fight against poverty.

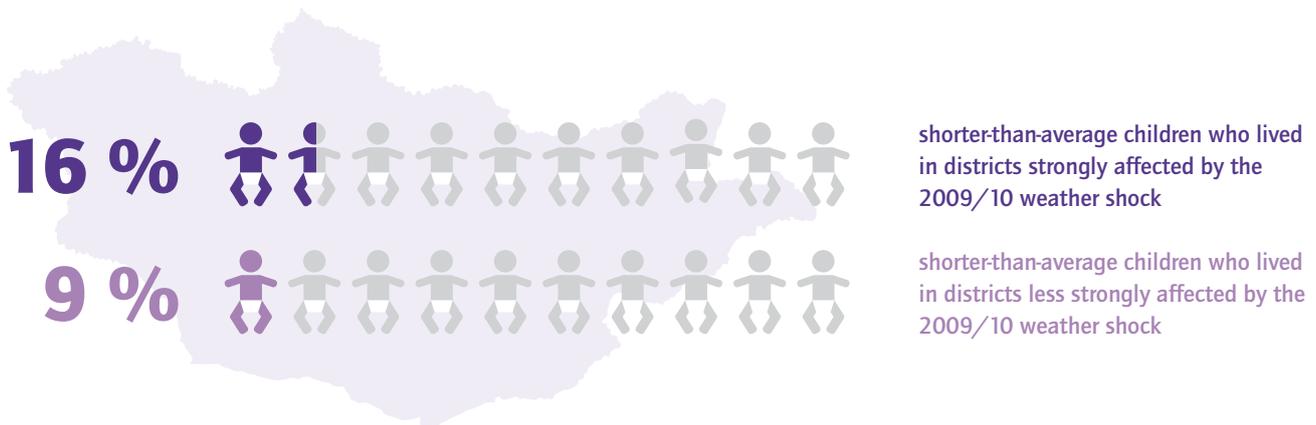
What is your personal motivation for your research work?

The empirical focus of our research makes the work particularly attractive. Collecting and analyzing microdata in developing countries allows us to work on the major global issues of our time: What are the factors that cause poverty? How can we achieve better quality of life and sustainability? How can we curb the impact of climate change in developing countries? The work environment at DIW Berlin is also a big plus: I get to work with a highly motivated, young, and international team.

Correlation between Children's Height and the Intensity of a Weather Shock in Mongolia

Source: DIW Wochenbericht, no. 46 (2014).

The study employed a standardized measure of height for age (the height-for-age z-score, HAZ). The sample consisted of 802 children, aged 0 to 6 years, in western Mongolia. An HAZ score of less than zero indicates that a Mongolian child is shorter than can be expected under optimal environmental conditions.



Publications

Microenterprises constitute the main source of income and employment for a large part of the world's poor. The development of appropriate aid programs for microenterprises continues to present a great challenge. While injections of capital are often helpful at the start-up level, it is considerably more difficult to support sustainable business expansion. Microcredits, business training, and cash subsidies are being used with increasing frequency, but their potential is a matter of some controversy. A recent study of microenterprises in Uganda – “Generating Skilled Self-Employment in Developing Countries: Experimental Evidence from Uganda” – shows that men can increase company earnings through microcredits by employing more people from both outside and inside their own households. If they receive training in addition to the microcredits, their increase in earnings is sustained over the long term. Women, on the other hand, cannot profit from these approaches. The results also indicate that the pressure on women to distribute company earnings within their families presents a considerable obstacle to growth. The tendency of microcredit programs to favor women may help them to manage their own households. In view of the considerable growth in revenue that we see in male-owned companies, however, programs should consider awarding more microcredits to men.

Christopher Blattman, Nathan Fiala, and Sebastian Martinez

Generating Skilled Self-Employment in Developing Countries: Experimental Evidence from Uganda

The Quarterly Journal of Economics 129 (2) (2014): 697–752



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Other Selected Publications:

Mathias Bug

Bevölkerungsvertrauen in digitalisierte Sicherheitspolitik (Public trust in digital security policy)

DIW Wochenbericht, no. 34 (2014): 783–791

Carlos Bozzoli and

Climent Quintana-Domeque

The Weight of the Crisis: Evidence from Newborns in Argentina

The Review of Economics and Statistics 96, no. 3 (2014): 550–562

Valeria Groppo and Kati Schindler

Extreme Weather Events and Child Height: Evidence from Mongolia

DIW Discussion Paper, no. 1403 (2014)

Events/Conference Papers

The Seminar Series on Research in Development Economics was launched in the 2013/14 winter semester by the *Department of Development and Security*. Its goal is to bring together development economists – especially the younger generation – and policy-makers in Berlin, and to provide a forum where current research issues can be discussed. The seminar is also intended to promote links with international research networks and increase Berlin's visibility as a location for research into development economics. Every two weeks, respected economists from across Germany and abroad alternate with researchers from Berlin to present their latest research on development economics. The goal of the seminar series is to promote open discussion of new research methods among professionals. The seminar was attended in large numbers and enjoyed lively discussions, making it a great success.

Seminar Series on Research in Development Economics

Seminar series at DIW Berlin

Other Selected Events/Conference Papers:

29th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA) 2014

Title of paper: Displacement and Child Health Outcomes: Evidence from Colombia's DHS 2010

Speaker: Nina Wald
August 25–29, 2014,
Toulouse, France

28th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE)

Title of paper: Low-Skilled Labor Migration in Tajikistan: Determinants and Effects on Expenditure Patterns

Speaker: Kristina Meier
June 18–21, 2014,
Braga, Portugal

Women in Science: Seminar Series of the Centre for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT)

Title of paper: Extreme Weather Events and Child Health: Evidence from Mongolia

Speaker: Kati Krähnert
September 17, 2014, Bremen

Geneva Trade and Development Workshop

Title of paper: Trade Policy Uncertainty and the WTO

Speaker: Valeria Groppo
June 3, 2014,
Geneva, Switzerland

Projects

The research project *Coping with Shocks in Mongolia – Vulnerability, Assets and Migration* examines the effects of climate shocks on the well-being and behavior of households in Mongolia. It looks particularly closely at instances of the extreme weather event called *dzud*. This term is used in Mongolia to refer to periods in winter of deep snow or severe cold that lead to high livestock mortality. *Dzuds* are occurring in Mongolia with ever-increasing frequency, a phenomenon that is often attributed to global climate change. The project, funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), conducts an innovative longitudinal household survey in western Mongolia. Among other things, it collects anthropometric data from children and surveys households about their expectations regarding the next winter. Using microeconomic data, it then analyzes the distributive effects of climate shock and the adaptation strategies used by nomads to combat it.

Economics of Climate Change: Coping with Shocks in Mongolia – Vulnerability, Assets and Migration (Shocks Mongolia)

Commissioned by: Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)
 Duration: 2012–2016
 Coordinator: Kati Krähnert
 Cooperating partner:
 • National Statistical Office of Mongolia (NSO), Mongolia

Other Selected Projects:

The System of Economic Indicators to Measure Security and Provision in Germany (WISIND)

Commissioned by: Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)
 Duration: 2012–2015
 Coordinator: Mathias Bug
 Cooperating partner:
 • The Brandenburg Institute for Society and Security (BIGS), Potsdam

Training and Mobility Network for the Economic Analysis of Conflict – TAMNEAC

Commissioned by: European Commission (7th Framework Program), Marie Curie Initial Training Networks (ITN)
 Duration: 2011–2014
 Coordinator: Kati Krähnert
 Cooperating partner:
 • Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Brighton
 • Université libre de Bruxelles
 • Oxford Policy Management (OPM)
 • PlaNet Guarantee, Paris
 • Institute for Economic Analysis (IAE), Barcelona
 • Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
 • Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Energy, Transportation, Environment

The *Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment* studies policy issues concerning sustainable development in the fields of energy, transportation, and the environment. The guiding principles of the department's work are climate-friendly, competitive, and secure energy, as well as sustainable transportation. The focus is on market analysis and government policies in the context of Germany's energy transition. Issues of infrastructure and industrial economics also play a role. Other research interests include sustainability strategies in public policy, and macro-economic impact analyses. In terms of methodological approach, the department primarily develops and applies quantitative economic models. These have been used for the electricity and gas markets, for instance.



Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert, Head of the *Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment*

What were the highlights of your work in 2014?

Secure, sustainable, and climate-friendly energy is vital for a strong German economy. The climate policies enacted in the course of Germany's energy transition are a particularly rewarding subject of research in this context. The policy goal of increasing the share of renewable energies to 80 percent of the country's total energy supply within four decades means completely redesigning the energy sector and permanently transforming the way energy is used in our buildings and our modes of transportation. These kinds of market changes create numerous economic opportunities that we can examine and study. It's important and exciting work!

What do you think are the current and future challenges in your work?

There are different models for simulating and analyzing the economic impact of the energy transition. When we look at the electricity market, for example, we have to dynamically model not only electricity generation capacities but also the grid expansion required to achieve those capacities. Or, if we are assessing the economic aspects of sustainable transportation, we need to examine transportation behavior and environmental impact. The challenge here is to develop diverse approaches to modeling and to continually adapt them to real-life dynamics.

How has the focus of your work changed in recent years?

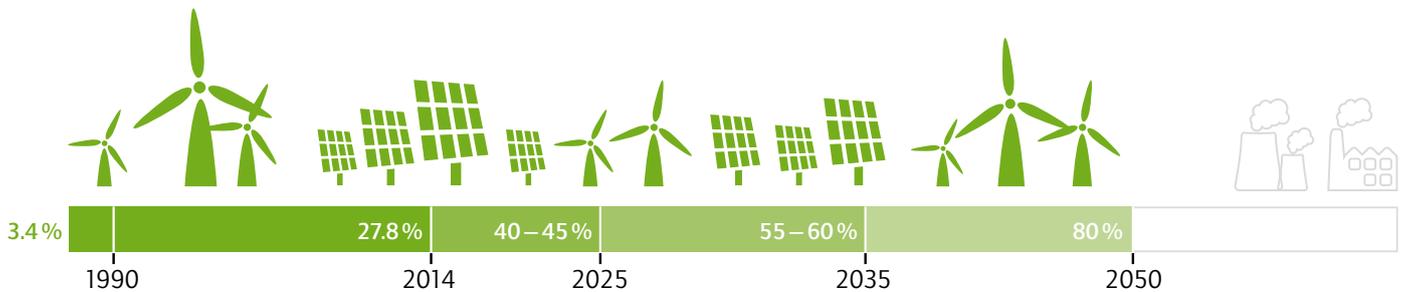
Our research in recent years has come to focus primarily on the economic consequences of Germany's energy transition, which is evolving rapidly and being shaped by numerous conflicting interests. Because it is being observed internationally, there is a great need for research into many different issues.

What is your personal motivation for your research work?

I have been doing research on energy economics for over two decades, but events unfold so rapidly in this field that new questions are raised almost every day. Our research team is not just doing excellent work and developing important models, it is also collecting and analyzing data that can be used to perform economic assessments of the transition to sustainable energy supplies and mobility systems. This great team and the exciting issues that we work on provide excellent motivation!

Renewable Energies as a Share of Gross Electricity Consumption in Germany 1990 to 2014 and targets of the German Federal Government

Sources: BMWi/AGEE-Stat, BDEW, EEG 2014.



Publications

Natural gas plays a major role in meeting Europe's energy needs. The political crisis between Russia and Ukraine, however, fuels fears that Russia may cut off supplies. Model-based calculations performed by DIW Berlin show that most of Europe would be able to compensate for a possible interruption in supplies from Russia. Some eastern European countries, however, have limited alternatives in the event of a complete Russian cut-off. To increase the security of supplies in Europe in the medium term, we need to continue diversifying natural gas sources, in particular by using existing infrastructure more efficiently and by expanding import capacities for liquid natural gas and pipelines. Some consideration should also be given to a strategic gas reserve. It is important, as well, to continue both to improve energy efficiency in all areas and to systematically expand renewable energies as part of the European energy and climate strategy.

Hella Engerer, Franziska Holz, Philipp M. Richter, Christian von Hirschhausen, and Claudia Kemfert
European Natural Gas Supply Secure Despite Political Crises
 DIW Economic Bulletin, no. 8 (2014): 3–15



Other Selected Publications:

Wolf-Peter Schill, Jonas Egerer, and Juan Rosellón
Testing Regulatory Regimes for Power Transmission Expansion with Fluctuating Demand and Wind Generation
 Journal of Regulatory Economics 47 (2015): 1–28

Udo Kreickemeier and Philipp M. Richter
Trade and the Environment: The Role of Firm Heterogeneity
 Review of International Economics 22 (2) (2014): 209–225

Daniel Huppmann and Ruud Egging
Market Power, Fuel Substitution and Infrastructure: A Large-Scale Equilibrium Model of Global Energy Markets
 Energy 75 (2014): 483–500

Heike Link
A Cost Function Approach for Measuring the Marginal Cost of Road Maintenance
 Journal of Transport Economics and Policy 48 (1) (2014): 15–33

Events/Conference Papers

In order to produce analyses of energy and transportation infrastructure, researchers must develop and employ complex quantitative methods and scientifically sound policy assessments. TU Berlin and DIW Berlin are coordinating InfraTRAIN, an event series that addresses key issues of infrastructure research and policy. It is targeted primarily at graduate students (advanced master's, doctoral, and post-doctoral students), young practitioners, as well as decision-makers from government ministries, agencies, and the private sector. In addition to keynote presentations delivered by experienced researchers, the events include training for special issues. Participants also have the option of presenting their research work in seminars. The theme of the event in 2014 was advanced numerical infrastructure modeling and efficiency analysis.

Advanced Numerical Infrastructure Modeling and Efficiency Analysis (InfraTRAIN 2014)

Infrastructure research and policy training

Speakers: Steven A. Gabriel (University of Maryland), Peter Bogetoft (Copenhagen Business School), Daniel Huppmann, Astrid Cullmann, Friedrich Kunz, and Alexander Zerrahn
October 6–10, 2014, Berlin

Other Selected Events/Conference Papers:

Berlin Research Seminar on Environmental, Resource and Climate Economics (RSERC)

Weekly event series sponsored by DIW Berlin, Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change, Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, and Technische Universität Berlin

Organizers: Franziska Holz, Karsten Neuhoff, Marco Runkel, Georg Meran, Christian von Hirschhausen (TU Berlin), Ottmar Edenhofer (MCC Berlin), Nils aus dem Moore (RWI)

Speakers: Geoffrey Heal, Rolf Golombek, Thomas Sterner, Mathieu Glachant, and others
Berlin

29th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA) 2014

Title of paper: Regional versus Bilateral Cost Sharing in Electricity Transmission Expansion

Speaker: Jonas Egerer
Co-author: Hans Nylund
August 25–29, 2014,
Toulouse, France

Kuhmo Nectar Conference on Transportation Economics 2014: Annual Conference of the International Transportation Economics Association (ITEA)

Title of paper: Liberalization of the Interurban Coach Market in Germany: An Attitudinal Problem?

Speaker: Francisco J. Bahamonde Birke
Co-authors: Uwe Kunert, Heike Link, and Juan de Dios Ortúzar
June 4–6, 2014,
Toulouse, France

Storage of Renewable Energy Sources (StoRES) – Final Workshop

Presentation and discussion of project results with invited storage experts

Speakers: Wolf-Peter Schill, Jonas Egerer, Daniel Huppmann, Alexander Zerrahn, and others
December 11, 2014,
Berlin

Projects

Germany's move to meet its energy needs largely through renewables—a move that is taking place as part of the broader energy transition—has had a significant impact on the electricity sector. Assessments of the design of the electricity market must now take a new approach that uses technical-economic modeling as the foundation for political and corporate decisions. The *MASMIE* project was created to analyze the impact of the energy transition on the electricity market, electricity trade, power plants, and electricity grids. It looks in particular at the effects of considerably accelerated expansion and the need-based use and feed-in of electricity from renewable energies. It is developing an innovative modeling toolbox based on a detailed representation of interlinked markets for power transmission capacities, operating reserves, energy wholesaler products, power plant capacities, and renewable energies. These models are used to analyze individual markets, develop scenarios, and create policy recommendations. They explicitly quantify the relationships between government policies on integrating renewable energies and deliver insight into how to create a balanced energy agenda.

Model-Based Analyses for the Electricity Sector Design to Favor the Integration of Renewable Energies in the Energy Transformation (MASMIE)

Funded by: Stiftung Mercator

Duration: 2012–2015

Coordinator: Claudia Kemfert

Cooperating partners:

- Technische Universität Berlin
- DIW Econ GmbH

Other Selected Projects:

International Energy Resource Markets under Climate Constraints (RESOURCES)

Funded by: Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)

Duration: 2012–2015

Coordinator: Franziska Holz

Cooperating partner:

- Universität Potsdam

Storage for Renewable Energy Sources (StoRES)

Funded by: Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Duration: 2011–2014

Coordinator: Wolf-Peter Schill

Impact of Renewable Energy Sources (ImpRES)

Funded by: Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Duration: 2012–2015

Coordinator: Jochen Diekmann

Cooperating partners:

- Fraunhofer ISI, Karlsruhe
- Institute of Economic Structures Research (GWS), Osnabrück
- Institut für ZukunftsEnergieSysteme (IZES), Saarbrücken

Development of an Evaluation Frame for the Introduction of Electromobility (DEFINE)

Funded by: Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development

Duration: 2012–2014

Coordinator: Clemens Gerbaulet

Cooperating partners:

- Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna
- Federal Environment Agency (UBA), Dessau-Rosslau
- Vienna University of Technology (ESEA)
- Öko-Institut, Freiburg
- Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE), Warsaw

Climate Policy

The *Department of Climate Policy* uses empirical and theoretical analysis to explore how German and European transitions to sustainable energy, in particular policies related to energy and energy efficiency in buildings, can be implemented. Researchers are also looking into how to make the transition to a sustainable, climate-friendly industry. Research methods include quantitative and qualitative analyses, modeling, and assessments. The department ensures that it produces robust, relevant analysis, characterized by early dialogs with stakeholders, independent testing of its researchers' expertise in relevant sectors, and cooperation with networks of international experts. In view of the short track record of many of the instruments analyzed, there is a special focus on cross-country comparisons.



Prof. Karsten Neuhoff, Ph.D., Head of the *Department of Climate Policy*

What were the highlights of your work in 2014?

In January 2014, the European Commission proposed a market stability reserve for the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS). We invited 11 international partners to analyze this proposal from a qualitative point of view and using numerical models. It was very interesting to understand and compare the different perspectives and approaches of the individual researchers. Over the course of various workshops and conference calls, our findings and assessments of the proposal converged, which was a successful outcome for all involved. We will now be very interested to see the policy decisions on these issues.

What do you think are the current and future challenges in your work?

In politics, people and institutions tend to react quickly to new developments, and that in turn requires speedy assessments and analyses from us. Assignments like these expose us to many different perspectives and institutional details that would be overlooked in typical academic analyses. We try to take up and present these points in longer-term, more broadly conceived research projects. The challenge with lengthier projects is to design them in such a way that we will be well prepared for the questions of tomorrow.

How has the focus of your work changed in recent years?

In 2000, I started working on the issue of electricity market design. Since then, I have been involved in studies examining developments in several European countries. My research portfolio later grew to include emissions trading issues and questions of funding and innovation in renewable energies. It was the issue of emissions trading that led me to produce my first analyses in the field of energy-intensive industries. After I became department head at DIW Berlin, I was presented with the opportunity to conduct studies on energy efficiency in buildings.

What is your personal motivation for your research work?

How can you design a regulatory framework for a transformation that places the right priorities on job and energy security as well as climate targets? Many new and exciting questions are emerging as a result of the transition to sustainable energy in Germany, and they are being debated both within Germany and internationally. Shared climate objectives form the basis for an open exchange between motivated researchers and interested decision-makers from politics, business, and society at large.

Publications

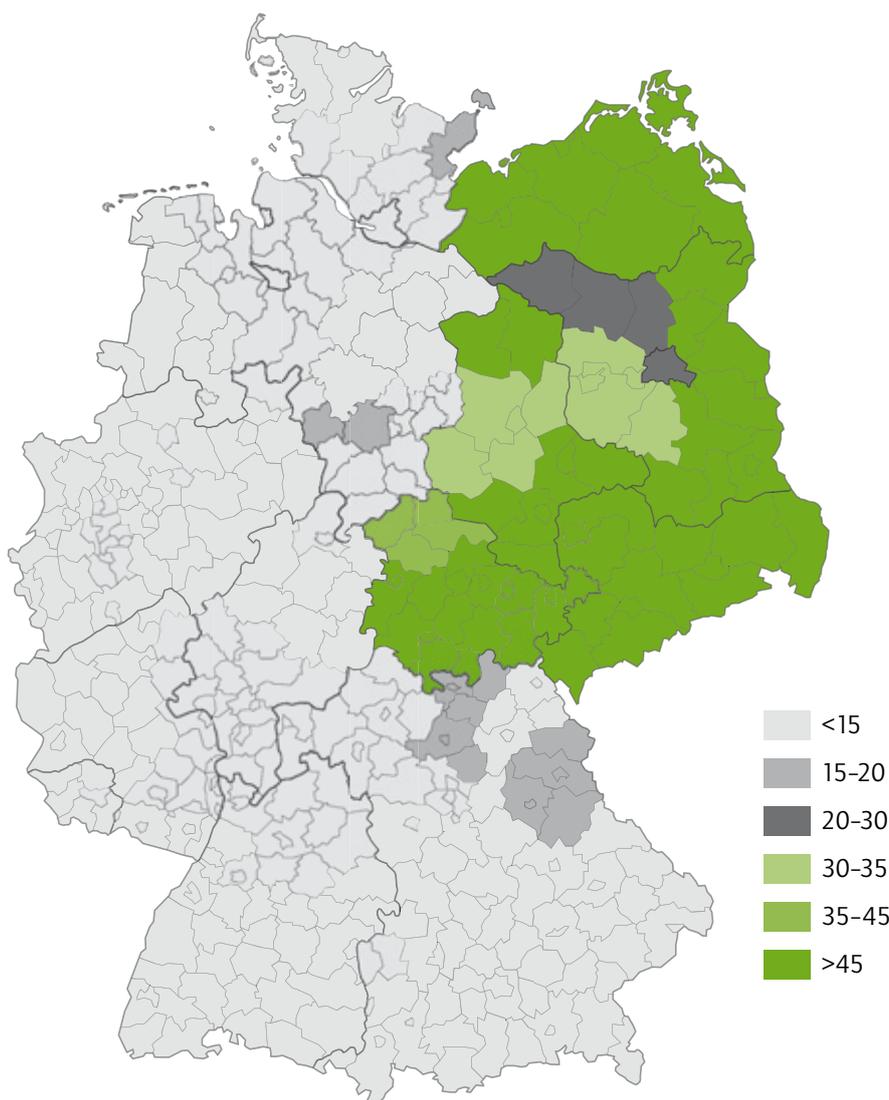
The article "Responsive Feed-in Tariff Adjustment to Dynamic Technology Development" analyzes feed-in tariff adjustment mechanisms for new solar power plants in Germany. Expansion targets for solar power have been exceeded many times over, due to rapid developments in the pricing of photovoltaics and their expansion. As a result, a model for the simulation of weekly installations was developed, and parameters were adjusted to use feed-in tariffs for photovoltaic systems up to 30 kW. This made it possible to precisely model observed market developments and assess various options for designing automatic adjustments to feed-in tariffs. Analysis based on this model shows that responsive feed-in tariff adjustment mechanisms with frequent tariff adjustments for new plants and short crediting periods allow specific installation targets to be met effectively.

Thilo Grau
Responsive Feed-in Tariff Adjustment to Dynamic Technology Development
Energy Economics 44 (2014): 36–46



Quantity of Completely Renovated Buildings as a Percentage of All Multiple-Family

Sources: DIW Wochenbericht, no. 41 (2014).



Other Selected Publications:

Sebastian Schwenen
Market Design and Supply Security in Imperfect Power Markets
Energy Economics 43 (2014): 256–263

Jevgenijs Steinbuks and Karsten Neuhoff
Assessing Energy Price Induced Improvements in Efficiency of Capital in OECD Manufacturing Industries
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management 68 (2) (2014): 340–356



Eastern Germany has had a large lead in renovation.

Events/Conference Papers

The *Department of Climate Policy* holds its Future Power Markets Platform three times a year, inviting experts from the regulatory agencies of EU member states, the European Commission, grid operators, and power producers to a one-day workshop where they debate current issues related to power market regulations in Germany and the rest of Europe. The aim of the event is to enable the various participants to communicate and share their different perspectives and insights. For researchers at DIW Berlin, it provides a forum for identifying pertinent research issues and properly modeling the institutional aspects of these issues. It also allows new ideas and results to be tested and communicated. The issues discussed in 2014 were EU electricity market design, coordination between European grid operators, and interactions between gas and electricity markets. The results of the discussions were published in workshop reports and are available at www.diw.de/fpm.

Future Power Markets Platform

Event series

Organizer: Karsten Neuhoff
 April, June, October, and
 November 2014
 Berlin, Copenhagen

Other Selected Events/Conference Papers:

New EU 2030 Targets – Will National Policy Deliver?

Berlin Seminar on Energy and
 Climate Policy

Organizer: Kerstin Ringelhan
 Speakers: Wolfgang Eichhammer
 (Fraunhofer-Institut Karlsruhe),
 Oliver Sartor (Institute for Sustainable
 Development and International Rela-
 tions, and Stefanie Hiesinger (European
 Commission)
 November 10, 2014, Berlin

Renewable Energies 2014: 5th Handelsblatt Annual Conference

Presentation: Übergang in ein Erneuerbaren-Energiesystem: wirtschaftlich sinnvoll und ein wichtiger Schritt in die Energieunabhängigkeit (The move to an energy system based on renewables makes good economic sense and paves the way for energy independence)

Speaker: Karsten Neuhoff
 August 25–27, 2014, Berlin

29th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA) 2014

Title of paper: Incentives of Commercial
 Banks to Finance Energy Efficiency

Speaker: Anne Schopp
 August 25–29, 2014,
 Toulouse, France

Energy and the Economy: 37th IAEE International Conference

Title of paper: Strategic Bidding in
 Multi-unit Auctions with Capacity
 Constrained Bidders: The New York
 Capacity Market

Speaker: Sebastian Schwenen
 June 15–18, 2014,
 New York, US

Projects

The purpose of the research project *Carbon Control Post 2020 in Energy Intensive Industries* is to produce an objective, evidence-based analysis and explanation of the past and present effectiveness of the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) for the most energy-intensive industries. This allows the identification of potential areas of improvement for the EU ETS and supplementary policy instruments. Based on its findings, it then evaluates options for strengthening the investment environment, increasing energy efficiency, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It also takes into account impacts on the international competitiveness of energy-intensive industries. The department focuses its research efforts primarily on developments in the cement and steel sectors. The first step was to assess existing studies and data sets. Interviews with cement and steel industry executives were then conducted to understand their decision-making criteria and processes, as well as to discuss and understand the role of the EU ETS. Several workshops were held in which researchers, industry experts, and representatives from government ministries discussed their various perspectives.

Carbon Control Post 2020 in Energy Intensive Industries

Commissioned by: European research network *Climate Strategies*

Duration: June 2013 – December 2014

Coordinator: Karsten Neuhoff

Cooperating partners:

- Centre International de Recherche sur l'Environnement et le Développement, Paris
- CNRS-Ecole Polytechnique, Paris
- The Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London
- Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
- Imperial College London
- The Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations, Paris
- Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
- Radboud University Nijmegen

Other Selected Projects:

Carbon Emission Mitigation by Consumption-Based Accounting and Policy (CARBON CAP)

Commissioned by: European Commission (7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, FP7)

Duration: October 2013 – December 2016

Coordinator: Karsten Neuhoff

Cooperating partners:

- The Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research, Delft
- Sustainable Europe Research Institute, Vienna
- EC DG JRC Institute for Prospective Technical Studies, Sevilla
- Leiden University, Institute of Environmental Sciences
- Norges Teknisknaturvitenskapelige Universitet, Trondheim
- Cambridge University Centre for Climate Change Mitigation Research
- Cambridge Econometrics
- Climate Strategies, London
- International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, Geneva

Modelling the EU ETS: Stability through a Permit Reserve

Commissioned by: Stiftung Mercator

Duration: 2014–2015

Coordinator: Karsten Neuhoff

Policy Dialogue on the Assessment and Convergence of RES Policy in EU Member States (DIA-CORE)

Commissioned by: European Commission

Duration: 2013–2016

Coordinator: Karsten Neuhoff

Cooperating partners:

- Fraunhofer Institute for Systems- and Innovations Research, Karlsruhe
- Vienna University of Technology, Energy Economics Group
- Ecofys Netherlands bv, Utrecht
- Eclareon GmbH, Berlin
- National Technical University of Athens
- Lithuanian Energy Institute, Kaunas
- Center for European Policy Studies, Brussels
- University of Utrecht
- AXPO Austria, Vienna

Implementation of the EU Renewables Directive against the backdrop of the European energy markets (EUREEM)

Commissioned by: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Duration: 2013–2016

Coordinator: Karsten Neuhoff

Firms and Markets

The *Department of Firms and Markets* analyzes corporate strategic behavior and its impact on growth, efficiency, and productivity as well as the institutional and political environment in which companies operate. With the aid of well-established empirical microeconomic tools, the department analyzes economic policy issues, the aim being to produce robust data on and suitable tools for evaluating current economic policies. One of the department's key focuses is to evaluate the impact of economic policy decisions on market outcomes in the fields of regulation, competition policy, and industrial and innovation policy.



Prof. Dr. Tomaso Duso, Head of the *Department of Firms and Markets*

What were the highlights of your work in 2014?

We focused on the empirical evaluation of state interventions in the area of competition policy, regulation, and industrial policy. Specifically, we worked on the areas of merger control, pharmaceutical regulation, regulation in network industries (electricity, gas, and water), and innovation policy. Other key focal points of our research work last year were investments, sectoral productivity and municipal infrastructure companies.

What do you think are the current and future challenges in your work?

The biggest challenge we face is achieving the optimal balance between research and economic policy advice, both of which we strive to accomplish at the highest level. To be able to conduct top-level research, it is important to focus on policy relevant issues. And to be able to deliver well-founded policy advice, a strong scientific basis and sound methodological expertise at the frontier of research is a must.

How has the focus of your work changed in recent years?

In recent years, my work focus has shifted more and more towards issues that are relevant to economic policy. For example, we are currently working with a team of international researchers on a large-scale project for the European Commission on the impact of competition policy in the energy sector. Furthermore, interdisciplinarity is playing an increasingly important role in our work. Following extensive planning and organization, the new Leibniz ScienceCampus Berlin Centre for Consumer Policies (BCCP) – of which I am both spokesman for and initiator – is set to start operations in 2015. The ScienceCampus involves interdisciplinary cooperation between seven research institutions in Berlin that aim to create a permanent platform for the discussion of specific issues related to the optimal design of competition and consumer policies.

What is your personal motivation for your research work?

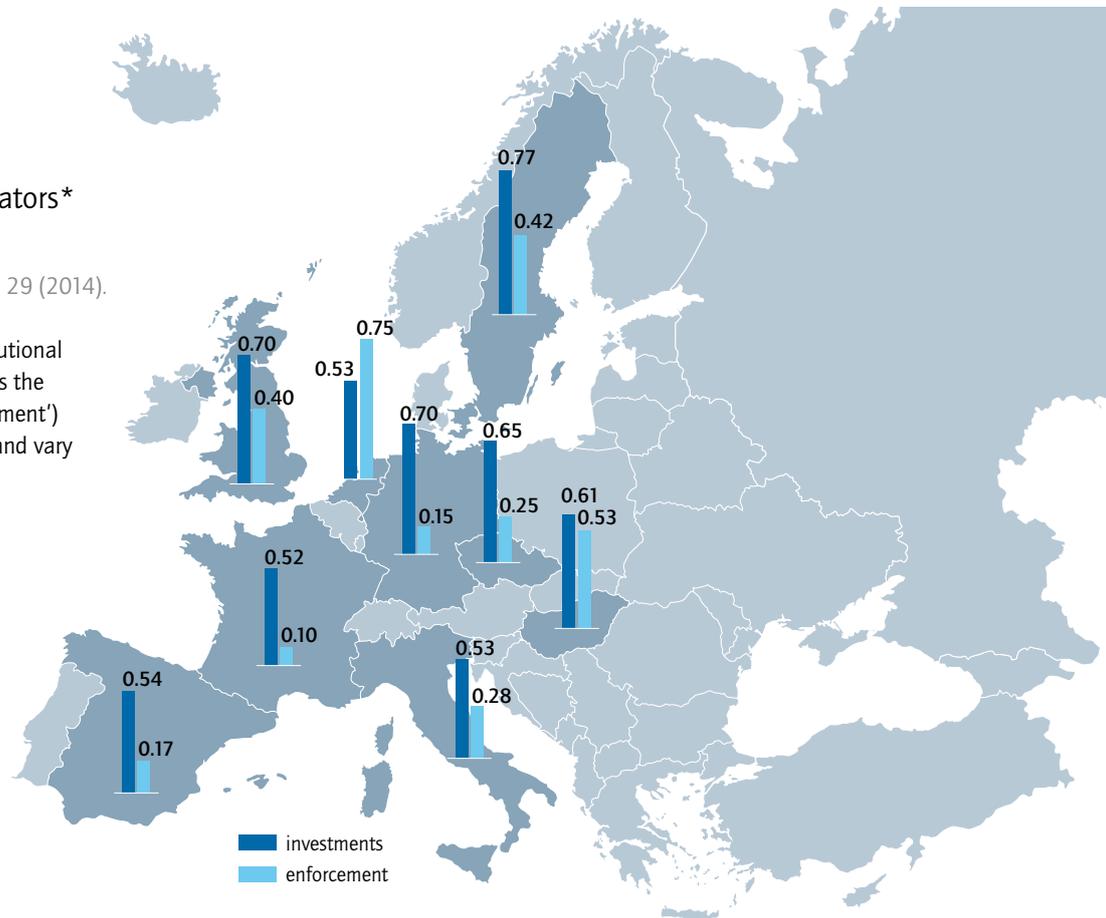
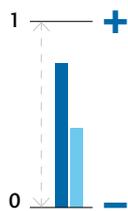
My personal motivation is seeing that my research activities and findings can make a difference. If my ideas can help improve economic policy decisions, then I believe I am achieving precisely what inspired me to become a researcher and economist in the first place.

Competition Policy Indicators* 2005

Source: DIW Wochenbericht, no. 29 (2014).

*The indicators refer to the institutional features ('institutions') as well as the enforcement functions ('enforcement') of a competition policy system and vary between 0 (poor) and 1 (good).

Scale:



Publications

The article "Regulation of Pharmaceutical Prices: Evidence from a Reference Price Reform in Denmark" examines how price regulation in the Danish pharmaceutical sector affects market outcomes such as prices, demand, healthcare expenditure, manufacturers' revenues, and consumer welfare. The analysis focuses on the group of cholesterol lowering drugs known as statins, the best-selling drug in the world. To estimate consumers' substitution behavior based on aggregated market data, a preference-based theoretical framework of consumer behavior was applied. A crucial aspect to understand demand is the role of the charges that consumers have to pay for prescription medication, the so-called copayments. With the prices for original brands drugs falling less sharply in comparison to generic drugs, these copayments rose for the former, while they dropped for the latter. The annual patient expenditure decreased by around 1.5 million euros and that of the Danish healthcare system by around 4.1 million euros, while overall demand grew by around 13 percent at the same time. Annual consumer welfare increased by some 850,000 euros. The example of price regulation on pharmaceuticals in Denmark clearly shows that even slight changes in reference prices can bring about considerable positive welfare effects.

Ulrich Kaiser, Susan J. Méndez, Thomas Rönne, and Hannes Ullrich
**Regulation of Pharmaceutical Prices:
Evidence from a Reference Price Reform in
Denmark**

Journal of Health Economics,
no. 36 (2014): 174–187



Other Selected Publications:

Tomaso Duso, Lars-Hendrik Röller, and
Jo Seldeslachts

Collusion through Joint R&D: An Empirical Assessment

The Review of Economics and Statistics,
vol. 96 (2) (2014): 349–370

Florian Szücs

M&A and R&D: Asymmetric Effects on Acquirers and Targets?

Research Policy, vol. 43 (7) (2014):
1264–1273

Jürgen Blazejczak, Frauke G. Braun,
Dietmar Edler, and Wolf-Peter Schill
**Economic Effects of Renewable Energy
Expansion: A Model-Based Analysis for
Germany**

Renewable and Sustainable Energy
Reviews, no. 40 (2014): 1070–1080

Martin Gornig and Alexander Schiersch
Weak Investment in the EU:

A Long-Term Cross-Sectoral Phenomenon
DIW Economic Bulletin, no. 7 (2014):
23–30

Events/Conference Papers

The Berlin IO Day—a workshops series launched by the *Department of Firms and Markets*—, also continued in 2014 with events in the spring and fall. The main idea behind these workshops is to provide an international forum for top-level scientific exchange and discussion in the field of industrial economics, as well as to promote cooperation between research institutes and universities in Berlin. In 2014, we had the privilege of hosting numerous internationally renowned speakers at our workshops, including Pierre Dubois (Toulouse School of Economics), Rachel Griffith (University of Manchester), Michelle Sovinsky (University of Zürich), Simon Anderson (University of Virginia), and Mark Armstrong (University of Oxford).

Berlin IO Day

Organizers: Tomaso Duso (DIW Berlin), Paul Heidhues (ESMT), Helmut Bester (Freie Universität Berlin), Roland Strausz (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), Radosveta Ivanova-Stenzel (Technische Universität Berlin), and Steffen Huck (WZB)
 March 13 and September 26, 2014, Berlin

Other Selected Events/Conference Papers:

InfraTrain Autumn School 2014 Training Session 4: Efficiency Analysis of Municipal Services & Infrastructure

Organizers: Peter Bogetoft (Copenhagen Business School), Astrid Cullmann
 October 6–10, 2014, Berlin

DIW Industrietagung 2014 (Industrial Conference)

Organizers: Ferdinand Fichtner, Marcel Fratzscher, and Martin Gornig
 October 22, 2014, Berlin

Asymmetric Information and Imperfect Competition in Lending Markets

DIW Applied Micro Seminar
 Referent: Nicola Pavanini (Universität Zürich)
 October 17, 2014, Berlin

Intellectual Property Rights and Access to Innovation: Evidence from TRIPS

DIW Applied Micro Seminar
 Speaker: Margaret Kyle (Toulouse School of Economics und MINE Paris Tech)
 November 28, 2014, Berlin

Projects

The Smart Public Intangibles (SPINTAN) project analyzes the effects of public investments in intangible assets. The main aim is to create a widely accessible database containing complex data on the quantity and quality of intangibles for EU member states and other major countries outside continental Europe based on key concepts that have already been developed to study intangible assets in the private sector. Within a European-wide network, the research contribution of DIW Berlin focusses on the fields of public education, health, and research and development. One of the main focal points is the analysis of the medium- and long-term impact of the current austerity policy and political backing measures for public investment in Europe.

Smart Public Intangibles (SPINTAN)

Funded by: European Commission (7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, FP7)

Duration: November 1, 2013 – October 31, 2016

Coordinator: Martin Gornig

Cooperating partners:

- Valencian Institute of Economic Research (IVIE)
- Conference Board, Brussels
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris
- Imperial College London
- Guido Carli Free International University for Social Studies (LUISS), Rome
- etc.

In collaboration with:

Department of Public Economics

Other Selected Projects:

Study on the Economic Impact of Enforcement of Competition Policies on the Functioning of Energy Markets

Commissioned by:
European Commission

Duration:
July 2, 2014 – October 31, 2015

Coordinator: Tomaso Duso

Cooperating partner:

- IFC International, London

Study on the Investment Behavior of Electricity and Gas Network Operators as Part of the Evaluation Report in Accordance with §33 para. 1 ARegV

Commissioned by: German Federal Network Agency

Duration:
March 1 – September 30, 2014

Coordinator: Astrid Cullmann

Cooperating partner:

- DIW Econ GmbH

Private Investitionen in Deutschland (Private investment in Germany)

Commissioned by: Joint Committee of German Industry and Commerce

Duration: May 1 – November 30, 2014

Coordinator: Martin Gornig and

Ferdinand Fichtner

Cooperating partner:

- Handelsblatt Research Institute, Düsseldorf

In collaboration with:

Department of Forecasting and Economic Policy

SME Performance Review 2013/2014

Commissioned by:
European Commission

Duration:
January 1 – December 31, 2014

Coordinator: Alexander Schiersch

Cooperating partners:

- PwC Luxemburg
- Consultoría Estratégica de Innovación (CARSA), Bilbao
- London Economics
- Innova, Rome
- Manchester Institute of Innovation Research
- University of Manchester

Competition and Consumers

The *Department of Competition and Consumers* aims to produce robust evidence of how markets function. Its research combines approaches from industrial economics with new findings from behavioral economics, thus enabling comprehensive analysis of strategic interactions and market allocations. The department focuses on analyzing different market structures, information asymmetries, incomplete contracts, and decision-making under uncertainty. The findings serve as a basis for economic policy advice in the areas of competition, regulation, and consumer policy.



Prof. Dr. Pio Baake, Acting Head of the *Department of Competition and Consumers*

What were the highlights of your work in 2014?

There were a number of highlights actually. First, the discussion about taxi companies such as *Uber* led us to take a closer look at the idea of regulating taxi markets as a department. Another matter that my co-workers and I investigated was the possible reasons for the disparity in efficiency in public companies and the role played by the electorate's personal preferences in this.

What do you think are the current and future challenges in your work?

The biggest challenge we face is meeting multiple objectives at the same time – and this is true today and in the future. Besides conducting research and providing economic policy advice, we also train and mentor Ph.D. students and young postdocs. This involves teaching them essential research methods in lectures, seminars, and, in particular, internal events, as well as being aware of what the unresolved issues are and structuring these accordingly.

How has the focus of your work changed in recent years?

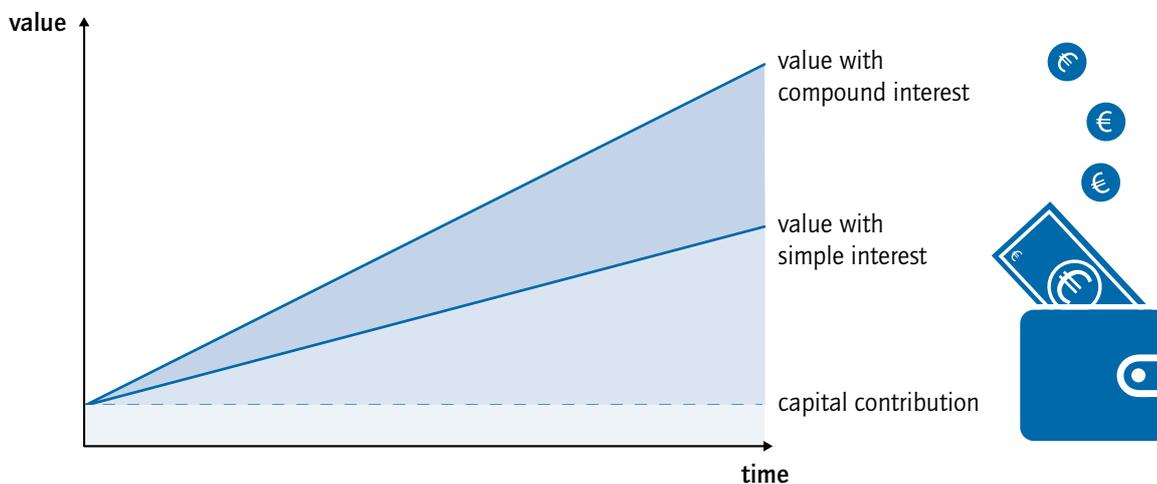
The department's basic profile and work focuses remained largely unchanged, which means my work also has not changed much. What is worth mentioning is that, as a result of the reorientation of the *Department of Firms and Markets*, there is now more emphasis on the overlap between theoretical and empirical work, and this has resulted in new cooperation within our research cluster.

What motivates you personally in your research?

Essentially, my job is to understand what is happening in the different markets and to find means of explaining what I observe. The challenge here – and this is also what motivates me – is developing models to depict key aspects of reality, at the same time ensuring these are abstract and straightforward enough to be resolved. Behind my work and my personal motivation is a stream of discussions with my team, mutual probing and questioning, and the search for optimum solutions.

Interest Rate Calculation

Source: DIW Wochenbericht, no. 9 (2014).



Publications

Can a manufacturer rebuild its reputation once it has been destroyed? To find an answer to this question, a game theory model is examined where consumers are unable to assess the quality of a product on offer until after the purchase has been made; in this case, the consumer demand decision is also dependent on the experiences of other consumers. In similar models, the decision by a single consumer not to buy the product means that no more information can be collected, the result being zero demand by subsequent consumers. This project shows that this finding does not apply without restriction if the manufacturer has the opportunity to respond to the lack of demand by improving quality. Then consumers can expect this one-off lack of demand to cause the manufacturer to invest more into product quality in an attempt to restore its reputation. Thus, incomplete information will not result in permanent market failure even if there is no new information available in the short term.

Andreas Harasser

Information Asymmetry and Reentry

Economics Letters, vol. 123 (2) (2014): 118–121



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Other Selected Publications:

Christian Zankiewicz

Pitfalls of Compound Interest Effect:

Private Investors Underestimate Loss Risks of Financial Products

DIW Economic Bulletin, no. 6 (2014): 17–22

Pio Baake and Vanessa von

Schlippenbach

The Impact of Upfront Payments on Assortment Decisions in Retailing

Review of Industrial Organization, vol. 44 (1) (2014): 95–111

Paul Viefers and Philipp Strack

Too Proud to Stop:

Regret in Dynamic Decisions

DIW Discussion Paper, no. 1401 (2014)

Nicola Jentzsch

Auctioning Privacy-Sensitive Goods:

A Note on Incentive-Compatibility

in *Privacy Technologies and Policy*, eds. Bart Preneel and Demosthenes Ikonomidou (Cham, etc.: Springer, 2014): 133–142

Events/Conference Papers

Decisions made under uncertainty tend not to follow the neoclassical expected utility theory but are influenced by a number of other factors. These are, for example, ambiguity aversion, which causes individuals to try to avoid situations with unknown probabilities. By means of a lab experiment, this conference contribution shows how ambiguity aversion affects our evaluation of different lotteries. Using a new measurement method, we are able to ascertain not only whether people are averse to ambiguity but also to what extent this impacts their decisions. A systematic change in lottery-associated uncertainty also makes it possible, on the basis of the experimental results, to overturn a number of common theories on the individual's decisions.

68th European Meeting of the Econometric Society (ESEM)

Title of Paper: Measuring Ambiguity Aversion

Speaker: Tobias Schmidt
 Co-authors: Charles Sprenger (Stanford University) and James Andreoni (University of California at San Diego, NBER)
 August 25 – 29, 2014
 Toulouse, France

Other Selected Events/Conference Papers:

68th European Meeting of the Econometric Society (ESEM)

Title of Paper: Hidden Skewness: On the Difficulty of Multiplicative Compounding under Random Shocks

Speaker: Christian Zankiewicz
 Co-authors: Georg Weizsäcker (HU Berlin), Ludwig Ensthaler (HU Berlin), Olga Nottmeyer (IZA)
 August 25 – 29, 2014,
 Toulouse, France

Evidence-Based Economic Policy: Annual Conference of the *Verein für Socialpolitik* 2014

Title of paper: Crop Failures and Export Tariffs

Speaker: Pio Baake
 Co-author: Steffen Huck (WZB)
 September 7 – 10, 2014,
 Hamburg

29th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA) 2014

Title of paper: Gas, Tax and Cars: How Does Differential Fuel Taxation Impact New Car Purchases?

Speaker: Helene Naegele
 Co-authors: Pauline Givord (INSEE), Céline Grislain-Letremy (INSEE and University Paris-Dauphine)
 August 25 – 29, 2014,
 Toulouse, France

Projects

As part of the *Innovation Framework for Privacy and Cyber Security Market Opportunities* project (IPACSO), which is financed by the European Commission as part of the FP7 program, markets for cyber security and privacy solutions are examined. The focal points here are market demarcation as well as market segmentation and provider classification. There has been little analysis of these markets to date, despite their important role in the increasingly networked world of business. In addition, the project also provides analysis of cyber security value chains. One additional subject matter of IPACSO is the incentivization of investments in innovation in European cyber security industries. The EU Commission expects this project to lead to the development of an innovation framework for businesses in Europe.

Innovation Framework for Privacy and Cyber Security Market Opportunities

Funded by: European Commission (7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, FP7)

Duration: November 1, 2013 – October 31, 2015

Coordinator: Nicola Jentzsch

Cooperating partners:

- Waterford Institute of Technology, Waterford
- Espion Group, Dublin
- Leuven Security Excellence Consortium LSEC vzw, Heverlee
- VASCO Data Security, Zurich

Other Selected Projects:

Incentive-Compatible Mechanism Design for Privacy

Funded by: Google Research Award

Duration: November 1, 2012 –

February 29, 2016

Coordination: Nicola Jentzsch

Cooperating partners:

- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of Bologna

Investors' Expectations: Measuring Their Nature and Effect

Funded by: European Research Council Starting Grant

Duration: March 1, 2011 –

February 29, 2016

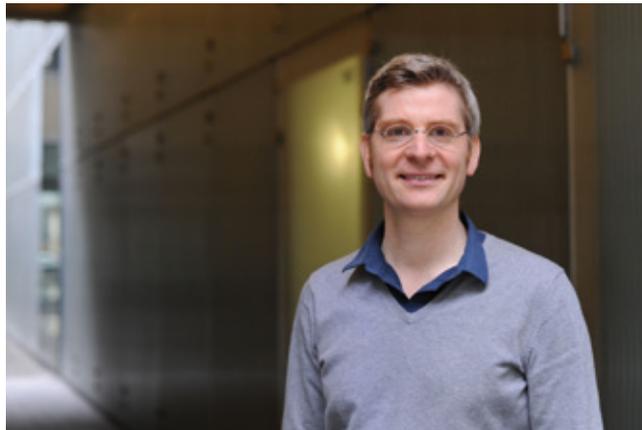
Coordinator: Georg Weizsäcker

Cooperating partners:

- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- University College London
- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- University of Aberdeen
- Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)
- University of St. Andrews

Public Economics

The primary research focus of the *Department of Public Economics* is the question of how financial, fiscal, and social policies influence the economic decisions taken by individuals, households, and companies. The department's key focus is on fiscal and social policy in Germany. The analyses conducted are based on micro-simulation models and modern methods of empirical economic research. Of particular interest to the researchers in this department is the behavior of households, companies, and policy-makers, as well as the distributional effects of fiscal and social policy. These are analyzed not only at national level, but also at local, regional, and European Union level.



Prof. Dr. Peter Haan, Head of the *Department of Public Economics*

What were the highlights of your work in 2014?

In my capacity as a department head at DIW Berlin, my work always covers a span of research topics that fall into the area of overlap between research and policy advice. This is what makes my work so fascinating and varied. I also have the privilege of working alongside a wonderful team, without whom the great work we do would not be possible. In the field of economic policy advice, for example, we evaluated the distribution effects of the introduction of Europe-wide unemployment insurance scheme for Germany and other countries in Europe. One of the main focuses here was the fiscal costs and financial effects for households affected by the pension scheme reforms introduced by the German government, especially the planned increase in the insurance periods recognized for bringing up children (*Mütterrente*) as well as the deduction-free pension for long-term insured persons over the age of 63.

What do you think are the current and future challenges in your work?

While scientific excellence is our backbone, we also strive to ensure that our research work has social relevance. Our economic policy recommendations must have a sound empirical, reliable basis. That's why we are constantly improving our methodological knowledge and expanding our data expertise. Another important facet of our work is ensuring transparency with regard to the underlying assumptions in the different methodological approaches. We also have to be very clear in defining possible problems and limits. In fact, to be able to provide firm and relevant economic policy advice, we must be upfront about what we do not or indeed cannot know.

How has the focus of your work changed in recent years?

One area that is becoming increasingly prevalent in our research and economic policy advice work is the challenges posed by demographic change. Here, we focus predominantly on the empirical evaluation of family policy measures and pension reforms aimed at improving the employment situation in Germany. To ensure that our empirical research findings are reliable, we have expanded our methodological base, specifically trying to incorporate a variety of methodological approaches to test the often rather strong model assumptions made and, where applicable, modifying the assumptions to make them more realistic.

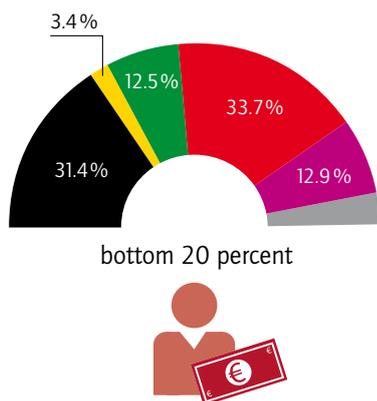
What motivates you personally in your research?

Having the opportunity to do relevant research work is what drives me – and, of course, being able to discuss my work with fellow researchers. This exchange and cooperation with fellow researchers is one aspect of my work I particularly enjoy.

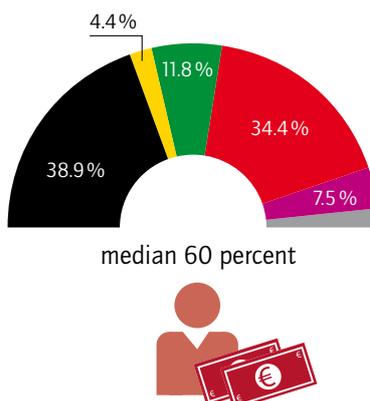
Party Affiliation by Net Household Income 2009–2011

Sources: DIW Wochenbericht, no. 37 (2013), SOEP.

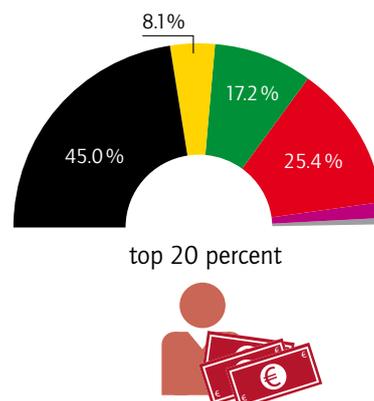
Party affiliation, as surveyed in the SOEP, is not to be compared with the current voting intentions which are regularly collected via polling and surveys conducted by political scientists (voting intention poll). Party affiliation represents a deeper affiliation with a particular party and not the present political climate.



bottom 20 percent



median 60 percent



top 20 percent



Publications

In the publication "Longevity, Life-cycle Behavior and Pension Reform", the authors develop a dynamic structural life-cycle model to depict decisions made by individuals on employment offers, retirement age, and savings. Restrictions on the job market are also taken into account. Using this model, which employs estimations based on SOEP data, the authors evaluate possible reforms to the German pension scheme, the aim of which would be to establish a stable pension scheme under the given demographic situation with longer life expectancy. The results showed that delaying retirement age is more effective, i.e., has a greater impact on employment, than a general decrease in pension payment level, the former also being the preferred choice of those affected. It must be said, however, that the findings are very much dependent on the restrictions on the job market: increasing retirement age is only effective if relevant employment opportunities exist.

Peter Haan and Victoria Prowse
Longevity, Life-Cycle Behavior and Pension Reform
Journal of Econometrics,
 vol. 178(3) (2014): 582–601



Other Selected Publications:

Stefan Bach, Hermann Buslei, Michela Coppola, Peter Haan, and Johannes Rausch
Die Verteilungswirkungen der Mütterrente (The distributional effects of the "mother pension")
DIW Wochenbericht, no. 20 (2014): 447–456

Giacomo Corneo, Timm Bönke, and Holger Lüthen
Lifetime Earnings Inequality in Germany
Journal of Labor Economics,
 vol. 33 (2015): 171–208

Johannes Geyer and Thorben Korfhage
Long-Term Care Insurance and Carers' Labor Supply: A Structural Model
IW Discussion Paper, no. 1421 (2014)

Hermann Buslei, Stefan Bach, and Martin Simmler
Firm Level Models – Specifically Firm Models based upon large data sets in Handbook of Microsimulation Modelling, ed. Cathal O'Donoghue, *Contributions to Economic Analysis*, vol. 293 (Bingley: Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2014): 479–503

Events/Conference Papers

Surveys show that many families continue to find it difficult to reconcile work and family life. Many parents wish that their family and work commitments were more evenly balanced. Financial motives, however, are often the reason for the typical single-earner or one-and-a-half earner family model. An earnings replacement benefit for family working hours would help parents divide up their family and work commitments better. One possibility would be a support benefit for parents of children aged between one and three years that would be paid after parental leave benefit, provided both parents opt for what is known as reduced full-time employment (around 30 to 32 hours per week). The amount of financial assistance granted would be based on the net joint income of the parents and would be proportionately higher for lower income families than for those with higher incomes. The findings of a study are presented in the conference paper: the proportion of families where both parents would pursue reduced full-time employment could almost double from the current one percent level to almost two percent. In the short term, the costs involved would be moderate. The new benefit could, however, bring about a change in the social norms of division of labor within the family, encouraging more parents to opt for this model with reduced contract hours. In the long term, this would result in an increase in the costs for the earnings replacement benefit.

Second Gender Studies Conference of DIW Berlin and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Title of paper: Reduzierte Vollzeitarbeit – Familienarbeitszeit – Sinnvolle Erwerbsgestaltung für Frauen und Männer? (Reduced full-time employment – family-friendly working hours – practical employment arrangements for men and women?)

Speaker: Katharina Wrohlich
September 25, 2014, Berlin

Other Selected Events/Conference Papers:

iffConference, International Conference on Financial Services: Mis-Guided Incentives in Financial Affairs?

Title of paper: Wie geht es weiter mit der Riesterrente? Fortentwicklung oder Neuorientierung? (What does the future hold for the Riester pension? Continuation on the same path or reevaluation?)

Speaker: Johannes Geyer
May 22–23, 2014, Hamburg

ECFIN Taxation Workshop – Taxing Wealth: Past, Present, Future

Title of paper: The Debate on Wealth Taxation in Germany

Speaker: Stefan Bach
November 13, 2014, Brussels

Podium Discussion of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Title of paper: Ostdeutschland als Avantgarde (East Germany as Avant-Garde)

Speaker: Ronny Freier
October 10, 2014, Berlin

Projects

In this project the macroeconomic stabilization and microeconomic distribution effects of the introduction of European unemployment insurance are analyzed. On the basis of dynamic macroeconomic simulations, this study shows that, depending on how it is structured, a transfer system such as this within the euro area could help stabilize economic development notably. This even applies to a relatively small-scale European system (based on the volume of transfers) with a maximum period of entitlement of six months and transfers of 30 percent of the last net salary. Higher payments would amplify the stabilizing effect but, conversely, at the same time increase the potential undesirable impact on incentives to work and the degree of redistribution among the EU member states. From a political perspective, the distribution effects would be marginal; effects on income distribution would generally be slightly progressive to neutral, with low-income households standing to gain more from the introduction of European unemployment insurance.

Eine Arbeitslosenversicherung für den Euroraum als automatischer Stabilisator – Grenzen und Möglichkeiten (An unemployment insurance for the euro area)

Commissioned by: Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection of the Federal Republic of Austria

Duration: 2013–2014

Coordinators: Peter Haan and Ferdinand Fichtner

Cooperating partners:

- Berlin School of Economics and Law

In collaboration with:

Department of Forecasting and Economic Policy

Other Selected Projects:

Smart Public Intangibles (SPINTAN)

Funded by: European Commission (7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, FP7)

Duration: November 1, 2013 – October 31, 2016

Coordinator: Martin Gornig

Cooperating partners:

- Valencian Institute of Economic Research (IVIE)
- Conference Board, Brussels
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris
- Imperial College London
- Guido Carli Free International University for Social Studies (LUISS), Rome
- etc.

In collaboration with:

Department of Firms and Markets

Aufkommens- und Verteilungswirkungen von Reformalternativen für die Erbschaft- und Schenkungsteuer (Distributional effects of reform alternatives for inheritance and capital transfer tax)

Commissioned by: Alliance 90/ The Greens

Duration: 2013–2014

Coordinator: Stefan Bach

Cooperating partner:

- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Education and Family

The *Department of Education and Family* explores education- and family-related issues, primarily from a micro-economic perspective. One key question addressed by the department is to what extent it is possible to fully develop the human potential of a country's economy. In the field of education, areas studied by the department include skills acquisition and educational inequalities with a focus on analyzing early learning and tertiary education. One key area of research into the family is the division of labor, including gainful employment, housework, and childcare, between both parents. The department also analyzes the effects of education- and family-policy reforms on families and children.



Prof. Dr. C. Katharina Spieß, Head of the *Department of Education and Family*

What were the highlights of your work in 2014?

Given the numerous exciting research and consultancy projects I conducted with my team and external partners in 2014, this is a difficult question to answer. There were so many highlights. If I had to name one, however, I would pick the analyses conducted as part of the *Berliner Studienberechtigten Panel (BEST UP)*, a research project focused on access to tertiary education. This was a major project where one of the challenges was to design and support the surveys. Only after a project is underway and when the first detailed, interesting analyses and, consequently, findings emerge it becomes clear that our work is worthwhile.

What do you think are the current and future challenges in your work?

One of DIW Berlin's main objectives is to link high-level research with evidence-based policy advice. My personal area of focus is the field of education and family policy in which, through empirical research, I strive to make a contribution to rational policy design. In the process, social and economic challenges become challenges we have to overcome in our research work as well. One issue, for example, is how to fully develop the human potential of the entire German society – a question that, in light of demographic development, impacts society as a whole.

How has the focus of your work changed in recent years?

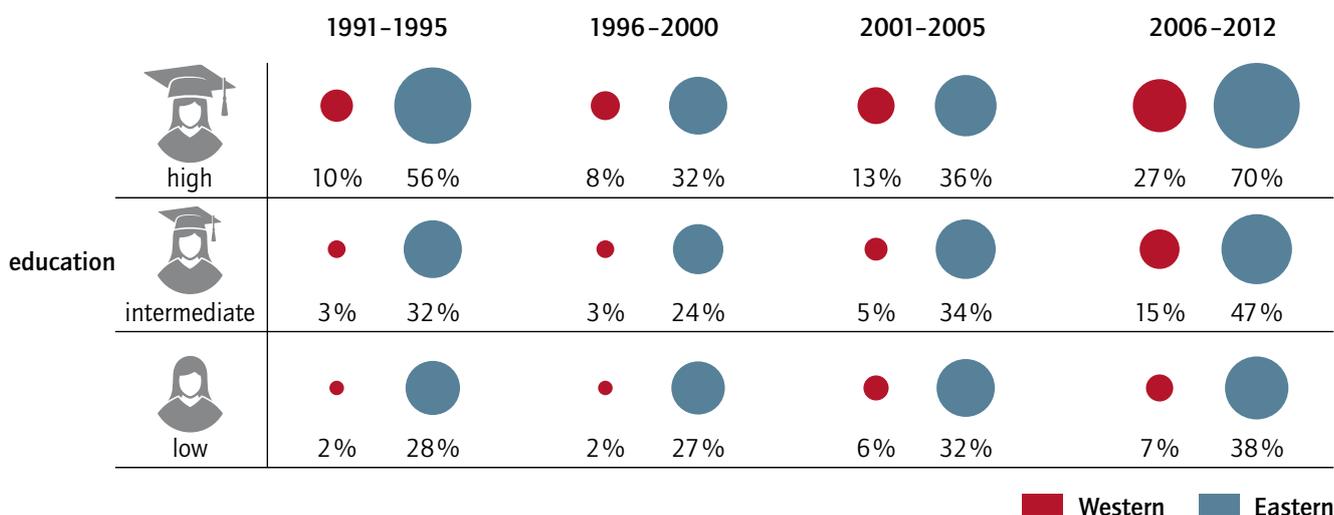
At the beginning of 2015, the *Department of Education and Family* turned three and is thus no longer in its infancy. The Head of Department's remit has changed in this time, becoming broader and more varied. What has remained constant, however, is the department's focus on evaluating new potential developments and setting priorities effectively.

What motivates you personally in your research?

As a microeconomist conducting empirical research, I am fascinated by the systematic study of human behavior. This includes analyzing the impact of family and education policy measures as well as systematically observing changes in the fields of family and education over time. What inspires me most of all is having the opportunity to carry out this work surrounded by a young and highly-motivated team!

Probability of Attending a Child Day Care Facility by Under Three-Year-Olds and by Maternal Educational Level in Eastern and Western Germany

Source: DIW Wochenbericht, no. 40 (2014).



Publications

The starting point for the study "Risks and Returns to Educational Fields: A Financial Asset Approach to Vocational and Academic Education", published in the respected journal *Economics of Education Review* is the finding that, in Germany, a university degree, on average, secures a higher salary than other vocational qualifications. But what is the salary range within a given profession (whether it requires a university degree or a vocational qualification)? Based on German microcensus data, we analyze the financial attractiveness of vocational training and degree subjects. As with an assessment of financial investments, both the returns and the risks associated with these returns are considered. Educational paths, that are financially attractive and involve higher returns with minimal risks, are identified. The authors of the study conclude that, in most cases, a degree is financially attractive. However, this does not apply to all subjects: university graduates in medicine, business administration, and law have the highest average earnings. Nonetheless, graduates successfully completing some vocational training courses, primarily in commerce, can expect to earn more than the average salary of those graduating from academic-track secondary schools.

Daniela Glocker and Johanna Storck
Risks and Returns to Educational Fields: A Financial Asset Approach to Vocational and Academic Education
Economics of Education Review
 42 (2014): 109–129



Other Selected Publications:

Frauke Peter
Qualität der Kindertageseinrichtung beeinflusst kindliche Gesundheit (Quality of child daycare facilities can affect child health)
DIW Wochenbericht, no. 18 (2014): 419–426

Jan Marcus
Arbeitslosigkeit trifft auch den Partner (Effect of unemployment on life partners)
DIW Wochenbericht, no. 22 (2014): 494–499

Pia S. Schober
Parental Leave and Domestic Work of Mothers and Fathers: A Longitudinal Study of Two Reforms in West Germany
Journal of Social Policy, no. 43 (2) (2014): 351–372

Holger Bonin, Holger Stichnoth, C. Katharina Spieß, and Katharina Wrohlich (eds.)
Familienpolitische Maßnahmen in Deutschland – Evaluationen und Bewertungen (Family policy measures in Germany – evaluation and analyses)
Vierteljahrshefte zur Wirtschaftsforschung, no. 1 (2014): 5–12

Events/Conference Papers

On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, at its 52nd Session, the United Nations Commission for Social Development (CSocD) held a high-level panel discussion on family policy. Experts from five regions across the world (Africa, Asia-Pacific, North America, eastern and western Europe) participated in the discussion. C. Katharina Spieß was invited to attend as a representative of western Europe and gave a paper providing an insight into German family policy. She summarized developments in German family policy over the years and presented these from a family policy perspective aimed at the entire life course. Prof. Spieß highlighted important family-policy reforms that have made a positive contribution to the reconciliation of family and professional life in Germany in recent years. She also outlined possible opportunities for further reforms.

High-Level Panel Discussion in Observance of the Twentieth Anniversary of the International Year of the Family

Title of paper: What Have We Accomplished and Where Are We Going? Family Policies in Germany

Speaker: C. Katharina Spieß
February 14, 2014,
New York, US

Other Selected Events/Conference Papers:

1st Annual Conference of the Berlin Interdisciplinary Education Research Network (BIEN): Bildungsentscheidung und Bildungserfolge (Education-related decisions and successes)

September 11–12, 2014, Berlin

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) Conference: Bildungsforschung 2020 – Zwischen wissenschaftlicher Exzellenz und gesellschaftlicher Verantwortung (Educational research 2020 – scientific excellence and social responsibility)

Forum 8: Bildungsökonomie – Reichweite und Grenzen eines bildungswissenschaftlichen Ansatzes (Education economics – scope and limitations of an education-sciences-driven approach)

Organizer and moderator:
C. Katharina Spieß
March 28, 2014, Berlin

29th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA) 2014

Title of paper: Adverse Effects of Increased Education Efficiency? The Impact of Shortening High School Tenure on Graduation Age, Grade Repetitions and Graduation Rates

Speaker: Mathias Hübener
Co-author: Jan Marcus
August 25–29, 2014,
Toulouse, France

European Consortium of Sociological Research Conference 2014

Title of paper: Social and Ethnic Disparities in the Quality of Early Education

Speaker: Pia S. Schober
September 24–26, 2014, Berlin

Projects

In Germany, increasing numbers of children are attending early childhood education and care facilities. However, since the quality of these programs varies greatly, the children encounter a wide range of development contexts. This gives rise to important questions for education and family research: Which parents select higher-quality childcare facilities for their children? How does the quality of the institution and this selection process effect a child's development? What impact does the quality of child daycare have on maternal well-being? These and other questions are addressed in a research project conducted by the *Department of Education and Family* in cooperation with colleagues from the *Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)* at DIW Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin. Unlike many recent studies, this three-year project, funded by the Jacobs Foundation, does not build on an institution-based sample but rather on an existing survey of households and individuals. The SOEP captures data on the quality of childcare in child daycare facilities attended by children living in the households surveyed. The heads of the different child daycare institutions and groups are also surveyed in addition to the parents.

Early Childhood Education and Care Quality in the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)

Funded by: Jacobs Foundation

Duration: September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2016

Coordinators: Pia S. Schober and C. Katharina Spieß

Cooperating partner:

- Freie Universität Berlin

In collaboration with: Research Infrastructure *Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)* at DIW Berlin

Other Selected Projects:

Auswirkungen der G8-Schulreform (The impact of the G8 school reform)

Funded by: College for Interdisciplinary Education Research (CIDER)

Duration: April 2014 – March 2016

Coordinator: Jan Marcus

Berliner-Studienberechtigten-Panel (BEST UP) – Erklärungsfaktoren für den geringen Anteil bildungsferner Gruppen an Hochschulen (Factors accounting for the low proportion of educationally disadvantaged groups in higher education)

Funded by: Einstein Foundation Berlin

Duration: October 2012 – September 2016

Coordinators: Frauke Peter and

C. Katharina Spieß

Cooperating partner:

- Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)

Vereinbarkeit von Beruf und Familie von Paaren mit nicht schulpflichtigen Kindern – unter spezifischer Berücksichtigung der Erwerbskonstellation beider Partner (Reconciling professional and family life among couples with children below mandatory school age)

Funded by: Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ)

Duration: January – April 2014

Coordinator: C. Katharina Spieß

In collaboration with: Research Infrastructure *Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)* at DIW Berlin

Berlin Interdisciplinary Education Research Network (BIEN)

Coordination, seminar series, conferences, and methodological workshops

Funded by: Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Duration: October 2013 – December 2016

Coordinators: Johanna Storck and

C. Katharina Spieß

Cooperating partners:

- German Institute for International Educational Research (DIPF), Berlin office
- Freie Universität Berlin
- Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Institute for Educational Quality Improvement (IQB), Berlin
- Institute for Research Information and Quality Assurance (iFQ), Berlin
- Institut für Schulqualität der Länder Berlin und Brandenburg e.V. (ISQ), Berlin
- Max Planck Institute for Human Development (MPIB), Berlin
- Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI), Berlin office
- Technische Universität Berlin
- University of Potsdam
- Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)

Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)

The *Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)* is a research-driven infrastructure unit. The SOEP is one of the largest and longest-running panel surveys of individuals and private households worldwide. Numerous studies drawing on SOEP data analyze the mechanisms that form the basis of social resource distribution. These include both income and wealth as well as access to education and employment. Our researchers are interested in the chances of social advancement in the population as a whole and within socio-demographic sub-groups. Further, they explore the consequences of job loss and family events such as birth or death. As such, their work studies life in Germany over the entire lifespan. Psychological questions are playing an increasingly important role in this research. Every year, SOEP data are used by around 500 researchers worldwide.



Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp, Director of the *Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)*

What were the highlights of your work in 2014?

The 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall reminded us all that the SOEP had already expanded its survey from West Germany to include the German Democratic Republic (GDR) as early as June 1990, which was before the economic, monetary, and social union. Using SOEP data, we conducted an evaluation of life in eastern and western Germany in the years since the fall of the Wall and dedicated a special issue of *DIW Economic Bulletin* to the findings. The assessment showed that, despite all the mistakes, pitfalls, and costs, German reunification has been a success, not only politically, but also from an economic perspective, and that there has been a lasting improvement in living conditions for those living in the former GDR in almost all areas of life.

What do you think are the current and future challenges in your work?

The development of the SOEP survey is an ongoing process. Our main challenge is to gain even greater recognition for the strengths of our longitudinal study and our globally respected findings among the research community in Germany and abroad. We also place great importance on effectively communicating our research findings to the general public and policy-makers.

How has the focus of your work changed in recent years?

There have been particularly significant changes in the area of human resources management and development. In recent years, we have employed increasing numbers of young postgraduates, who are provided with excellent supervision by our staff through the completion of their theses. In addition, for some years, we have been training Specialists for Market and Social Research, who have become fully integrated members of our team. These are all chances that I personally have found extremely valuable.

What motivates you personally in your research?

Using SOEP data, we observe and analyze social change in Germany. Some topics that we have patiently surveyed without making any changes to the survey questionnaires since the mid-1980s, such as income and family situation, are increasing in analytical value due to the SOEP's long-term observation over what is now two or three generations. As SOEP researchers, however, we also need to have a keen instinct for identifying new topics that can be integrated into the survey, and we need to be able to differentiate between subjects that are simply en vogue and those that are actually relevant. Striking this balance between continuity and change is what makes our work particularly exciting.

Publications

What affects political party identification? The ability of established parties to retain voter loyalty is often interpreted as a reflection of how consolidated a democratic system is. The well-documented research finding in the political sciences that party identification is stronger among the older population is either interpreted as an expression of biological aging and critical life events, or as a reflection of increasing experience with democratic elections. Whereas in many established democracies, there is little statistical deviation between changes in age and changes in voting experience, the two can be statistically distinguished in Germany, where there have been repeated experiences with dictatorships over the country's turbulent history. The analyses conducted on the basis of the SOEP's longitudinal data, calculated using growth curve models, suggest that the growing strength of party identification is primarily due to the number of electoral experiences and not biological age. The multi-cohort data also show that even individuals who grew up under a dictatorship gradually develop a political party identification in later democratic elections. On the one hand, this gives hope to young democracies (as in the case of the Arab Spring, for example) and suggests that, in immigrant societies, integration into the recipient society can be made easier by giving migrants the right to vote at the earliest possible opportunity.

Martin Kroh
Growth Trajectories in the Strength of Party Identification: The Legacy of Autocratic Regimes
Electoral Studies 33 (March 2014): 90–101



Other Selected Publications:

Markus M. Grabka, Jürgen Schupp, Anika Rasner, et al.
Germany 25 Years after the Fall of the Wall
 DIW Economic Bulletin, no. 11 (2014): 3–71

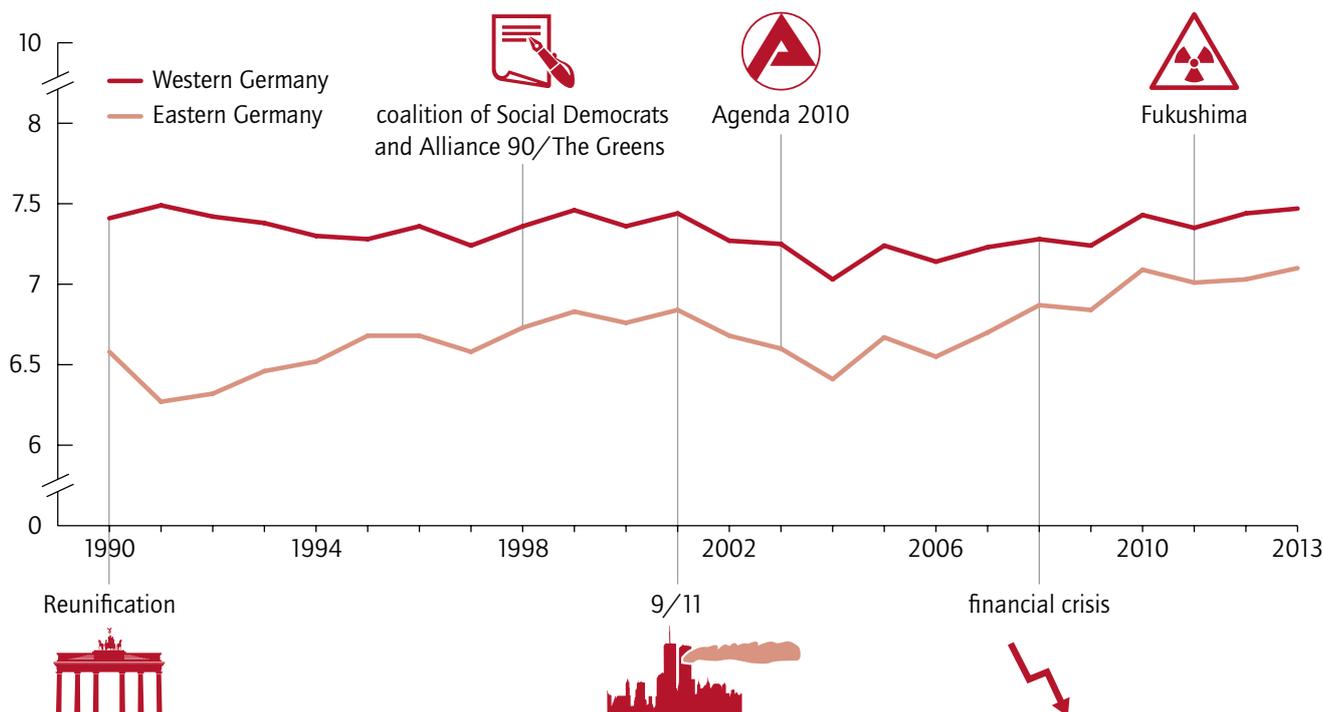
Herbert Brücker, Elisabeth Liebau, Ingrid Tucci, et al.
Migranten in Deutschland (Immigrants in Germany)
 DIW Wochenbericht, no. 43 (2014): 1123–1158

Jürgen Schupp
Paneldaten für die Sozialforschung (Panel data for social research)
 in Handbuch Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung, eds. Nina Baur and Jörg Blasius (Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2014), 925–939

Peter Eibich and Nicolas R. Ziebarth
Analyzing Regional Variation in Health Care Utilization Using (Rich) Household Microdata
Health Policy 114 (1) (2014): 41–53

Average Life Satisfaction in Germany

Source: DIW Wochenbericht, no. 40 (2014).



Events/Conference Papers

In summer 2014, the 11th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference, an event held every two years, took place in Berlin. More than 120 participants from ten countries exchanged information about the most recent research based on SOEP data with over 60 paper presentations and 20 poster sessions. The conference was funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The Scientific Committee organizing the event, consisting of Johannes Giesecke (HU Berlin), Marco Giesselmann (SOEP/DIW Berlin), John Haisken-DeNew (University of Melbourne, Australia), Anika Rasner (SOEP/DIW Berlin), Carsten Schröder (SOEP/DIW Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin), and Jule Specht (FU Berlin), received over 100 submissions from which they put together a program of 14 thematic sessions across many different disciplines to give an impression of the diversity and quality of the SOEP-based analyses. The conference program is available on the conference website, www.diw.de/soep2014, along with a short video that provides an insight into the conference proceedings.

11th International SOEP User Conference (SOEP2014)

Speakers: Patricia McManus (Indiana University, Bloomington/US) and Jacques Silber (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan/Israel)
June 30 – July 1, 2014, Berlin

Other Selected Events/Conference Papers:

Crisis and the Distribution

Speakers invited: Anders Björklund (Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University, Sweden), Martin Hellwig (Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods (MPI), Bonn)

Organizer: Carsten Schröder
September 29 – 30, 2014, Berlin

Wealth and Disparity: Comparative Analysis of Trends in Inequality in Germany and the United States

Organizer: Markus M. Grabka
October 31, 2014, Berlin

Sustaining Quality of Life across the Globe – ISQOLS 2014: The Quality of Life Conference

Organizer: Peter Krause
September 15–18, 2014, Berlin

29th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA) 2014

Title of paper: Natural Disaster, Policy Action, and Mental Well-Being: The Case of Fukushima

Speaker: Christian Krekel
Co-authors: Jan Goebel, Tim Tiefenbach (German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo), Nicolas R. Ziebarth (Cornell University)
August 25 – 29, 2014, Toulouse, France

Projects

Knowledge about the distribution and development of private wealth is an important basis for decision-making for social and political action. This research project explores material well-being in the form of wealth in different contexts. First, the study analyzes the *status quo* of assets and the distribution of wealth on the basis of SOEP data for Germany and the ECB's HFCS (Household Finance and Consumption Survey) data for the purpose of European comparison. Using simulations, the study attempts to reproduce, *inter alia*, the situation of the top high net worth households, which are typically underrepresented in population surveys. Second, it addresses two key future challenges: inflation and demographic change. Here, the study examines what kind of deflation and inflation scenarios we can anticipate in the coming decades and what impact this might have on wealth distribution. The research project analyzes the possible effects of demographic change at various levels, including the impact on prices of real estate property, which is a key wealth component, the relevance of statutory pension entitlements for the level and distribution of private wealth, as well as the distributive effects of prospective endowments and inheritances.

Vermögen in Deutschland – Status quo-Analysen und Perspektiven (Private wealth in Germany)

Commissioned by:
Hans Böckler Foundation
Duration: 2013–2015
Coordinator: Markus M. Grabka
Cooperating partner:
• Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

Other Selected Projects:

PIAAC-L: Cooperative Project for the New Longitudinal Study PIAAC-L in Germany

Funded by: Federal Ministry of
Education and Research (BMBF)
Duration: 2013–2017
Coordinator: Jürgen Schupp
Cooperating partners:
• GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the
Social Sciences
• National Educational Panel Study
(NEPS) at the Leibniz Institute for
Educational Trajectories (LifBi)

SOEP-Record-Linkage: Befragung von Zuwanderern der Sozialversicherungs- statistik im Längsschnitt (SOEP-REC-LINK) (Survey and administrative data on migrants)

Funded by: Leibniz Association
Duration: 2013–2016
Coordinator: Martin Kroh
Cooperating partner:
• Institute for Employment Research
(IAB)

Berlin Aging Study II (BASE-II): Health and Cognitive Functioning across the Lifespan

Funded by: Federal Ministry of
Education and Research (BMBF)
Duration: 2011–2014
Coordinators: Martin Kroh,
Gert G. Wagner
Cooperating partners:
• Max Planck Institute for Molecular
Genetics
• Max Planck Institute for Human
Development
• Geriatrics Research Group at the
Charité University Hospital Berlin
• Center for Medical Research,
University of Tübingen

Die Entwicklung der geschlechts- spezifischen Rentenlücke in Deutschland (The genders-specific pension gap in Germany)

Commissioned by:
Hans-Böckler-Stiftung
Duration: 2013–2014
Coordinator: Anika Rasner

DIW Graduate Center

The *DIW Graduate Center (GC)* is DIW Berlin's academic training center. The GC coordinates training for doctoral students and offers a structured Ph.D. program in economics. Outstanding young researchers from around the world participate in the GC's four-year program culminating in a doctorate. In close cooperation with Berlin's universities, doctoral students receive academic training through a demanding program of lectures. Students work with DIW Berlin's research departments, acquire international experience at the highest level, and prepare for a career in academic research and policy advice.



Prof. Dr. Helmut Lütkepohl, Dean of the *DIW Graduate Center*

What were the highlights of your work in 2014?

In 2014 we held our third Graduate Center Summer Workshop, thus establishing the event as an integral component of our Ph.D. program. The workshop gives participants the opportunity to discuss their research projects with fellow Graduate Center students. This year, once again, it was exciting to learn about the progress that the students had made with their research projects and to see how their creative ideas have helped them develop into young scholars working independently.

What do you think are the current and future challenges in your work?

Obviously the success of a Ph.D. program depends entirely on the academic potential of its students. DIW Berlin's doctoral program is still very new and therefore not yet well known enough internationally to attract the best applications from around the world. We are currently working on different ways to increase the visibility of our program and are pleased that the international applications we received in 2014 reached a new record high.

How has the focus of your work changed in recent years?

Over the last three years, I have developed the *Graduate Center* from a purely organizational unit for DIW Berlin's Ph.D. program into a center facilitating communication and discussion between doctoral students from all cohorts and disciplines across the various research departments. In addition to more traditional supervision and teaching activities, we organize regular events for our doctoral students, for instance workshops, Masterclasses, and seminars. We have also integrated training modules into the program such as job market preparation for final year students. Moreover, we have strengthened our cooperative ties with other doctoral programs in the fields of social and behavioral sciences in Berlin and the surrounding area.

What motivates you personally in your research?

My personal area of research is the development of methods for time series econometrics. I would like to have a more in-depth understanding of the problems I research, for instance, by gaining insights that enable me to develop methods facilitating higher quality analysis than the currently established procedures. I also greatly value the intellectual exchange with colleagues and enjoy acquiring new scientific knowledge more generally.

Ph.D. Program in Economics

Doctoral students attend a training program consisting of a one-year study phase followed by a three-year research phase (see the chart on p. 62). In the study phase, Graduate Center students take a comprehensive program of courses. In the research phase, they are attached to one of DIW Berlin's research departments and work on preparing their dissertations. GC students also acquire practical experience by way of internships in organizations providing economic research and policy advice around the world.

Internationalization

At the end of 2014, 86 active doctoral students were being supervised within the framework of the GC, with 67 of these students participating in the Ph.D. Program in Economics. Fourteen of the doctoral program students were in the first year study phase and 53 were already working either as scholarship recipients or employees in DIW Berlin's research departments. Consequently, the GC is more than a training facility – its doctoral students also make an important contribution to the DIW

Berlin's research work. In 2014, the GC continued to pursue its strategy of internationalization, with about one-third of the most recent class joining us from abroad. Attracting a larger number of successful international applications also remains one of our objectives for the next selection round.

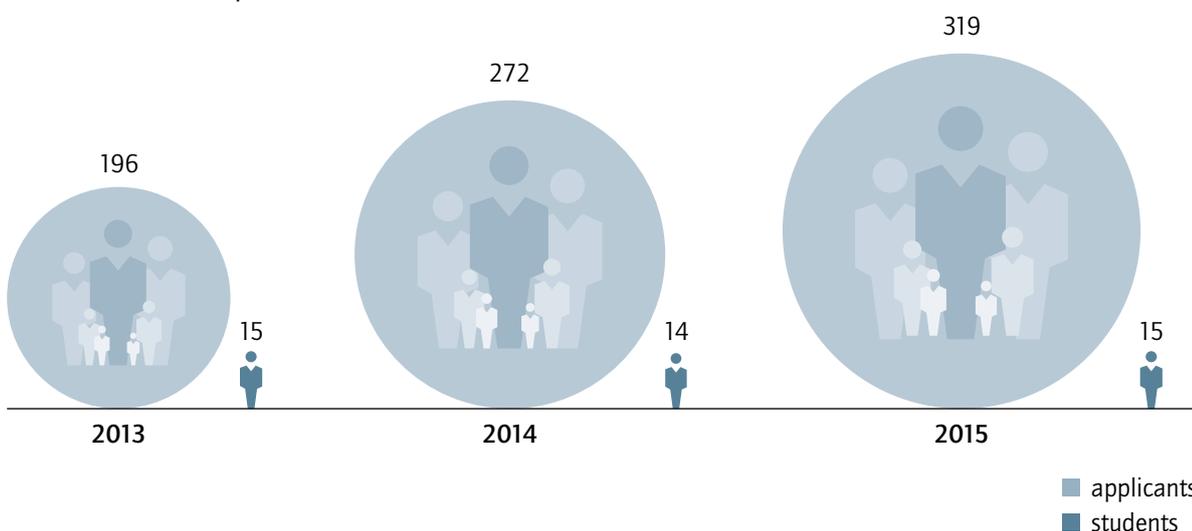
Graduates

What better way is there to measure the success of a graduate school than by looking at its alumni? In 2014, 15 doctoral students at DIW Berlin successfully defended their dissertations, nine of whom were students of the GC Ph.D. program in Economics and six more had participated in other structured doctoral programs. This increases the total number of GC alumni to 41. The average length of time students spend on the program from joining the GC to receiving their doctorates is four years. This is a tribute to the quality of the doctoral students – and to the excellent learning environment. As in previous years, the doctoral students in 2014 had access to numerous forms of support to ease their entry onto the labor market, such as professional job application training.

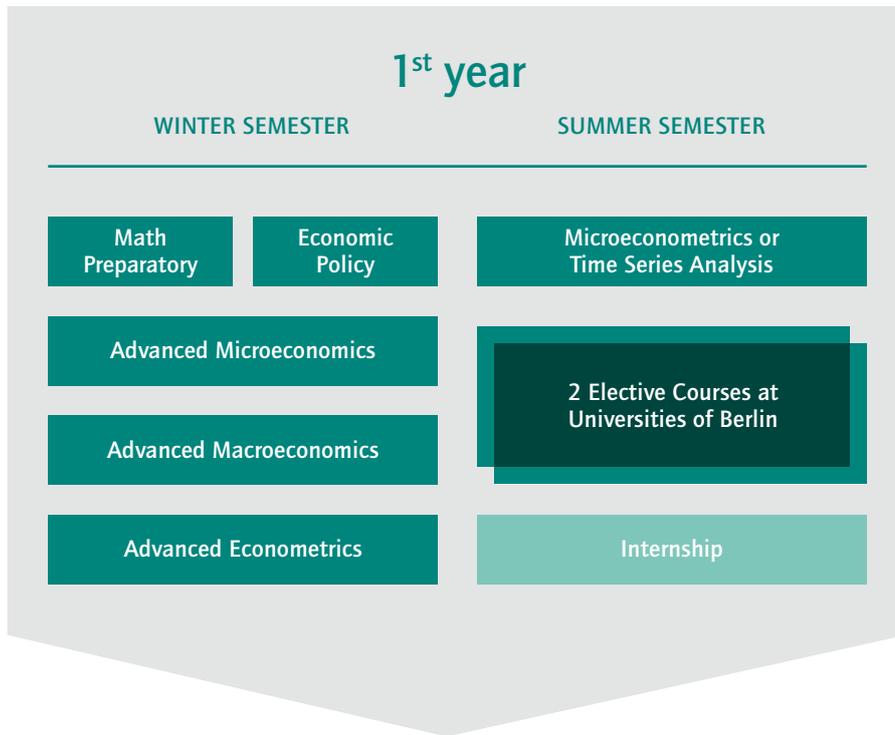
Graduate Center Masterclasses and Seminars

The GC regularly holds one- to two-day teaching events on specific areas of DIW Berlin's research known as *Masterclasses*. These events are open to interested parties both from within the Institute and outside. Experts from the relevant specialist areas are invited as lecturers. Alongside the Masterclasses, the GC also offers young researchers a rich program of seminars, lecture series, and workshops.

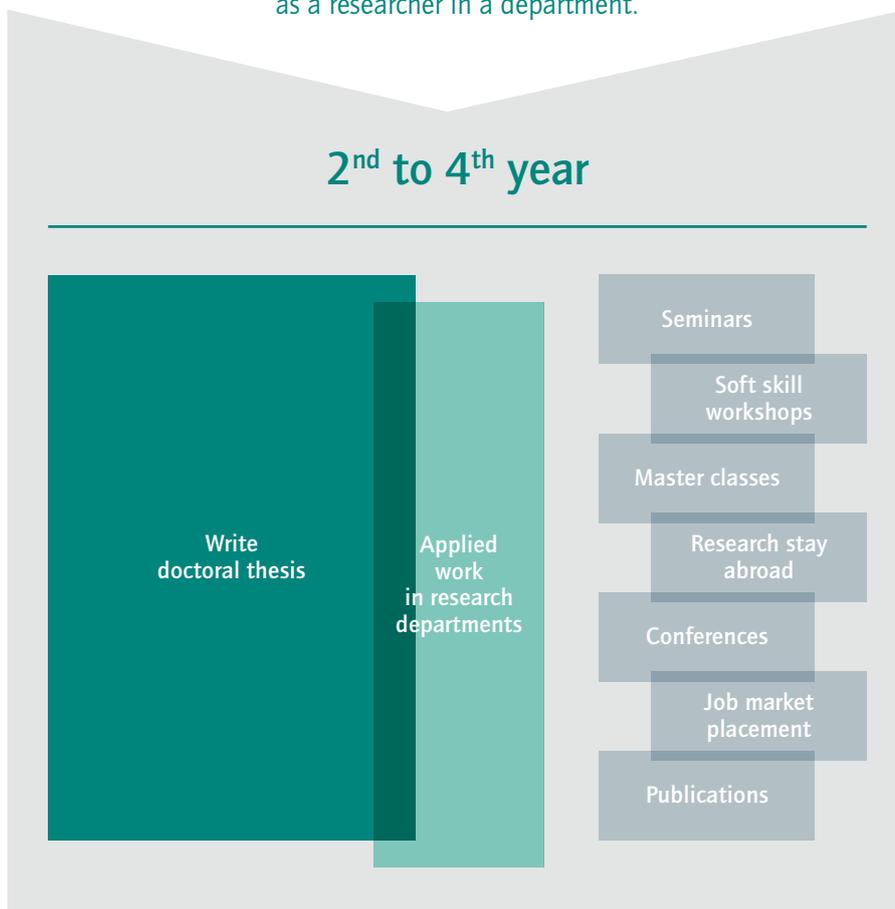
Graduate Center Ph.D. Program in Economics: Number of Applicants and Students Accepted



Structure of the Doctoral Program in Economics



Admission to 2nd year after successful completion of all courses, choice of supervisors and placement as a researcher in a department.





“The GC provided me with an excellent start to a career in applied research and a group of peers who have become friends for life.”

Anne Schopp successfully defended her dissertation in 2014 and now works for the World Bank.

“I chose the DIW Graduate Center because of its strength in applied research. The program has provided me with structured academic training, intensive supervision, and the opportunity for fruitful cooperation with colleagues. As a graduate, I have been well-prepared to join the international research community.”

Aleksandar Zaklan successfully defended his dissertation in 2012. He is now a Research Associate in the *Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment* at DIW Berlin.



“The GC was of great support with its course program, masterclasses, soft-skill workshops and its inspiring atmosphere. At the same time, I had all the freedom I needed to pursue my research. The GC provides a perfect mix of a structured PhD program and self-directed research.”

Jan Marcus defended his dissertation in 2013 and is now a Research Associate in the *Department of Education and Family* at DIW Berlin.

“For me the GC provides the perfect combination of continuous training and self-determined research. With the integration into the SOEP department from the second year onwards, I enjoy an excellent network of researchers and easy data access.”

Sarah Dahmann has been a *Graduate Center* student since 2011 and was the Student Representative.



“The DIW departments’ concerted activities facilitate students to early translate their coursework into research. Thus, the program helped me develop the skills I needed to move forward with my career.”

Nicolas Ziebarth successfully defended his dissertation in 2011 and is now an Assistant Professor at Cornell University.

“The program gave me the opportunity to focus on applied and policy-relevant research. The DIW Graduate Center provided an environment of interaction with fellow PhD students and colleagues that has proven invaluable for my own research and professional career.”

Daniela Glocker successfully defended her dissertation in 2010 and now works as a Research Associate at the OECD and the London School of Economics (LSE).



“At the DIW Graduate Center I received all the support I needed in terms of supervision, funding and invaluable collegial discussions. As a graduate, I was able to choose from excellent positions in academia and as economic practitioner.”

Geza Sapi successfully defended his dissertation in 2011 and is now an economist at the European Commission’s Directorate General (DG) Competition.

Service Facilities

The research work conducted by DIW Berlin would not be possible without its service facilities. The library team provides researchers with information and literature, while the information technology team installs and maintains the network infrastructure as well as software and hardware. The *Management Services Department* takes care of the finances, projects, and procurement. The *Legal and Human Resources Department* is responsible for legal issues and personnel matters. The *Communications Department* publicizes the Institute's research findings.

Communications Department



As a publicly funded institute, DIW Berlin makes its research findings available to the general public; it therefore works actively in the areas of press and PR and uses various formats to make these findings, and their larger economic contexts, understandable to a wider audience. In addition to publications and events, online media are playing an increasingly important role. In recent years, DIW Berlin has steadily expanded the range of publications and data that it makes available in digital form. New formats such as videos are used effectively in the multimedia presentation of its work to the public. DIW Berlin is also active on social media including Facebook and Twitter, in order to promote its information and policy advice services more effectively and precisely, as well as to improve the Institute's international profile. Since successful external communication is only possible if internal communication is working well, the department promotes the exchange of information within the Institute, facilitates internal coordination, and ensures the quality of activities of public interest.

Management Services Department



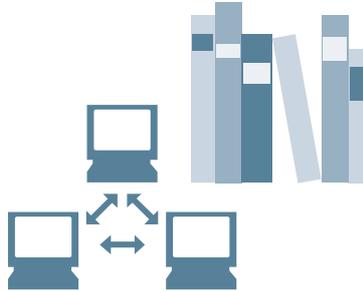
The *Management Services Department* combines finances and management control and resource planning. The finances team is responsible for financial planning and budgeting, the monthly and annual financial statements, and all book-keeping work. In 2014, 7,112 transactions were recorded, with the bills and receipts from these filling approximately 50 file binders. Furthermore, 1,012 applications for business trips were processed and the expenses settled. The management control and resource planning team provides services such as budget planning, management reporting, and risk management. In addition, the department is responsible for managing third-party funding and procurement. Concerning the former, a total of 115 externally funded projects, with a combined volume of around 6.8 million euros, were processed, monitored, and settled in 2014. The *Management Services Department* provides important services for the Executive Board and employees of DIW Berlin. It also develops and implements innovative tools to support the Institute's research work and strategic planning. In 2014, the department managed a budget amounting to 25.8 million euros.

Legal and Human Resources Department



The *Legal and Human Resources Department* is responsible for all strategic and operational matters concerning the personnel of DIW Berlin. In this capacity, it offers a point of contact for all employees and managers. In particular, its regular operational work includes managing job vacancies and applications, employment contracts, salary classification, and the payroll, as well as periods of absence such as vacation, illness, and maternity or parental leave. The strategic focus of the department is, among other things, on promoting and improving systematic and structured personnel development, and promoting the equality of opportunity for all genders and the advancement of women in cooperation with the Equal Opportunities Officer. In addition, the department serves the Executive Board, the research departments and service facilities, and the employees as a point of contact in all legal matters. Rounding off the department's profile are its office management services, which include printing, building management, the mail room, and the reception desk.

Research Infrastructure Department



The *Research Infrastructure Department* consists of two service areas: the library and information technology (IT). The department provides the infrastructure needed for the research work conducted by the Institute. The work of the library team includes supplying staff with the literature they require in printed and electronic form, publishing the various in-house series, and accommodating DIW Berlin's external publications. The IT team takes care of all electronic devices used by DIW personnel, ensures data security, and offers main-frame computer capacity. The library and information technology services work together on online content, making research findings by employees of DIW Berlin available directly on the website after publication.

Research work is also conducted within the department itself, focusing in particular on the sharing and dissemination of research data. In the DFG *EDaWaX II* project, the department is working with the German National Library of Economics (ZBW) and the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition (MCIER) on a repository for journal publications. In the Leibniz project *SowiDataNet*, a repository for the low-threshold archiving of research data is being built up in collaboration with the Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS), the Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) and the ZBW. This is oriented in particular towards institutional data depositors.

Selected Publications:

Benedikt Fecher, Sascha Friesike, and Marcel Hebing

What Drives Academic Data Sharing?
RatSWD Working Paper Series 236
(2014)

Sven Vlaeminck, Ralf Toepfer, Klaus Tochtermann, Brigitte Hausstein, York Sure-Vetter, Gert G. Wagner, and Mathis Fräßdorf

**Auffinden – Zitieren – Dokumentieren:
Forschungsdaten in den Sozial- und
Wirtschaftswissenschaften
(Identify – cite – document: research data
in the social and economic sciences)**
(Kiel [among others]: ZBW, GESIS,
RatSWD, 2014)

Jan Goebel and Bernd Pauer
**Datenschutzkonzept zur Nutzung von
SOEPgeo im Forschungsdatenzentrum
SOEP am DIW Berlin (Data protection
concept for the use of SOEPgeo in the
research data center SOEP at DIW Berlin)**
*Zeitschrift für amtliche Statistik Berlin
Brandenburg* 3 (2014): 42–47

Department of the Executive Board

The Executive Board of DIW Berlin consists of the President, Prof. Marcel Fratzscher, Ph.D., the Managing Director, Dr. Cornelius Richter, and Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner. As the President, Marcel Fratzscher is responsible for all of the Institute's affairs and acts as its spokesman in public. As the Managing Director, Cornelius Richter is responsible for DIW Berlin's commercial, legal, and various other administrative activities. Gert G. Wagner is responsible primarily for the research infrastructure SOEP and – together with the President – for DIW Berlin's scientific activities.

Selected Projects

Investment

Germany has one of the lowest investment rates in the world: less than one percent of annual economic output. Investment amounting to three percent of GDP is needed if medium- and long-term growth prospects are to be improved. Investment on this scale would potentially increase growth in the German economy by more than a half percent, to just under 1.6 percent. The consequences would be greater productivity and higher wages, leading to increased tax revenues and thus fiscal consolidation. Potential opportunities for meaningful additional investment are being identified and analyzed, for instance, in the transport infrastructure and the educational system, as well as in implementing the energy transition.

Going for Gold? The Intangible Effects of the Olympic Games in London, Paris and Berlin

This DFG research project aims to ascertain an important determinant of subjective well-being. Use is made of the fact that both London (and thus Great Britain) and Paris (and thus France) bid for the 2012 Olympic Games, but only London was selected to host them. This offers an opportunity to determine differentially the intangible effect of a major event on people's subjective well-being. The population of Berlin is taken as the control group.

Gender Studies

Since December 2013, the *Gender Studies* research area has been embedded in the Department of the Executive Board of DIW Berlin. This research area is intended to bring about a broader integration of the gender issue in the Institute's work. The network is used to strengthen internal, regional, national, and international cooperation on the subject of economics and gender – as in 2014, for example, at two conferences in Tokyo and Berlin.

DIW Econ GmbH

DIW Econ GmbH is the consulting company of DIW Berlin. It provides economic consulting services on regional, national, and international levels. *DIW Econ* advises clients from many different branches of industry and specialist disciplines on topical matters in science, the economy, and politics. Current research and consulting activities focus on competition and regulation, the information and communications sector, the energy sector, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Other core fields include transportation and regional economic issues, as well as the modeling of climate-friendly growth strategies. *DIW Econ* has a strong scientific basis and is committed to forging close links between research and the practical application of economic knowledge, both in commerce and in economic policy.

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Selected Projects

Fördert das Urheberrecht Innovationen? – Eine empirische Untersuchung (Does copyright promote innovation? – an empirical investigation)

There has been a lack of empirically sound evidence to date as to what extent copyright affects innovation in the branches of the creative industries subject to copyright law. On behalf of the Expert Commission on Research and Innovation (EFI), *DIW Econ* in collaboration with Prof. Christian Handke (Erasmus University Rotterdam) evaluated data on the development of the copyright branches and the spread of digital copying technologies. Several indicators of copyright protection and innovation performance were identified for the music, film, and video game branches. Overall, no evidence was found that the copyright protection in effect has a significant impact on innovation performance in the copyright branches.

Evaluierungsbericht über die Auswirkungen der Anreizregulierung auf die Investitionen der Netzbetreiber im Strom- und Gassektor (Evaluation of the impact of incentive regulation on investment by grid operators in the electricity and gas sectors)

Since early 2009, the energy supply in Germany has been subject to incentive regulation, with the aim of ensuring the efficient operation of the electricity and gas supply grids. It is unclear, however, how the changed regulatory environment is affecting the operators' investment behavior. The key issues are whether an empirically demonstrable effect on investment patterns can be attributed to the existence of incentive regulation since 2009, and whether this effect stems from the introduction of regulation per se or to specific details of its formulation. For the German Federal Network Agency (*Bundesnetzagentur*), *DIW Econ*, together with experts at *DIW Berlin*, evaluated the

potential impact of incentive regulation on investment by grid operators in the electricity and gas sector (evaluation report pursuant to Section 33 para 1 of the German Incentive Regulation Ordinance [*Anreizregulierungsverordnung, ARegV*]). The results were elucidated in the course of various presentations and a final report. The final report was published in *DIW's Politikberatung kompakt* series.

SME Performance Review 2013/2014

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are central to the European economy. The European Commission has been promoting the growth and competitiveness of these companies through the Small Business Act since 2008. The SME Performance Review serves to monitor the development of small and medium-sized enterprises in Europe. It gives an overview of the sector's current structure and its contribution to prosperity and employment. The latest report shows that the gross value added by SMEs throughout Europe has risen by 1.1 percent in comparison with the previous year, while the numbers of SMEs and people employed by them have fallen by 0.9 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively from the totals of the previous year. These findings indicate that the conditions for SMEs remain challenging and that the underlying conditions still need improving if sustainable growth is to be achieved in the SME sector. The outlook for 2015, however, suggests a recovery, with an increase in the gross value added being accompanied by an increase in the number of SMEs and their employees.

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- Expert for the German Research Foundation (DFG)
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- Member of the Council on Fiscal Sustainability at the World Economic Forum
- DG ECFIN Fellowship Initiative, 2014–15
- Member of the Economic Policy Panel, 2014–2015

Dr. Jan Goebel

- Member of the Scientific Committee of Experts for the German Federal Government's 5th Report on Poverty and Wealth

Prof. Dr. Martin Gornig

- Member of the Scientific Council for pearls-Potsdam Research Network
- Member of the Georg Simmel Center for Metropolitan Studies at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Member of the SPINTAN Steering Group, EU's Seventh Framework Programme for Research

Dr. Markus M. Grabka

- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the German Ageing Survey (DEAS)

Kornelia Hagen

- Member of the Coordination Committee of the *Consumer Research Network*

Dr. Nicola Jentzsch

- Expert in the field of *Economics of Cyber Security and Privacy*, appointed by the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)

Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert

- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Energy Institute, Johannes Kepler University Linz
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Essen
- Member of the Committee on Environmental Issues at the Verein für Socialpolitik
- Member of the Energy Modelling Forum (EMF)
- Member of the European Climate Forum (ECF)
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO)
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the European Energy Forum (EUREF) Institute
- Future Think Tank
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the German Climate Foundation
- Member of the Board of Trustees for the German Study Prize
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Innovation Centre Energy (IZE)
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the "100 percent renewable" foundation

Activities in the Research Community (cont.)

- Member of the Advisory Board of the Körber Foundation
- Member of the Advisory Board of CLEAN TECH WORLD
- Member of the Advisory Board of the German Environment Foundation
- Member of the scientific Board of Trustees of the German National Working Group for Environmentally Aware Management (B.A.U.M.)
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Sustainable Management Forum
- Juror for the German Sustainability Award
- Juror for *EcoGlobe*
- Juror for *365 Landmarks in the Land of Ideas*

Dr. Peter Krause

- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Hans Böckler Foundation project Energy Poverty: A New Social Risk at the University of Siegen
- Member of the Executive Committee of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS), Vice-President of Programs

Prof. Dr. Alexander S. Kritikos

- Member of the Leibniz Association Prize Jury
- Member of the Social Science Committee at the Verein für Socialpolitik
- Member of the Economic Policy Committee at the Verein für Socialpolitik
- German Research Association
- Thyssen Foundation

Prof. Dr. Martin Kroh

- Head of the *Foundations of Migration and Integration Research Cluster* and the *Labor Market, Migration, and Integration Department* at the Berlin Institute for Empirical Integration and Migration Research (BIM)

Dr. Kai-Uwe Müller

- Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ), background discussion/policy advice
- EU Commission, background discussion/advice on country-specific recommendations

Prof. Karsten Neuhoff, Ph.D.

- Co-author of the Intergovernmental Report on Climate Change (IPCC)
- Coordinator of accompanying research for the *Economics of Climate Change in the Field of Climate Policy program* by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
- Member of the Board of Climate Strategies, International Research Network (IRN)
- Member of the Scientific Committee for the International Conference on European Energy Market (EEM) 2014

Dr. Alexander Schiersch

- German-French research initiative (DFFI): expert, *SMEs in Europe – Job Engine and Highly Competitive?*
- EU Commission, DG ECFIN: expert, investment weakness
- EU Commission, DG Enterprise & Industry: expert, European Semester, development of the German economy

Dr. Wolf-Peter Schill

- Member of the Advisory Board for the Oeko-Institut research project *Flexibility Options in the Electricity System*

Dr. Pia S. Schober

- Member of the Hans Böckler Foundation Advisory Board for the project *Effects of Atypical Employment on Key Spheres of Life*

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- Member of the Social Policy Committee at the Verein für Socialpolitik

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- Member of the Advisory Board for the *Longitudinal Panel Analysis of Intimate Relationships and Family Dynamics (PAIRFAM)*
- Member of the Board of Overseers of the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Leibniz Information Centre for Economics (ZBW)
- Member of the Scientific Committee for the project *TwinLife: A Genetically Informative, Longitudinal Study of the Life Course and Individual Development*
- Speaker for the Interdisciplinary Network of Infrastructure Facilities (IVI) at the Leibniz Association (WGL)
- Member of the Executive Board of the Association of Social Science Institutes (ASI)

Dr. Sebastian Schwenen

- Reporting, International Council on Large Electric Systems (CIGRE): report on *Capacity Markets: Needs, Solutions and State of Affairs*

Prof. Jo Seldeslachts, Ph.D.

- Member of the Exam Committee for the FWO Doctoral Grants (Flemish Science Foundation)

Prof. Dr. C. Katharina Spieß

- Fellow at Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the project *Sustainable Employment in Child Day Care* conducted by the Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGGS)
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Institute for Population Research, Wiesbaden
- Member of the *Spokesperson's Group* at the *Leibniz Education Research Network (LERN)*
- Member of the Steering Committee of the *College for Interdisciplinary Education Research (CIDER)*
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the German Institute for International Educational Research (DIPF)
- Faculty member of the International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE)
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nuremberg
- Member of the Education Economics Committee at the Verein für Socialpolitik
- Member of the Population Economics Committee at the Verein für Socialpolitik
- Member of the Social Policy Committee at the Verein für Socialpolitik
- Reviewer for the German Research Association

Jun.-Prof. Dr. Ingrid Tucci

- Associated member of the Berlin Institute for Empirical Integration and Migration Research (BIM)

Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner

- Member of the National Academy of Science and Engineering (acatech)
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the academic journal *Wirtschaftsdienst*
- Member of the Education Economics Committee at the Verein für Socialpolitik
- Member of the Health Economics Committee at the Verein für Socialpolitik
- Member of the Social Policy Committee at the Verein für Socialpolitik
- Faculty member of the International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE)
- Reviewer for the German Research Association
- Member of the German Data Forum
- Member of the Council of Statistical Experts of the German Federal Statistical Office (Destatis)
- Deputy Speaker for Section B of the Leibniz Association (Economics, Social Sciences, Spatial Research)
- Liaison officer at the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Policy Advice

Projects for government, associations, NGOs, and other institutions

Dr. Stefan Bach

- Research project for the Saxony State Ministry of Finance
- Research project for Alliance 90/The Greens (parliamentary group in the German parliament)

Dr. Heike Belitz

- European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, expert discussion, November 14
- Audit panel on the work of the German federal government's *Research and Innovation* central funding advisory service, February 2014

Dr. Franziska Bremus

- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Halle, March/April 2014
- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Berlin, September/October 2014

Karl Brenke

- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Halle, March/April 2014
- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Berlin, September/October 2014

Hermann Buslei

- Report for the Saxony State Ministry of Finance
- Report for the Hans Böckler Foundation

Kristina van Deuverden

- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Halle, March/April 2014
- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Berlin, September/October 2014
- Member of the Working Group on Tax Estimates at the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF)

Dr. Jochen Diekmann

- Member of the Working Group on Renewable Energy at the Association of Municipal Enterprises (VKU)
- Member of the Working Group on Energy Statistics Methodology at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
- Member of the Working Group on Energy Balances

Prof. Dr. Tomaso Duso

- Expert, EU Commission, DG COMP, *Ex-Post Evaluation of Competition Policy Enforcement and Institutions*, January 2014

Dr. Dietmar Edler

- Expert, *Expert Meeting Economic Assessment of Fukushima Nuclear Power Accident*, Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan

Alexander Eickelpasch

- *Experts from the Leibniz Association Visit the German Parliament 2014* – interview with a member of the German parliament, May 20, 2014
- US Embassy Berlin, Economic Section, expert discussion, April 30
- European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, expert discussion, November 14

Dr. Hella Engerer

- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Berlin, September/October 2014

Dr. Georg Erber

- Alliance 90/The Greens (parliamentary group in the German parliament): expert discussion on *How Can Policy Accelerate the Expansion of the Fiber-Optic Network?*, October 13, 2014
- European Parliament, Committee of the Regions (CoR), Plenary Session of the European Parliament, January 30–31, 2014, accredited scientific expert

Dr. Ferdinand Fichtner

- Member of the Advisory Board of the Stability Council
- Report on *Unemployment Insurance for Euro Area as Automatic Stabilizer* commissioned by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection
- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Halle, March/April 2014
- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Berlin, September/October 2014
- Expert activities as part of the scientific assistance provided to the Lisbon Methodology (LIME) working group for the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
- Report on *Private Investment in Germany* commissioned by the Joint Committee of German Industry and Commerce

Prof. Marcel Fratzscher, Ph.D.

- Member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
- Chair of the Expert Commission on *Increasing Investment in Germany* commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Jun.-Prof. Ronny Freier, Ph.D.

- Podium discussion on *Strategy East Germany* for the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Prof. Dr. Martin Gornig

- Co-organizer of the industry conference *Economic Stimuli for Europe*
- Member of the Expert Commission on *Increasing Investment in Germany* commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
- Co-organizer of the workshop on *Guiding Principles and Priority Areas of a Modern Industrial Policy* at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

- Chair of the panel on Economic Indicators within the *Bio-Economy Initiative* of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
- Member of the Working Group on *Building Research and the Construction Industry*
- Member of the Expert Panel on *Population Forecasts* at the Senate Department for Urban Development and the Environment

Prof. Dr. Peter Haan

- Research project for the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection
- Research project for the Luxembourg Chamber of Labour
- Research project for the *Initiative New Social Market Economy*

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- Member of the Scientific Council of Experts on *Consumer and Food Policies* at the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)

PD Dr. Elke Holst

- Member of the Horizon 2020 Advisory Group for Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions
- Member of the Working Group on the Economy and Labor at the Evangelical Church of Berlin-Brandenburg-Silesian Upper Lusatia

Dr. Nicola Jentzsch

- Member of the European Commission's public-private Advice Platform *Network and Information Security*

Dr. Simon Junker

- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Halle, March/April 2014
- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Berlin, September/October 2014
- Report on the *Impact of R&D on Economic Growth* commissioned by the reconstruction loan corporation (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, KfW).

- Report on *Private Investment in Germany* commissioned by the Joint Committee of German Industry and Commerce

Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert

- Member of the Expert Committee on *The Economics of Environment and Resource Use for the EU Environment Commissioner*
- Member of the Expert Commission on *Energy Research and Energy Technologies*, Bavarian State Ministry of Economic Affairs and Media, Energy and Technology
- Member of the Energy Commission of the Executive Committee of the German Social Democratic Party (SPD)
- Member of the Expert Committee of the Federal State of Hesse (coordinated by Schäfer-Gümbel, leader of the opposition SPD party bloc in the Hessian state parliament)
- Member of the Expert Committee of the Federal State of Lower Saxony (Minister for the Environment Stefan Wenzel)
- Member of the European Commission's Advisory Group on Energy (DG Research)
- Member of the Club of Rome

Dr. Philipp König

- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Halle, March/April 2014
- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Berlin, September/October 2014
- Expert activities as part of the scientific assistance provided to the Lisbon Methodology (LIME) working group for the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Dr. Kati Krähnert

- *Experts from the Leibniz Association Visit the German Parliament*: advisor to the World Bank on Rural Development in Mongolia
- Advisor to the World Bank on the insurance product *Index-based Livestock Insurance* in Mongolia

Prof. Dr. Alexander S. Kritikos

- Evaluation of the *Founder Coaching* program for the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) and the Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) and the reconstruction loan corporation (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, KfW)

Dr. Claudia Lambert

- Expert activities as part of the scientific assistance provided to the Lisbon Methodology (LIME) working group for the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Dr. Heike Link

- Expert workshop on *Interest Calculations in the New Road Cost Report for Truck Toll System*, Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI)
- Expert workshop on *Investment in Transportation Infrastructure*, EU Commission Representation in Germany
- Efficiency Measurement Rail Market, OECD/ITF

Dr. Claus Michelsen

- Report on *Private Investment in Germany* commissioned by the Joint Committee of German Industry and Commerce
- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Halle, March/April 2014
- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Berlin, September/October 2014
- Member of the Working Group on Construction and Housing Market Forecasting
- Member of the Expert Commission on *Increasing Investment in Germany* commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Prof. Karsten Neuhoff, Ph.D.

- Member of/papers for the *Electricity Market Platform* of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
- Member of the Working Group on the *Future of Electricity* chaired by State Secretary Baake at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
- Reviewer for International Energy Agency publications
- Expert reviewer for the Department of Energy and Climate Change Studies (DECC UK)

Maximilian Podstawski

- Report on the *Impact of R&D on Economic Growth* commissioned by the reconstruction loan corporation (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, KfW)

Dr. Johannes Rieckmann

- Preparation of a feasibility study on methodological improvements in quantitative reporting on the threat level in crisis regions (for the German Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry of Defence, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the Federal Ministry of the Interior)

Prof. Dr. Dorothea Schäfer

- Report for the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) parliamentary group
- Expert activities as part of the project on *Alternatives for Financing the Expansion of the Transmission Grids in Germany* (project coordination: TU Berlin, Thorsten Beckers) commissioned by the Ministry of Finance and Economics Baden-Württemberg, the Ministry for Economic Affairs, Energy and Industry of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia, and the Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labor, and Technology of the Federal State of Thuringia

Dr. Alexander Schiersch

- Expert, DNB Expert Meeting – *Investment in the Euro Area: Recent Developments and Prospects* (Dutch National Bank)
- Member of the Expert Commission on *Increasing Investment in Germany* commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Dr. Erika Schulz

- Research project for the EU
- Member of the Expert Panel on *Population Forecasts* at the Federal Statistical Office

Prof. Dr. C. Katharina Spieß

- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the cooperation agreement between national and *Länder* governments *evaluating the performance of the German education system*
- Member of the Expert Council on Demography at the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI)
- Member of the Research Steering Group for the *Little Scientists' House project* by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board for Family Affairs at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ)

Dr. Dirk Ulbricht

- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Halle, March/April 2014
- Joint Economic Forecast commissioned by the German federal government, Berlin, September/October 2014

Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner

- Chair of the Social Advisory Council to the Federal Government of Germany
- Chair of the Committee for Old Age Provision at the Association for Social Security Policy and Research (GVG)
- Member of the Council of Experts for Consumer Questions
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the federal government project *Living Well in Germany* by the Federal Chancellery
- Member of the Commission of Independent Members in accordance with Section 4, para 2 of the Brandenburg Procurement Law (minimum wage commission)
- Associated member of the German GeoBusiness Commission (GIW Kommission)
- Member of the Chamber of Social Order of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD)

Prizes, Awards, and Accolades

Alexandra Avdeenko

- Selected to participate in the 5th Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting on Economic Sciences

Dr. Franziska Bremus

- 3rd best paper award for her article in *DIW Economic Bulletin* in 2013. Article title: “Marktkonzentration im Bankensektor kann makroökonomische Effekte haben” (Market concentration in the banking and finance sector can affect macroeconomic variables) awarded by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF)

Peter Eibich

- Best Paper Award for paper entitled “Understanding the Effect of Retirement on Health Using Regression Discontinuity Design” awarded by the European Health Economics Association (EuHEA) Ph.D. Supervisor Conference

Christian Krekel

- FEEM Award 2014 for the best research paper presentation by young economists at the European Economic Association (EEA) Annual Conference 2014 (“Natural Disaster, Policy Action, and Mental Well-Being: The Case of Fukushima,” co-authors Jan Goebel, Tim Tiefenbach, and Nicolas R. Ziebarth) awarded by the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei
- 2014 CINCH Academy Best Paper Award for paper entitled “Natural Disaster, Policy Action, and Mental Well-Being: The Case of Fukushima” (co-authors Jan Goebel, Tim Tiefenbach, and Nicolas R. Ziebarth) awarded by the CINCH Research Center (Competent in competition and health)

Verena Lauber

- Selected to participate in the 5th Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting on Economic Sciences

Dr. Jan Marcus

- Selected to participate in the 5th Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting on Economic Sciences

Roman Mendelevitch

- Selected to participate in the 5th Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting on Economic Sciences

Dr. Claus Michelsen

- Martin Luther Ph.D. Research Excellence Award awarded by the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU)

Dr. Kai-Uwe Müller

- ESEM Award 2014 at the 68th European Meeting of the Econometric Society, for the two best papers in applied economics awarded by the Econometric Society

Dr. David Richter

- Best paper in a peer-reviewed journal in 2013 for his article entitled “Need for Conclusive Evidence that Positive and Negative Reciprocity Are Unrelated” (co-authors Boris Egloff and Stefan C. Schmukle) awarded by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF)

Philipp M. Richter

- Student Best Paper Session at The International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) Conference 2014 awarded by IAEE Conference

Prof. Juan Rosellón, Ph.D.

- Independent Advisory Board of new ISO in Mexico appointed by the President of Mexico

Dr. Nils Saniter

- BeNA Innovative Research Award 2014 awarded by the Berlin Network of Labor Market Research (BeNA)

Jun.-Prof. Dr. Daniel Schnitzlein

- 2nd best paper award for his article in *DIW Economic Bulletin* in 2013. Title of article: “Low Level of Equal Opportunities in Germany: Family Background Shapes Individual Economic Success” awarded by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF)

Prof. Dr. C. Katharina Spieß

- Best paper award for her article published in *DIW Economic Bulletin* in 2013. Article title: “Zentrale Resultate der Gesamtevaluation familienbezogener Leistungen” (Key findings of overall evaluation of family-related benefits) (co-author Katharina Wrohlich) awarded by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF)

Paul Viefers

- Selected to participate in the 5th Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting on Economic Sciences

Dr. Katharina Wrohlich

- Best paper award for article published in *DIW Economic Bulletin* in 2013. Article title: “Zentrale Resultate der Gesamtevaluation familienbezogener Leistungen” (Key findings of overall evaluation of family-related benefits) (co-author C. Katharina Spieß) awarded by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF)

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• University of Potsdam

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Public Finance, Munich

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- University of Wuppertal (UW)

Prof. Dr. Frauke Kreuter

- Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Nuremberg

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- Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock

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- Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

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- Leipzig University

Prof. Dr. Stefan Liebig

- Bielefeld University

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- German Institute for International Educational Research, Frankfurt/Main

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- European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

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- Freie Universität Berlin

Project Partnerships

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- Berlin-Brandenburg Institute for School Quality Improvement (ISQ)
- Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)
- Freie Universität Berlin
- German Institute for International Educational Research (DIPF)
- Hertie School of Governance
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Institute for Research Information and Quality Assurance (IFQ)
- Institute for Educational Quality Improvement (IQB)
- Max Planck Institute for Human Development
- Technische Universität Berlin

Bielefeld

- Bielefeld University

Bremen

- University of Bremen

Essen

- Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI Essen)
- University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE)

Hannover

- Leibniz Universität Hannover

Münster

- Münster University (WWU Münster)

Nuremberg

- Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Potsdam

- University of Potsdam

Saarbrücken

- Saarland University

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- Australian National University

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- University of Graz

Vienna

- Technische Universität Wien (TU Wien)
- Vienna University of Economics and Business

Belgium

Leuven

- University of Leuven

China

Beijing

- Tsinghua University

France

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- Aix-Marseille University

Greece

Athens

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- University College Dublin

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- University of Bologna

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- European University Institute

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- Bocconi University

Turin, Moncalieri

- Center for Research on Pensions and Welfare Policies – Collegio Carlo Alberto (CeRP-CCA)

Kazakhstan

Astana

- Nazarbayev University

Kirghizia

Bishkek

- Kyrgyz State University of Construction, Transportation and Architecture

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Riga

- Riga Technical University

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- CIDE Center for Research and Teaching Economics

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Ulaanbaatar

- National University of Mongolia

 Netherlands
Amsterdam

- VU University Amsterdam

Leiden

- Leiden University

Utrecht

- Utrecht University
-

Norway

Trondheim

- Norwegian University of Science and Technology
-

Poland

Warsaw

- Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE)
 - Institute for Labour and Social Affairs (LSA)
-

Slovakia

Bratislava

- Institute for Economic Research SAS (Ekonomický ústav SAV)
-

Spain

Barcelona

- University of Barcelona
 - Pompeu Fabra University
-

Sweden

Stockholm

- KTH Royal Institute of Technology
-

Switzerland

Winterthur

- Zurich University of Applied Sciences

Zurich

- University of Zurich

 United Kingdom
Cambridge

- University of Cambridge

Leeds

- University of Leeds

London

- Kings College London
- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- National Institute for Economic and Social Research (NIESR)

Oxford

- University of Oxford
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United States

Ann Arbor

- University of Michigan

Baltimore

- Johns Hopkins University

Champaign

- University of Illinois

Charlottesville

- University of Virginia

College Park

- University of Maryland

Golden

- Colorado School of Mines

Stanford

- Stanford University

Storrs

- University of Connecticut

Institutional Partnerships

national

Berlin

- Freie Universität Berlin
- Hertie School of Governance
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- Technische Universität Berlin

Bielefeld

- Bielefeld University

Bremen

- University of Bremen

Frankfurt (Oder)

- European University Viadrina
Frankfurt (Oder)

Göttingen

- Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Hamburg

- University of Hamburg

international

Netherlands

Rotterdam

- Erasmus University Rotterdam

Norway

Trondheim

- Norwegian University of Science and
Technology

Russia

Moscow

- Russian Academy of Sciences

United Kingdom

Colchester

- University of Essex

United States

Ann Arbor

- University of Michigan

DIW Staff Research Visits to Other Institutes

Austria

Laxenburg

International Institute for Applied System Analysis
 • *Roman Mendelevitch*

Belgium

Leuven

University of Leuven
 • *Prof. Jo Seldeslachts, Ph.D.*

Denmark

Aarhus

Aarhus University
 • *Dr. Hannes Ullrich*

Copenhagen

Copenhagen Business School
 • *Dr. Sebastian Schwenen*

France

Paris

Institut des Politiques Publiques (IPP)
 • *Luke Haywood*
 • *Michael Neumann*

Paris

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
 • *Georg Camehl*
 • *Clara Welteke*
 • *Vaishali Zambre-Rehbein*

Germany

Essen

The Essen Summer School in Health Economics
 • *Christian Krekel*

Munich

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU)
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Munich/Mannheim

TNS Infratest Sozialforschung
 • *Katharina Poschmann*

Tübingen

University of Tübingen
 • *Philipp M. Richter*

Italy

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 • *Dr. Aleksandar Zaklan*

Norway

Bergen

Norwegian School of Economics
 • *Dr. Astrid Cullmann*
 • *Dr. Maria Nieswand*
 • *Stefan Seifert*

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Norwegian University of Science and Technology
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Spain

Barcelona

Pompeu Fabra University
 • *Prof. Jo Seldeslachts, Ph.D.*

Switzerland

Basel

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 • *Dr. David Richter*

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Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex
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London

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
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UCL Institute of Education
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Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)
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United States

Ann Arbor

Institute for Social Research (ISR)
at the University of Michigan

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Microsoft Research New England
(MSR-NE) Lab

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International Monetary Fund (IMF)

- *Pablo Anaya*
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Toulouse

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German Centre of Gerontology

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International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE)

• *Anita Kottwitz*

Technische Universität Berlin

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 • *Roman Keil*
 • *Jens Kolbe*
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 • *Casimir Lorenz*
 • *Luise Lorenz*
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• *Anna Luise Baumann*
 • *Lukas Hoppe*

Cologne

University of Cologne

• *Wiebke Hübner*
 • *Anja Oppermann*

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Technische Universität Darmstadt (TU Darmstadt)

• *Prof. Dr. Volker Nitsch*

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• *Tobias Junne*
 • *Christine Kalenborn*

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 • *Lars Zeigermann*

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Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (RWI Essen)

• *Barbara Treude*

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- *Malte Hoffmann*

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Jena

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Institute for the World Economy

- *Angela Kopmann*

Konstanz

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- *Prof. Dr. Thorsten Schneider*
- *Gundula Zoch*

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University of Mannheim

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Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance

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Institute for Employment Research

- *Michael Stops*

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- *Prof. Dr. Ulrike Rockmann*

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- *Anja Bruhn*
- *Johannes Endler*
- *Jana Jaworski*

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Institute for Labour Law and Industrial Relations in the European Union

- *Olga Lorenz*

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- *Natacha Valla*

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Maastricht University

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Norwegian School of Economics

- *Endre Bjørndal*

Poland**Szczecin**

Centre for Economic Analysis

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Warsaw

Educational Research Institute

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Korea Institute for Industrial Economics and Trade

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Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

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University of Barcelona

- *Antonio Di Paolo*

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Jönköping International Business School

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Stockholm

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

- *Dr. Damir Esenaliev*

Stockholm School of Economics

- *Steffen Nauhaus*

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École Polytechnique Fédérale de
Lausanne (EPFL)
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Zollikofen

Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational
Education and Training
• *Jürg Schweri*

Turkey

Ankara

Bilkent University
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United Kingdom

Birmingham

Aston Centre for Critical Infrastructure
and Services (ACCIS)
• *Dr. David Saal*

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University of Essex
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Oxford

Oxford University
• *Karlijn Morsink*
• *Dominique Shure*

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Baton Rouge

Louisiana State University
• *Prof. Sudipta Sarangi*

Boston

Boston College
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Houston

Rice University Texas
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New York

Columbia University
• *Emily Holland*

Waltham

Brandeis University
• *Rachel Koffer*

Lectures, Seminars, and Courses

Advanced Efficiency and Productivity Analysis

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Technische Universität Berlin

- Dr. Astrid Cullmann
- Dr. Maria Nieswand
- Stefan Seifert
- Dr. Michael Zschille

Advanced Electricity Sector Modeling

Lecture and seminar (winter semester 2014/15)
Technische Universität Berlin

- Dr. Friedrich Kunz
- Alexander Zerrahn

Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis II

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

- Michael Burda
- Frank C. Heinemann

Advanced Topics in Finance

Lecture (winter semester 2014/15)
Jönköping International Business School

- Prof. Dr. Dorothea Schäfer
- Prof. Dr. Andreas Stephan

Applied Panel Econometrics

Lecture (summer semester 2014,
winter semester 2014/15)
Hertie School of Governance

- Prof. Dr. Kerstin Bernoth

Basic Economic Principles

Seminar (winter semester 2014/15)
Berlin School of Economics and Law

- Michael Hachula

Basic Macroeconomic Principles

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Technische Universität Berlin

- Prof. Dr. Martin Gornig

Current Research Focus Areas in Education Economics

Seminar (winter semester 2013/14)
Freie Universität Berlin

- Prof. Dr. C. Katharina Spieß

Decision Making under Uncertainty

Practice seminar (summer semester 2014)
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

- Tobias Schmidt

Digital Organization

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Aalborg University

- Benedikt Fecher

Discrete Choice and Time Series Data Analysis

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Hertie School of Governance

- Dr. Dirk Ulbricht

Econometric Methods

Lecture (winter semester 2013/14)
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

- Kathleen Ngangoué

Econometric Methods

Lecture (winter semester 2014/15)
DIW Berlin

- Prof. Dr. Helmut Lütkepohl

Economic Growth

Lecture (winter semester 2013/14,
winter semester 2014/15)
University of Bern

- Dr. Guido Baldi

Economic Policy

Lecture (winter semester 2013/14)
DIW Berlin

- Dr. Marco Giesselmann
- Prof. Dr. Martin Kroh
- Dr. Beatrice Farkas
- Prof. Karsten Neuhoff, Ph.D.
- Prof. Dr. Peter Haan
- Jun.-Prof. Ronny Freier, Ph.D.
- Dr. Katharina Wrohlich
- Prof. Dr. Christian von Hirschhausen
- Prof. Dr. C. Katharina Spieß
- Dr. Johanna Storck
- Dr. Frauke Peter
- Dr. Ferdinand Fichtner
- Prof. Dr. Tomaso Duso

Economic Policy

Seminar (winter semester 2014/15)
Freie Universität Berlin

- Jun.-Prof. Ronny Freier, Ph.D.

Economics for Non-Economists: An Introduction

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Technische Universität Berlin

- Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner
- Dr. Jan Goebel
- Dr. Markus M. Grabka

Economics of Information

Lecture (winter semester 2014/15)
University of Leuven

- Prof. Jo Seldeslachts, Ph.D.

Education throughout the Life Cycle

Seminar (winter semester 2014/15)
Freie Universität Berlin

- Prof. Dr. C. Katharina Spieß
- Prof. Dr. Katja Görlitz

Empirical Causal Analysis

Seminar (winter semester 2014/15)
University of Hamburg

- Dr. Jan Marcus

Empirical Education Economics

Seminar (summer semester 2014)
University of Hamburg

- Dr. Jan Marcus

Empirical Industrial Organization

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf

- Prof. Dr. Tomaso Duso

Empirical Methods of Applied Microeconomics

Seminar (winter semester 2013/14,
winter semester 2014/15)
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

- Dr. Johannes Geyer

Empirical Methods of Applied Microeconomics

Seminar (summer semester 2014)
Freie Universität Berlin

- Prof. Dr. Peter Haan
- Songül Tolan

Empirical Methods of Applied Microeconomics

Seminar (winter semester 2014/15)
Freie Universität Berlin

- Prof. Dr. Peter Haan

Empirical Public Economics

Lecture (winter semester 2013/14)
Freie Universität Berlin

- Prof. Dr. Peter Haan
- Michael Neumann
- Patricia Gallego-Granados

Empirical Public Economics

Lecture (winter semester 2014/15)

Freie Universität Berlin

- Prof. Dr. Peter Haan
- Sascha Drahs

Energy and Climate Policy

Lecture and seminar (summer semester 2014)

Technische Universität Berlin

- Prof. Karsten Neuhoff, Ph.D.

Energy Economics – Electricity Markets

Lecture/Integrated seminar (summer semester 2014)

Technische Universität Berlin

- Jonas Egerer
- Prof. Dr. Christian von Hirschhausen

Energy Economics and Regulation

Seminar (winter semester 2014/15)

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas A.C., Mexico

- Prof. Juan Rosellón, Ph.D.

Energy Sustainability and Climate Change

Lecture (summer semester 2014)

Hertie School of Governance

- Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert

Energy Sustainability and Climate Change: The Energiewende Game

Simulations (summer semester 2014)

Hertie School of Governance

- Dr. Wolf-Peter Schill
- Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert

Entrepreneurial Finance

Lecture (summer semester 2014)

Jönköping International Business School

- Prof. Dr. Dorothea Schäfer
- Prof. Dr. Andreas Stephan
- Urban Österlund

Family Trends & Policies in Comparative Perspective

Seminar (summer semester 2014)

Hertie School of Governance

- Dr. Pia S. Schober
- Prof. Michaela Kreyenfeld

Industrial Organization: Theory and Applications

Lecture (winter semester 2014/15)

University of Leuven

- Prof. Jo Seldeslachts, Ph.D.

InfraTRAIN – Advanced Electricity Sector Modeling

Compact seminar

(winter semester 2014/15)

Technische Universität Berlin

- Alexander Zerrahn
- Dr. Friedrich Kunz

InfraTRAIN – Training Session 4: Efficiency Analysis of Municipal Services & Infrastructure

Autumn School (winter semester 2014/15)

Technische Universität Berlin

- Prof. Peter Bogetoft
- Dr. Astrid Cullmann
- Dr. Maria Nieswald
- Stefan Seifert
- Caroline Stiel
- Dr. Michael Zschille

Innovation Economics and Entrepreneurship

Seminar (summer semester 2014)

University of Potsdam

- Prof. Dr. Alexander S. Kritikos

International Finance

Seminar (winter semester 2013/14)

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

- Prof. Marcel Fratzscher, Ph.D.

International Macroeconomics

Lecture (winter semester 2013/14, winter semester 2014/15)

University of Bern

- Dr. Guido Baldi

International Monetary Economics

Lecture (summer semester 2014)

University of Bern

- Dr. Guido Baldi

International Trade

Lecture (summer semester 2014)

University of Bern

- Dr. Guido Baldi

Introduction to Education Economics

Seminar (winter semester 2014/15)

Freie Universität Berlin

- Dr. Frauke Peter

Introduction to Institutional Economics

Lecture (winter semester 2013/14)

University of Potsdam

- Prof. Dr. Alexander S. Kritikos

Introduction to Multivariate Analysis

Seminar (winter semester 2014/15)

University of Rostock

- Dr. Christian Schmitt

Introduction to Scientific Studies in Economics

Seminar (winter semester 2013/14)

University of Hamburg

- Dr. Jan Marcus

Introduction to SOEP Data Analysis

Practical research training

(winter semester 2013/14)

Technische Universität Berlin

- Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner

Introduction to the SOEP, Methods for Ph.D.: 8th International Research Workshop

Intensive course (winter semester 13/14)

Sankelmark by Flensburg

- PD Dr. Elke Holst

LIFE Fall Academy

Doctoral seminar (winter semester 2014/15)

Max Planck Society/

Technische Universität Berlin

- Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner

Longitudinal Analysis of Family Trends and Processes

Seminar (summer semester 2014)

Freie Universität Berlin, Universität Konstanz

- Dr. Pia Schober

Macroeconomics II

Lecture (winter semester 2013/14)

European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)

- Prof. Dr. Christian Dreger

Market Analysis Using Empirical Methods

Intensive course (winter semester 2013/14)
Giessen University
• *Prof. Dr. Tomaso Duso*

Markets and Strategies

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
• *Dr. Vanessa von Schlippenbach*

Markets, Competition, and Consumers

Seminar (summer semester 2014)
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
• *Dr. Vanessa von Schlippenbach*

Markets, Competition, and Regulation

Lecture (summer semester 2014,
winter semester 2014/15)
Berlin School for Economics and Law
• *Andreas Harasser*

Math Boot Camp

Lecture and practice seminar
(winter semester 2013/14)
Freie Universität Berlin, DIW Berlin
• *Anton Velinov, Ph.D.*
• *Christopher Boortz*

Math Boot Camp

Introductory course (winter semester 2014/15)
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
• *Anton Velinov, Ph.D.*

Methods for Network Engineering (OR2)

Lecture (winter semester 2013/14,
summer semester 2014, winter semester 2014/15)
Technische Universität Berlin
• *Dr. Franziska Holz*
• *Roman Mendelevitch*

Methods of Policy and Program Evaluation

Seminar (winter semester 2014/15)
Hertie School of Governance
• *Dr. Pia S. Schober*
• *Sarah Heilmann, Ph.D.*

Monetary Macroeconomics and Central Banking

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Technische Universität Berlin
• *Dr. Philipp König*

Monetary Policy, Financial Markets and the European Crisis

Seminar (summer semester 2014,
winter semester 2014/15)
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
• *Prof. Marcel Fratzscher, Ph.D.*

Multiple Time Series Analysis

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Freie Universität Berlin, DIW Berlin
• *Prof. Dr. Helmut Lütkepohl*

Multiple Time Series Analysis

Practice seminar (winter semester 2014/15)
Freie Universität Berlin
• *Anton Velinov, Ph.D.*

Network and Infrastructure Regulation

Lecture and practice seminar (winter semester 2013/14)
Technische Universität Berlin
• *Dr. Astrid Cullmann*
• *Prof. Dr. Christian von Hirschhausen*
• *Dr. Maria Nieswand*
• *Stefan Seifert*

Network and Infrastructure Regulation

Lecture (winter semester 2014/15)
Technische Universität Berlin
• *Prof. Dr. Christian von Hirschhausen*
• *Dr. Astrid Cullmann*
• *Dr. Maria Nieswand*
• *Stefan Seifert*

Policy and Government in Germany in the European Context

Seminar (winter semester 2014/15)
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
• *Mathias Bug*

Project Risk Management

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Merseburg University of Applied Sciences
• *Dr. Claudia Lambert*

Public Debt

Seminar (summer semester 2014)
University of Hamburg
• *Jun.-Prof. Ronny Freier, Ph.D.*

Public Economics I

Lecture (winter semester 2014/15)
Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas A.C., Mexico
• *Prof. Juan Rosellón, Ph.D.*

Quantitative Methods

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Hertie School of Governance
• *Dr. Konstantin Kholodilin*

Regulation of Product Markets

Lecture (winter semester 2014/15)
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
• *Prof. Dr. Pio Baake*

Regulation of Public Enterprises

Lecture and practice seminar (winter semester 2013/14, winter semester 2014/15)
Freie Universität Berlin
• *Holger Lüthen*
• *Giacomo Corneo*

Renewable Energies, Fracking and Subsidies – Economic Chances of a Smart Energy Transition

Lecture (summer semester 2014)
Hertie School of Governance
• *Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert*
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Renewables and the Electricity Industry

Lecture and seminar (winter semester 2014/15)
University of Applied Science, Berlin
• *Dr. Wolf-Peter Schill*

Social Inequality and Life Course

Seminar (winter semester 2014/15)
University of Rostock
• *Dr. Christian Schmitt*
• *Dr. Sylvia Keim-Klärner*

Tax and Taxation

Lecture (winter semester 2013/14,
winter semester 2014/15)
University of Potsdam
• *Dr. Stefan Bach*

Tax and Taxation

Seminar (summer semester 2014)
University of Potsdam
• *Dr. Stefan Bach*

Tax and Taxation

Lecture (winter semester 2014/15)
Freie Universität Berlin
• *Jun.-Prof. Ronny Freier, Ph.D.*

The Economics of Early Childhood

Seminar (summer semester 2014)
Freie Universität Berlin
• *Prof. Dr. C. Katharina Spiess*

University Appointments

The Herculean Task of Energy Transition – Opportunities and Risks

Lecture (winter semester 2014/15)

Leipzig University

- *Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert*

Theory and Behavior in Retirement Planning

Lecture (winter semester 2014/15)

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

- *Dr. Johannes Geyer*
- *Stefan Etgeton*

Theory and Behavior in Retirement Planning

Lecture (summer semester 2014)

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

- *Dr. Johannes Geyer*
- *Erik Tomasch*

Theory and Politics of Regulation

Lecture (summer semester 2014)

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas A.C., Mexico

- *Prof. Juan Rosellón, Ph.D.*

Topics in Regulation Theory

Lecture and practice seminar (summer semester 2014)

Technische Universität Berlin

- *Prof. Dr. Pio Baake*

Using Stata for Empirical Analysis in Education Economics

Seminar (summer semester 2014)

Freie Universität Berlin

- *Dr. Frauke Peter*

Welfare State and Globalization

Practice seminar (summer semester 2014)

Freie Universität Berlin

- *Holger Lüthen*
- *Giacomo Corneo*

Welfare State Economy

Lecture and practice seminar

(winter semester 2014/15)

Freie Universität Berlin

- *Holger Lüthen*
- *Timm Bönke*
- *Prof. Dr. Carsten Schröder*

Ass.-Prof. Nathan Fiala, Ph.D.

- Assistant Professor
- University of Connecticut (US), Agricultural and Resource Economics

Jun.-Prof. Ronny Freier, Ph.D.

- Joint appointment
- Freie Universität Berlin, School of Business & Economics

Jun.-Prof. Dr. Marco Giesselmann

- Joint appointment
- Bielefeld University, Faculty of Sociology

Jun.-Prof. Dr. Daniel Schnitzlein

- University of Hannover, School of Economics and Management

Prof. Dr. Carsten Schröder

- Joint appointment
- Freie Universität Berlin, School of Business & Economics

Ass.-Prof. Florian Szücs, Ph.D.

- Assistant Professor (tenure track)
- Vienna University of Economics and Business, Institute for Quantitative Economics, Department of Economics

Jun.-Prof. Dr. Ingrid Tucci

- Joint appointment
- Bielefeld University, Faculty of Sociology

Completed Doctorates

Martin Beznoska

Intertemporal and Intratemporal Household Consumption Allocation – Empirical Analysis and Policy Reform Simulation Based on German Microdata
Supervisor: *Prof. Dr. Viktor Steiner*
Freie Universität Berlin

Franziska Bremus

Macroeconomics and Financial Markets: Essays on Micro-Macro Linkages
Supervisor: *Prof. Dr. Claudia M. Buch*
University of Tübingen

Margherita Calderone

Essays on Violent Conflict, Vulnerability to Shocks, and Household Welfare
Supervisor: *Prof. Dr. Tilman Brück*
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Thilo Grau

Solar Photovoltaics Deployment Policy Design
Supervisor: *Prof. Karsten Neuhoff, Ph.D.*
Technische Universität Berlin

Daniel Huppmann

Strategic Behaviour in Energy Markets – Advances in Complementarity and Multi-Stage Equilibrium Modelling
Supervisor: *Prof. Dr. Christian von Hirschhausen*
Technische Universität Berlin

Anita Kottwitz

Social Inequalities of Maternal and Child Health. Birth from a Sociological Perspective
Supervisor: *Prof. Dr. Karsten Hank*
University of Cologne

Florian Mölders

Development, Trade Agreements and Knowledge Spillovers – Five Empirical Essays
Supervisor: *Prof. Dr. Ansgar Belke*
University of Duisburg-Essen

Johannes Rieckmann

Battle and Beating, Water and Waste – Micro-Level Impact Evaluation in Developing and Emerging Economies
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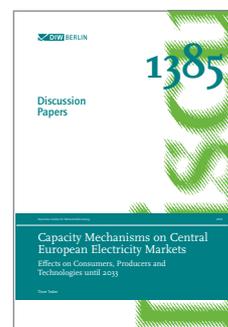


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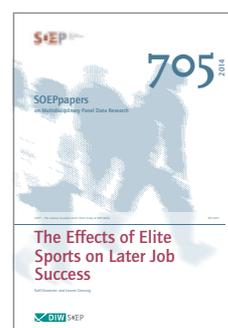


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