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Dear Madam, dear Sir,

we are pleased to send you the latest issue of the DIW-Newsletter, which will be published in English for the first time. The DIW-Newsletter appears monthly with news on what is happening right round DIW Berlin. It gives up to date information on personnel, events, calls for papers, vacancies, press articles and much more, and comes to you by e-mail free of charge. You can deregister for the DIW-Newsletter again easily at any time.

Professor Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann will remain President of the German Institute for Economic Research after agreeing to extend his period in office for another five years in January 2004. You will find more detailed information on this in the first article in the Newsletter.

Your views concern us. We would like to know whether you are satisfied with our publications and events. So we have prepared a questionnaire on DIW Berlin's products for you on the Internet. We would be very pleased if you would take time to answer the questions. That will help us to respond to your wishes better in future and continually improve our offer: www.diw.de/englisch/produkte/fragebogen.jsp

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News from DIW Berlin

Klaus F. Zimmermann remains president of the DIW Berlin

Klaus F. Zimmermann will remain the president of the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin). The Chairman of the Institute's Board of Trustees, Prof. Dr. Günter Stock of Schering AG, announced today that Professor Zimmermann has signed a contract extending his term of office by a further five years. "Professor Zimmermann's decision means that the excellent progress made by the DIW Berlin under his leadership over the last four years can now continue", Professor Stock said, adding that "this is extremely important in view of the fact that the Institute will be evaluated by the Leibniz Association in autumn 2004". The DIW Berlin is due for evaluation by the **Leibniz Association** this October. The assessment will not only regard the scientific quality of the DIW Berlin's research work, but also the Institute's internal organisation and the extent to which it makes information available to the wider public. Professor Zimmermann said: "I am extremely pleased by the confidence placed in my work and will do everything in my power to lead the DIW Berlin to the top of the national and international ranks of economic research institutes". The DIW Berlin's Advisory Board and Board of Trustees had recently already unanimously applauded the results achieved over the last few years.



Klaus F. Zimmermann

Press release:

www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?pcode=263&language=en



CO2 Emissions Trading in 2005: DIW Berlin in drawing up the National Allocation Plan

The Federal Ministry of the Environment has commissioned DIW Berlin to head the group that will draw up the National Allocation Plan. The other members are the Fraunhofer Institut für Systemtechnik und Innovationsforschung and the Öko-Institut. Trading in CO2 emission certificates will start in the European Union on 1 January 2005, on the basis of the relevant EU directive. To enable emission trading to start the EU member states are obliged to publish National Allocation Plans by 31 March 2004, As well as working out conceptual issues the **Energy, Transport and Environment Department** of DIW Berlin is particularly involved in developing the Macro-Plan and the data base.



Dr. Hans-Joachim Ziesing, Department Energy, Transportation, Environment

Publications Prizes awarded by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF)

This year's **VdF** prize winners for the best Wochenbericht and the best research article by a member or members of DIW Berlin's staff have been announced. **Dr. Reimund Schwarze** and **Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner** have been awarded the best Wochenbericht prize for No. 12/2003, "**Marktkonforme Versicherungspflicht für Naturkatastrophen - Bausteine einer Elementarversicherung**", and **Dr. Rainald Borck** receives the research article prize for "Tax competition and the choice of tax structure in a majority voting model", which appeared in the Journal of Urban Economics, No. 54 (2003). With these awards the VdF honours the efforts of DIW Berlin's academic staff to position themselves in the "broad" economic policy discussion with analyses that are empirically well-founded, as well as playing a part in academic discussion. The awards will be given during a ceremony at the VdF general meeting on 12 May 2004.

DIW Berlin supports the Spring Meeting for Young Economists

DIW Berlin is supporting this year's Spring Meeting for Young Economists (SMYE), which will be held in Warsaw from 23 to 25 April 2004. "The Spring Meeting is an important forum for young economists in Europe," says **Dr. Tilman Brück**, Head of **Department of International Economics** at DIW Berlin. "As the biggest economic research institute in Europe DIW Berlin offers young economists an excellent platform to present their work and discuss it." The SMYE has grown greatly in recent years. It was held for the first time in 1996 with around 30 participants, but four years later the number had already grown to 200. To keep the atmosphere informal on international level the organisers are limiting the number of participants to 200 for this year as well.

Website of SMYE:
www.smye2004.org/

Personnel

- **Professor Klaus F. Zimmermann** has been a member of the Core Team of

the Working Group on World Bank Labor Market Strategy since mid-February 2004.



- **Professor Dr. Claudia Kemfert** will take over as Director of the Energy, Transportation, Environment Department at DIW Berlin from April 2004. After taking her doctorate on “The Macroeconomic Effect of Environment Economic Instruments” she headed research groups at the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei in Milan and the University of Stuttgart. Since May 2000 she has also been heading a research group at the University of Oldenburg as Junior Professor. Her main field of work is assessing the economic and environmental economic effects of environmental and energy policies.



- Since February 2004 **Ulrike Fischer**, a lawyer with a diploma in economics, has been the new personal assistant to the President of the Board of Managing Directors of DIW Berlin. She was most recently employed in an equity investment company as investment manager and syndicate lawyer.



- **Professor Dennis Snower**, Ph.D., Research Professor at DIW Berlin, will

take office as President of the Kiel Institut für Weltwirtschaft (IfW) on 1 October 2004. Klaus F. Zimmermann, President of DIW Berlin, sends his congratulations on the new post. Dennis Snower is closely connected with DIW Berlin, working with the **Department of Macroanalysis and Forecasting** as external research professor; he also provides valuable policy-oriented stimulus to research throughout the Institute.



Projects and reports

- **Enlargement of the EU Eastwards: A New Estimate of Potential Migration**

A Report by DIW Berlin for the European Commission

In a study for the European Commission, "Potential Migration from Central and Eastern Europe into the EU-15 - An Update", the Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW Berlin) has updated its research results and examined the effects of different transition periods for the free movement of people.

Press Release DIW Berlin 18.02.2004

www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?pcode=266&language=en

- **Research Report on "e-Commerce and Transport" presented**

Rainer Hopf and Ulrich Voigt from the Energy, Transport and Environment Department at DIW Berlin, with Professor Dr. Peter Klaus of the University of Nuremberg-Erlangen and the Fraunhofer ATL Working Group, have compiled a report "Case Studies on the Effects of e-Commerce on Transport and Changes to Transport and Logistics Systems in the B2B" for the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Housing.

More information:

www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/e-comm_und_vkr-leistungen.html

- **"Broadband Study" by DIW Berlin for T-Com**

On 28 and 29 January 2004 DIW Berlin presented the results of the study "Framework Conditions for a Broadband Campaign in Germany" to the public at the 13th International Press Conference held by T-Com. The study was commissioned by T-Com to establish the current use of broadband technology in Germany and the possibilities for developing this. Although broadband technology offers a wide range of possibilities to consumers and companies for using new services and optimising information flows, it is so far relatively little used.

More information:

www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/breitbandstudie_20040209.html

- **Network "Competence Centre for the City and Region of Berlin-**

Brandenburg” set up

The network “Competence Centre for the City and Region of Berlin-Brandenburg” was set up in January 2004. It is a platform to concentrate research and development competences in universities and other establishments in regional research and planning for the Federal states Berlin and Brandenburg.

More information:

www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040319_compcentre_region-bb.html

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New: Quick Portraits of publications by DIW Berlin

The Weekly Report

DIW Berlin’s Wochenbericht appears weekly, and is addressed to decision makers in politics, research, business and the administration, and to everyone interested in economic and socio-political questions. The results of current economic research are presented briefly and clearly. The subjects cover the full range of research in all DIW’s departments.

More information:

www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/portraits/portrait_wb.html



- **Quarterly Journal of Economic Research 2003-4**

Eastern Enlargement of the EU

More information:

www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/vierteljahrshefte/jahrgang03/content_4.html

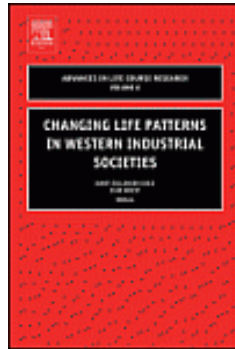


- **„Changing Life Patterns in Western Industrial Societies”**

Edited by Janet Z. Giele, Brandeis University, Waltham, MS, USA, and Elke

Holst, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin).

Hardly any broad analyses exist to link the vast contemporary change in life patterns both to changes in women's lives (rising employment, declining fertility, and changing use of time) and to changes in men's lives, the gender contract, and the economy, as well as to national social policies. This book shows not only similar trends across countries but also the likely direction of future change, particularly as related to economic growth, gender equity, and the well-being of families and children.



More information:

www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040224_buchvorst_holst-giele_lifepatterns.html

More book presentations:

www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/buchvorstellungen/index.html

- **AEQ celebrates Anniversary**

This is a doubly momentous year in the history of Applied Economics Quarterly (Konjunkturpolitik). In 2004, the journal celebrates not only its 50th anniversary, but also the first year of its successful relaunch. The changes made to AEQ in 2003 uphold the journal's longstanding reputation as a respected forum for empirical policy-based economic research, and strengthen its role in a research community that increasingly transcends national borders.

The new AEQ publishes only in English under the auspices of a newly appointed editorial team. The highly renowned authors and wide variety of topics reflected in the journal's 2003 volume document the success of the relaunch and the promising path on which the journal has embarked.



More information:

www.diw.de/aeq/

More publications of DIW Berlin:

www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/index.html



Coming Events

- **Lecture:**
Date: 2 April 2004, 13.00 hrs, Room E 04
Stephen P. Jenkins, University of Essex:
Independent Competing Risks Models for Interval-Censored Survival Time Data
- **Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society (EPCS)**
EPCS 2004 in Berlin
15 - 18 April 2004 DIW Berlin is organising the 24th Annual Meeting of the renowned European Public Choice Society, together with the Freie Universität Berlin and the Humboldt Universität Berlin. It will be held from 15 to 18 April 2004 in Berlin for the first time. The media partner is "The Economist".



More than 250 participants are expected from Europe, Asia, America and Australia. As well as the plenary sessions, at which international economists will speak on current themes, parallel working groups will meet to discuss various special themes on the interface between policy and economics. The Association of Friends of DIW Berlin, DaimlerChrysler, the Confederation of German Banks, the Freie Universität Berlin and the Economics Society at the Humboldt University in Berlin are giving financial support to this year's meeting of the European Public Choice Society.

More information:

www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/epcs/index.html

- **"Regionalization of Innovation Policy – Options and Experiences"**
Date: 4. and 5. June 2004
The conference will take place at the Japanese-German Center, Saargemünder Str. 2, 14195 Berlin.
The program, Call for Papers and more information:
www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/veranstaltungen/Regionalization_Innovation-Policy_Conf2004/



The German Socio-Economic Panel – SOEP



Basic research and scientific service are the main assignments of the department Longitudinal Data and Microanalysis. Its principal task is the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) a wide-ranging longitudinal study of more than 12,000 private households. The statistical data won with the panel - which are analysed outside the DIW Berlin, too - are used for analyses of the development of employment and earnings.

- **Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner**, Director of SOEP and Research Director at DIW

Berlin, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Council to the project “Social Reporting on German Sport” by the Federal Institute for Sports Research.



- **Evaluating SOEP data**

The data compiled in the SOEP is available for research worldwide. The results of this research in a wide range of disciplines are published in the SOEP. They are available to a broad public on the Internet, chiefly as discussion papers. Many of the current discussion papers and research reports are listed and linked on the SOEP homepage. All the other publications based on the SOEP are listed in the SOEPlit bibliographical data bank and can be found by title reference.

More information:

www.diw.de/soep-publications

Website of SOEP:

www.diw.de/english/sop/index.html



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The German Institute for Economic Research is one of the leading research institutes in Germany. It is an independent, non-profit academic institute which is involved in basic research and policy advice. The DIW Berlin was originally founded in 1925 as the Institute for Business Cycle Research and was later renamed in German Institute for Economic Research.

More information:

www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/index.html



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