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### DIW-Newsletter-Archive

Dear readers,

We are pleased to send you the latest edition of the DIW-Newsletter which gives, among other things, an account of the following topics:

**Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert** has been appointed as Germany's first junior professor to a C-4 professorship. Since 15 April 2004, she has been head of the **Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment** at DIW Berlin.

**The Society of Friends of the DIW Berlin (VdF)** announced the winners for the most outstanding Weekly Report of DIW Berlin (Wochenbericht) and scientific paper published by DIW Berlin staff. In a ceremony held as part of the VdF's annual meeting on 12 May 2004 VdF Chairman Dr. Alexander von Tippelskirch presented the awards to **Dr. Reimund Schwarze**, **Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner** and **Dr. Rainald Borck**.

The monthly DIW-Newsletter informs you on developments in and around DIW Berlin, such as news about staff members, events, calls for papers, employment opportunities, press coverage, and much more. The newsletter is available free of charge by e-mail. Subscriptions may be **cancelled** easily and at any time.

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### **News from DIW Berlin**

## **Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert is Germany's first Junior Professor on a C-4 Professorship**

Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert is Germany's first junior professor to be appointed to a C-4

professorship. Along with the president of DIW Berlin, **Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann**, and the president of Humboldt-University of Berlin, Prof. Dr. Jürgen Mlynek, Federal Education Minister Edelgard Bulmahn congratulated **Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert** on 12 May 2004 for being appointed to a C-4 professorship. Prior to this appointment, Claudia Kemfert, 35, was junior professor at the University of Oldenburg, where she taught “Applied Environmental Economics” and led a research group. On 1 May 2004, linked to her position as Head of the **Department of Energy, Transportation and Environment** at DIW Berlin, she also took up a professorship at Humboldt-University of Berlin. This makes her Germany’s first junior professor to be appointed to a C-4 professorship. Claudia Kemfert succeeds **Dr. Hans-Joachim Ziesing**, who retired from his position as Head of Department after many successful years at the DIW Berlin.



Picture (from left): Prof. Dr. Jürgen Mlynek, Edelgard Bulmahn, Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert and Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann (Picture: Stefan Wollsiefen)

- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040519\\_kemfert\\_6questions.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040519_kemfert_6questions.html)



### **Presentation of Prizes by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF)**

The winners of this year’s **VdF** prizes for the most outstanding Weekly Report (Wochenbericht) and scientific paper published by DIW Berlin staff have been announced. In a ceremony held as part of the VdF’s annual meeting on 12 May 2004, VdF Chairman Dr. Alexander von Tippelskirch, Spokesman of the Executive Board of the IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG in Duesseldorf, presented the awards. The prize for the best Weekly Report went to **Reimund Schwarze** and **Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner**. In their joint **Weekly Report No. 12/2003**, entitled “Mandatory insurance against natural disasters - why and how?” they presented elements for a general mandatory insurance against natural disasters. The second prize was awarded to **Dr. Rainald Borck** for his specialist paper, “Tax competition and the choice of tax structure in a majority voting model,” published in the Journal of Urban Economics, 54 (2003). In this paper, Rainald Borck discusses the theory of tax competition and examines the distorting effects of taxes on mobile capital. Through these prizes, the VdF rewards the achievements of DIW Berlin’s researchers in continuing to enhance the Institute’s position within the wider economic policy discussion through its empirically founded analyses, while, at the same time, also ensuring its presence within the academic debate.



Picture (from left): Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner, Dr. Reimund Schwarze, Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann, Dr. Alexander von Tippelskirch, Dr. Rainald Borck



## Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society (EPCS)

DIW Berlin, Free University Berlin and Humboldt-University of Berlin jointly organised the 24th Annual Meeting of the **European Public Choice Society (EPCS)** which took place from 15-18 April 2004 at the **Academy of Sciences of Berlin-Brandenburg**. **The Economist** was media partner of EPCS 2004.

At the conference, approximately 200 papers from all fields of public choice research were presented, dealing with topical issues as well as with the latest trends and developments. The papers included such topics as privatisation, deregulation, fiscal policy, shadow economy, and regulatory mechanisms.

Each year the European Public Choice Society awards the Knut-Wicksell Prize to a young scholar for outstanding research work in the field of Public Choice. The prize is named after the famous Swedish economist and social reformer Johann Gustav Knut Wicksell. This year's prize was sponsored by the **Association of German Banks (BdB)** and awarded to Roland Hodler from the University of Berne, for his paper "**The Curse of Natural Resources in Fractionalized Countries**".



Picture (from left): Prof. Dr. Lars P. Feld (Award Commission), Prof. Dr. Manfred Weber (Sponsor of Wicksell-Award), Prof. Dr. Bengt-Arne Wickström (Chairman of the Scientific Choice Commission), Roland Hodler (University of Berne), Prof. Dr. Jakob de Haan (Award Commission), Prof. Dr. Gebhard Kirchgässner (President of EPCS); (Picture: Jan Hillnhütter).

- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040517\\_epcs\\_report.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040517_epcs_report.html)
- Conference homepage:  
[www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/epcs/](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/epcs/)



## Interdisciplinary Network of Labour Market Researcher established

In April doctoral candidates from Berlin, sponsored by DIW Berlin, the Humboldt-University of Berlin, the Max-Planck-Institute for Human Development Berlin (MPIB), and the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), established the **Berlin Network of Labour Market Research** (BeNA). This network provides Berlin-based economists, sociologists, and political scientists with a forum in which they can exchange information, ideas, and experience on their respective research areas. **Arne Uhlendorff**, DIW Berlin research scientist and BeNA member, explains: "It is our aim to establish a common forum for labour market research. In this way, we can benefit particularly from exchanges on different methods, research questions, and data sets."

DIW Berlin's BeNA contact is: Arne Uhlendorff, e-mail: [auhlendorff@diw.de](mailto:auhlendorff@diw.de)



- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/bena\\_20040517.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/bena_20040517.html)  
Homepage of BeNA :  
[www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/wt2/bena/](http://www.wiwi.hu-berlin.de/wt2/bena/)



## Publications

- **Brief Portrait: Discussion Papers of DIW Berlin**

### Discussion Papers of DIW Berlin

Since October 1989, DIW Berlin has published its Discussion Papers several times a month. They deal with specific economic policy issues. A distinguishing feature of these Papers is the fact that they present research findings prior to their subsequent publication in national and international refereed journals. The Discussion Papers are available electronically via internet.

Since it can take several months for research findings to be published in refereed journals, the Discussion Papers of DIW Berlin make an important contribution to the debate and discussion of topical issues within the scientific community. **Prof. Dr. Georg Meran**, DIW Berlin Vice-President, notes: "Due to the expansion of the internet, the importance of the Discussion Papers has increased significantly in recent years, since it has now become possible for timely research findings to be globally communicated and discussed within a very short time."



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[www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/portraits/portrait\\_dp.html](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/portraits/portrait_dp.html)

- **Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 22/2004**

Pension insurance: Decline in satisfaction and sceptical view of private provision

The Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) survey conducted by DIW Berlin and the Infratest Social Research Institute show a sharp decline between 1992 and 2002 in the working-age population's satisfaction with pension insurance. According to the figures published in the **Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 22/2004**, the share of satisfied respondents fell during this period from 37% to 25%, while the share of dissatisfied respondents rose from 30% to over 40%.



Further information (DIW Berlin press release, 26.05.2004):  
[www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?rcode=297&language=en](http://www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?rcode=297&language=en)

- **Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 21/2004**

Professional Mobility in Germany on the Rise

Germany's labour market flexibility has increased in the past 10 years, according to findings published in the **Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 21/2004**. Calculations by the Institute's Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) for the period from 1992 to 2002 show that the number of those starting a new job within one year has risen by more than 30%, to almost 6.3 million persons. Given the falling number of employed persons overall, this dynamic is generated in particular by women and young people.

Further information (DIW Berlin press release, 19.05.2004):  
[www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?rcode=296&language=en](http://www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?rcode=296&language=en)

- **Discussion Papers of DIW Berlin**

No. 422 Are Migrants More Skilled than Non-Migrants?  
Repeat, Return and Same-Employer Migrants  
**Jennifer Hunt**

No. 421

Household Taxation, Income Splitting and Labor Supply Incentives -  
A Microsimulation Study for Germany

**Viktor Steiner, Katharina Wrohlich**

All Discussion Papers of DIW Berlin:

[www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/diskussionspapiere/](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/diskussionspapiere/)

- **Issues**

The publication lists of DIW Berlin provide you with a selection of articles of DIW Berlin's economists about current economic policy issues:

**"Berlin-Brandenburg"**

**"Child Care/Housing"**

**"EU Eastern Enlargement"**

**"Health Care Reform/Health Policy"**

**"Information Society"**

**"Media and Culture"**

**"Women's Employment"**

All Issues:

[www.diw.de/english/produkte/service/themenlisten/](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/service/themenlisten/)

- **Articles by DIW Berlin Staff Members in Refereed Journals  
(16 April up to 6 May)**

Climate Coalitions and International Trade:

Assessment of Cooperation Incentives by Issue Linkage

**Claudia Kemfert**

In: Energy Policy

32(2004) Issue No. 4; pp. 455-465

Complexity and Progressivity

**Pio Baake, Rainald Borck, Andreas Löffler**

In: Income Tax Design: Deductions for Work-Related Expenses, International Tax and Public Finance 11 (May 2004), pp. 299-312



## Personnel

- **70th Birthday of Prof. Dr. Lutz Hoffmann**



Former DIW Berlin President Prof. Dr. Lutz Hoffmann celebrated his 70th birthday on 15 May 2004. DIW Berlin's Executive Board and staff extended

their best wishes to him on this occasion.

Lutz Hoffmann was the president of the Institute from 1989 to 1999. Since May 2001, he has been Director of the **Munich-based Osteuropa-Institut** (OEI). He also provides economic policy advice to Ukraine. DIW Berlin President **Prof. Dr. Klaus Zimmermann** noted: "Through his work, Lutz Hoffmann laid foundations for the high standing that our Institute enjoys today. We would like to take the occasion of his 70th birthday to thank Professor Hoffman for his achievements."

Further information:

[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/lutzhoffmann\\_20040515.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/lutzhoffmann_20040515.html)

## New Research Professors and Research Affiliates

The President of DIW Berlin, **Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann**, appointed further external scientists **Research Professors** and **Research Affiliates**.

- **Research Professors:**



**Prof. Dr. Rainer Fremdling** of the University of Groningen, at the recommendation of the **Department of Innovation, Manufacturing, Service**. Rainer Fremdling is Professor for Economics and History (economic and social history) at the Netherlands' Rijksuniversiteit Groningen.

Further information:

<http://odur.let.rug.nl/history/members/fremdling.htm>



**Prof. Dr. Eva Terberger**, Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg at the recommendation of the **Department of Innovation, Manufacturing, Service** and the **Department of International Economics**.

Eva Terberger studied business at the University of Frankfurt/Main, where she also completed both her doctorate and state doctorate. She has worked extensively on projects in developing countries, studying the fiscal sector and microfinancing. She currently holds a chair in business, banking and finance at the Alfred Weber Institute, Department of Economics, at the University of Heidelberg.

CV:

[www.rzuser.uni-heidelberg.de/~dx3/Terberger-Stoy.htm#Lebenslauf](http://www.rzuser.uni-heidelberg.de/~dx3/Terberger-Stoy.htm#Lebenslauf)



**Prof. Alan S. Zuckerman**, Brown University, Rhode Island, USA, at the recommendation of the **German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)**.

CV (pdf):

[www.brown.edu/Departments/Political\\_Science/faculty/Zuckerman/Alan.New.CV.Feb.03.pdf](http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Political_Science/faculty/Zuckerman/Alan.New.CV.Feb.03.pdf)



**Chetan Ghate**, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India, is working in DIW Berlin's **Department of Macroanalysis and Forecasting** from 1 April 2004 to 31 July 2004.

Further information:

<http://ideas.repec.org/e/pgh5.html>

- **Research Affiliates:**



**Greetje M. M. Everaert, Ph.D.**, LICOS Centre for Transition Economy, Leuven, Belgium, at the recommendation of the **Department of International Economics**.

Greetje Everaert's research interests include transition economics, trade, anti-dumping, and soft budget constraints. She studied economics at Ghent University, Belgium, graduating in 1999 with highest distinctions. In her Ph.D. studies at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, she analyzed the role of institutional and external constraints on soft budget constraints and trade policies.

CV (pdf):

[www.econ.kuleuven.ac.be/public/NDCAL75/CV\\_Engels\\_251103.pdf](http://www.econ.kuleuven.ac.be/public/NDCAL75/CV_Engels_251103.pdf)

**Dr. Patricia Justino**, University of Sussex, UK, at the recommendation of the **Department of International Economics**.

The research of Patricia Justino focuses on the measurement of non-income (education, health and political) dimensions of inequality in developing countries and their effects on social development, political stability and economic growth. Dr. Justino studied economics at the University of Glasgow, Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal, and the University of Cambridge, and earned her Ph.D. in economics at SOAS, University of London. She has held research fellowships at the Poverty Research Unit and the Economics Department at the University of Sussex.

CV:



**Philip Verwimp, Ph.D.**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium.

Philip Verwimp's research interests include development, conflict, dictatorship, human rights, survey research, genocide and Rwanda. Philip Verwimp studied economics, sociology, development, genocide and political economy at the Universities of Leuven, Antwerp, Göttingen and Yale. He has received fellowships from the Fund for Scientific Research (FWO), the King Baudoin Fund, the Flemish Government, the Belgian-American Educational Foundation, and others. He currently teaches the political economy of development at the KU Leuven.

CV (pdf):

[www.econ.kuleuven.ac.be/ew/academic/cop/members/member/Philip/Short%20CV.pdf](http://www.econ.kuleuven.ac.be/ew/academic/cop/members/member/Philip/Short%20CV.pdf)

Further research cooperations of DIW Berlin:

[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/kooperationen/](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/kooperationen/)



## Projects

- **Fiscal Policy Approaches**

As part of a joint research project, **Chetan Ghaté**, Ph.D., research professor in the **Department of Macroanalysis and Forecasting**, and **Ulrich Fritsche**, also in the Department of Macroanalysis and Forecasting, are looking at the effects of the institutional structure of fiscal policy on business cycles and growth under various micro- and macro-economic conditions in the industrialised countries. This research project aims to contribute to a better understanding of the effects of financial policy, and to develop concrete recommendations for the institutional formulation of fiscal policy in Europe.

Further projects of DIW Berlin:

[www.diw.de/english/produkte/projekte/](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/projekte/)



## Upcoming Events

- **Second Symposium on Public Health Policy**  
(organised by DIW Berlin and the Hans-Böckler-Foundation)  
10 and 11 June 2004

DIW Berlin and the Hans-Böckler-Foundation (HBS) are jointly organising the second Public Health Policy Symposium, entitled "Health: Economic Foundations for Health Care Policy", that takes place on 10 and 11 June 2004. The first event took place in 2002. The symposium will be officially opened by **Prof. Dr. Gert Wagner**, research director at DIW Berlin for social risk management, and by Dr. Erika Mezger of the HBS.

“The aim of the symposium is to formulate health care policy options based on scientific research findings, which can then be applied during the next reform of the health care system,” Prof. Dr. Friedrich Breyer (University of Konstanz) explains. Friedrich Breyer, one of Germany’s leading health care economists, is a research professor at DIW Berlin. His focuses lie on the financing of the national insurance system and the competition between health insurance providers.

For further information and to book a place, please contact:

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Further information:

[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/symposium\\_20040514.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/symposium_20040514.html) Flyer (pdf):

[www.boeckler.de/pdf/v\\_2004\\_06\\_10\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.boeckler.de/pdf/v_2004_06_10_flyer.pdf)

- **DIW Berlin Institute Lecture**

21 June 2004, 2 p.m.

Professor Laurence Ball of John Hopkins University, one of the world’s leading macro-economists, will hold an Institute Lecture at DIW Berlin, at the invitation of the Institute’s **Department of Macroanalysis and Forecasting**.

Laurence Ball argues that monetary and financial policy can be utilised to systematically encourage real economic expansion. This places a certain cyclical responsibility on economic policy, something that is disputed by most economists in Germany.

The lecture will take place at: DIW Berlin, Englerallee 40, 14195 Berlin. Room E 05. For further information please contact: Renate Bogdanovic, DIW Berlin, Tel.: (00 49) 30 798-89-259, e-mail: [rbogdanovic@diw.de](mailto:rbogdanovic@diw.de)

- **6th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2004), Berlin**

24 - 26 June 2004

Contact: Christine Kurka, e-mail: [ckurka@diw.de](mailto:ckurka@diw.de)

Further information:

[www.diw.de/soep2004](http://www.diw.de/soep2004)

- **EPUNet 2004 Conference**

24 - 26 June 2004

Contact: Christine Kurka, e-mail: [ckurka@diw.de](mailto:ckurka@diw.de)

Further information:

[epunet.essex.ac.uk/view\\_news.php?ID=15](http://epunet.essex.ac.uk/view_news.php?ID=15)

- **IT Productivity and Value Chains**

4th Berlin Electronic Business Forum

2 July 2004

Joint Conference of the Humboldt-University's Electronic Business Forum and of the German Productivity Research Centre, DIW Berlin.

For further information please contact: Ms. Petra Bulwahn, e-mail:

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- **Lecture: „Employment for all! Perspectives of a new economic policy”**  
(in German)

14 July 2004 (6 p.m. – 8 p.m.)

Lecture about this topic will be held by **Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann**, President of DIW Berlin. The lecture proceeds in context of the reading "Unemployment" at the Free University Berlin. The lecture will take place at: Free University Berlin, Dept. Economic Sciences, Garystr. 21, Auditorium 103. Further information (PDF): [www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/veranstaltungen/docs/fu\\_arbeitslosigkeit\\_rv\\_20040714.pdf](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/veranstaltungen/docs/fu_arbeitslosigkeit_rv_20040714.pdf)

- **31st Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics**

2 September 2004 (1p.m.) – 5 September 2004 (1.30 p.m.)

On behalf of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics, DIW Berlin is organising the 31st EARIE Conference in association with the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), the Humboldt-University of Berlin and the Free University Berlin.

The conference will take place at: Academy of Sciences of Berlin-Brandenburg, Jägerstraße 22/23, 10117 Berlin.

For further information please contact: Heike König, DIW Berlin, Tel.: (00 49) 30 897 89-660, e-mail: [earie2004@diw.de](mailto:earie2004@diw.de)

Further information:

[www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/earie2004/](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/earie2004/)

- **International Conference of the International Telecommunications Society**

5 - 9 September 2004

In cooperation with the Berlin School of Economics (Fachhochschule für Wirtschaft in Berlin), DIW Berlin will be holding the twice-yearly international conference of the International Telecommunications Society, which will take place at Humboldt-University of Berlin. At this event, scientific papers on topics such as the regulation of telecommunications, the internet, mobile communications, innovative telecommunications services, and the societal dimension of telecommunications will be presented. The event is also an important exchange forum for representatives from the world of science, politics and business.

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[userpage.fu-berlin.de/~jmueller/its/conf/berlin04/](http://userpage.fu-berlin.de/~jmueller/its/conf/berlin04/)

## Previous Events

- **Berlin Lunchtime Meeting: "The Modernisation of State and Corporate Culture"**

Prof. Dr. Paul Kirchhof of Heidelberg University gave a speech on "The Modernisation of State and Corporate Culture" at DIW Berlin's Lunchtime Meeting on 25 May 2004. Paul Kirchhof presented his model for a new tax law to an audience of about 40 researchers and representatives from Federal and local politics, embassies and the public sector. According to Kirchhof, a reformed tax law should be applicable to all citizens without any exceptions. This would foster the development of a 'Culture of Freedom' in Germany, which would allow "anyone to enjoy each others' success".

The **Berlin Lunchtime Meeting** is a seminar series jointly organised by DIW Berlin, the IZA and the London-based CEPR. The seminars are being held monthly at the Max-Liebermann-Haus in Berlin.



Picture: Prof. Dr. Paul Kirchhof, University of Heidelberg, and Prof. Dr. Georg Meran, DIW Berlin Vice-President

Further information:

[www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/lunchtime/](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/lunchtime/)



## The German Socio-Economic Panel – SOEP



Basic research and scientific service are the main assignments of the **Department German Socio-Economic Panel**. The SOEP is a wide-ranging representative longitudinal study of private households. It provides information on all household members, consisting of Germans living in the Old and New German States, foreigners, and recent immigrants to Germany. The Panel was started in 1984. In 2002, there were more than 12,000 households, and nearly 24,000 persons sampled.

- **The Socio-Economic Panel has a new User Committee**

Since the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) became an institutionally funded part of DIW Berlin in 2003, this unique service institution has now been fully integrated into the quality control process of the Leibniz Society (WGL). The establishment of the User Committee and its high-level committee membership fulfils one of the recommendations put forward last year by both the WGL and DIW Berlin's Scientific Advisory Board. The User Committee's internationally known scientists will advise the DIW Berlin and the team leading SOEP on developing the Socio-Economic Panel and its service and research tasks. The User Committee reports to the DIW Berlin's Board of Trustees through the Institute's Scientific Advisory Board.

- **6th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference**

The Sixth Annual SOEP Conference (SOEP2004) takes place from 24-26 June 2004, at the Max-Planck-Society's Harnack-Haus in Berlin. This bi-annual event is a forum for those scientists, who use SOEP data in their research, to present their work. Among the themes at this year's conference are income distribution and poverty, demographics, subjective indicators, as

well as research methods.

Parallel to this event will be the Second International Conference of Users of the European Community Household Panel (EPUNet 2004), at which empirical findings of internationally comparative studies are presented. Donald Rubin, Professor for Statistics at Harvard University, will present the introductory lecture for both conferences. Greetings will be delivered by Prof. Dr. Hans-Olaf Henkel, President of the Leibniz Society, and Hans-Gerhard Husung, State Secretary for Science in the Berlin Senate Department for Science, Research, and Culture.

More information and the preliminary programme:

[www.diw.de/soep2004](http://www.diw.de/soep2004)

EPUNet2004:

[epunet.essex.ac.uk/conference/conference2004.htm](http://epunet.essex.ac.uk/conference/conference2004.htm)



## DIW Berlin – A Brief Introduction

The German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) 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. DIW Berlin was originally founded in 1925 as Institute for Business Cycle Research and was later renamed in German Institute for Economic Research.

Further information:

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