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Dear readers,

We are delighted to be able to send you this month's DIW-Newsletter, which contains up-to-date information on activities at DIW Berlin. The following are some of the topics of the current issue:

Dr. Susanne Maria Schmidt has been appointed Managing Director of DIW Berlin as of 1 January 2005. Dr. Susanne Maria Schmidt, a 32-year-old Doctor of Economics, has been acting Managing Director of the Institute since 1 September 2003.

18 researchers of DIW Berlin presented their research findings at this year's Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (EEA) and the European Meeting of the Econometric Society (ESEM). DIW Berlin will be hosting two international conferences this fall, and both will be attended by internationally renowned scientists from around the globe. The 31st Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (E.A.R.I.E. 2004) in Berlin will provide an opportunity for members of the research and business communities to meet and exchange views. Together with the Berlin School of Economics, DIW Berlin will be organizing the International Telecommunications Society's Annual Conference.

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 many more. The newsletter is available free of charge by e-mail. Subscriptions may be **cancelled** easily and at any time. If you enjoy reading our DIW-Newsletter please do recommend it to other possible subscribers.

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### News from DIW Berlin

#### **New Managing Director at DIW Berlin**

**Dr. Susanne Maria Schmidt** will be the new Managing Director at DIW Berlin, starting on 1 January 2005. The 32-year-old Doctor of Economics has already been Acting Managing Director of the Institute since 1 September 2003.

“We are delighted to have attracted Dr. Susanne Maria Schmidt, who is an experienced and skilled manager and a marvellous addition to our team”, said **Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann**, President of DIW Berlin. “Dr. Schmidt will continue to push forward the operative and administrative aspects of the transformation of DIW Berlin into a state-of-the-art research enterprise. Her specific experience and skills in the establishment of management structures

and development of strategic tools will help DIW Berlin to become one of the leading economic research institutes in Europe”, Klaus F. Zimmermann continued. Susanne Maria Schmidt has already been contributing to the work of DIW Berlin’s Executive Board as an Advisor since April 2002. Previously she worked as a Consultant for a well-known international management consultancy company and also advised the Executive Board of a German telecommunications company.



The new Managing Director at DIW Berlin, Dr. Susanne Maria Schmidt (Picture: Jan Hillnhütter)

### Numerous DIW Berlin Presentations at the EEA and ESEM Annual Congresses

The Annual Congress of the **European Economic Association (EEA)** and the European Meeting of the **Econometric Society (ESEM)** were hosted this year by Spain’s Universidad Carlos III de Madrid from 19–24 August 2004. Researchers of DIW Berlin presented a total of 14 papers at the Contributed Sessions, the “open” part of the joint conference. The papers (ten of which were presented at the EEA Congress and four at the ESEM Meeting) were selected via a referee process. 18 DIW Berlin researchers presented their research findings (either in person or as co-authors) at the conference. A highly popular event at the conference was the Publishers’ Exhibition, which provided an opportunity for a total of 23 exhibitors – economic research institutes, including DIW Berlin, publishing houses and the European Commission – to meet the approximately 1,400 participants registered at the conference. Each of the exhibitors provided information on their particular institution, their recent publications and their other products. Amongst the publications of DIW Berlin, the English-language **Applied Economics Quarterly** (Konjunkturpolitik) attracted particular interest.



Homepage of the EEA

- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040825\\_report-eeaesem.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040825_report-eeaesem.html)

### DIW Berlin To Host Two International Conferences

During the second half of 2004, DIW Berlin will be hosting two international

conferences that will be attended by renowned scientists from around the globe. First, in collaboration with the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB) and the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, DIW Berlin will be organizing the **31st Annual Conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (E.A.R.I.E.)** that will take place from 2-5 September 2004. DIW Berlin will be represented at the conference by twelve members presenting a total of eight scientific papers.



In association with the 31st E.A.R.I.E Conference and together with the **Berlin School of Economics** (Fachhochschule für Wirtschaft), DIW Berlin will be organizing the **15th Biennial Conference “Connecting Societies and Markets: Communication Technology, Policy and Impacts” of the International Telecommunications Society** that will take place at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, from 4-7 September 2004. At this event, scientific papers on topics such as the regulation of telecommunications, 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.



- For further information on both events:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040823\\_earie\\_its.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040823_earie_its.html)



## Personnel



**Axel Werwatz, Ph.D.**, has been appointed Professor at the **University of Potsdam** as of 1 August 2004. He has been designated Chair of Microeconometrics/Industrial Economics at the University's Department of Economics and Social Science. Axel Werwatz is Head of the **Department of Innovation, Manufacturing, Service** at DIW Berlin.



## New Research Professors

**Prof. Dr. Walter Bossert** and **Prof. Dr. Michael Pflüger** have been appointed Research Professors by the President of DIW Berlin, Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann.



Prof. Dr. Walter Bossert lectures at the Université de Montréal in Canada and is affiliated with DIW Berlin's Department of the **Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)**.



Prof. Dr. Michael Pflüger of the Technische Universität Darmstadt is a cooperative partner with the Institute's **Department of International Economics**. He was a Visiting Fellow at DIW Berlin from 2001 to 2003.

Further research cooperations of DIW Berlin:

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



## Guests

Prof. Dr. Martin Diewald from the Bielefeld University, Faculty of Sociology, will be working on the topic "Kindheits- und Jugendforschung" at the **Department of the Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)** from 20 September - 29 September 2004.

Claudia Salim, who has been awarded a Deutsche Telekom scholarship, will be working in the field of Telecommunications Economics/Regulation/Competition at the **Department of Information Society and Competition** from 1 August - 31 July 2006.

Eileen Trzcinski from the School of Social Work at Wayne State University, USA, carried out research in the area of Family Policy at the **Department of the Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)** from 10 August – 20 August 2004.



## Prof. Dr. Felix Büchel



DIW Berlin was greatly saddened to receive the news of Prof. Dr. Felix Büchel's death on 12 July 2004 at the age of only 47. Felix Büchel had been associated with the Institute for many years as a frequent user of data from the Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP), as a Research Professor with the Department of the Socio-Economic Panel Study. Felix Büchel was born in Zurich in 1957. He was a Senior Research Scientist at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, an Adjunct Professor at the Technische Universität Berlin and an Honorary Professor at the Freie Universität Berlin. His death has deprived DIW Berlin of a dedicated scientist and a good friend. We offer his wife and daughter our sincere condolences, and we will treasure his memory.

- You can find the obituary on our homepage:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040820\\_buechel\\_nachruf.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040820_buechel_nachruf.html)



## Publications

### New Issue of DIW@school

The second issue of DIW@school has been published by DIW Berlin. It includes an explanation of the workings of corruption, an article on trade in emissions credits, the key data of the economic forecast for Germany, and a discussion of the usefulness or otherwise of the proposed "apprenticeship levy" (a penalty charge for companies that fail to provide a designated number of training places). DIW@school has been published twice a year online since the beginning of 2004. It is made available free of charge to schools and can be downloaded from DIW Berlin's web site. This publication contains topical and practice-oriented teaching materials on the economy and economic policy. All articles are written in an easy-to-read style by researchers of DIW Berlin. The publication is aimed primarily at students and teachers of Economics in general secondary and vocational schools.

- You can download the latest issue of DIW@school here (in German only):  
[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/school/docs/20040727\\_diwatschool\\_2.pdf](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/school/docs/20040727_diwatschool_2.pdf)



### Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 35/2004

Learning Regions Programme: Aid Tailored to Local Conditions

According to the current Weekly Report of DIW Berlin (Wochenbericht 35/2004), it is likely that networks operating in attractive regional environments have a more positive influence on local learning and innovation processes than networks operating in less favorable economic environments with weak labor markets. This issue of the Weekly Report studies the "Learning Regions – Providing Support for Networks" program, which is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and is currently providing support to 73 networks in different regions and regional contexts in an effort to generate a new learning culture. DIW Berlin believes that the decisive factor for the successful development of regional learning cultures via networks and actors is that the activities of the networks will be tuned to the specific needs of the regions where they operate. Increased effort must be invested in less-developed regions to combat obstacles to innovation and learning and to push forward the development of a new learning culture.





- Press release:  
<http://www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?pcode=320&language=en>
- Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 35/2004:  
[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/docs/04-35-1.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/docs/04-35-1.html)



## Quarterly Journals of Economic Research 2004

### The Economics of Corruption

The current issue (2/2004) of the Quarterly Journal of Economic Research (Vierteljahrsheft zur Wirtschaftsforschung) illustrates the considerable progress made in the field of corruption research over the last 10 years. This research indicates that it is possible both to explain and to influence the degree of corruption in a given society. Corruption is not a consequence of an immutable "cultural" disposition, and it is not only a moral issue. Rather more than anything else it is a question of incentives. Corruption causes considerable harm to an economy, but the victims remain unaware of the problem unless they are informed by media reports. On 7 February 2004, the **"Initiative Nachrichtenaufklärung"** and the **"Netzwerk Recherche"** presented their Top Ten of neglected news topics for 2003. The topic selected by the jury as the most important issue neglected by the news media last year was "Corruption: Bribery of German Companies Abroad".



- Quarterly Journals of Economic Research 2004:  
[www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/vierteljahrshefte/jahrgang04/index.htm](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/vierteljahrshefte/jahrgang04/index.htm)
- Press Release DIW Berlin 5 August 2004:  
[www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?pcode=313&language=en](http://www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?pcode=313&language=en)



## Discussion Papers of DIW Berlin

Nr. 436

Corporate Self-Regulation vs. Ex-Ante Regulation of Network Access - A Model of the German Gas Sector

**Georg Meran, Christian von Hirschhausen**

Nr. 435

Induced Technological Change in a Multi-regional, Multi-sectoral Integrated Assessment Model (WIAGEM). Impact Assessment of Climate Policy Strategies

**Claudia Kemfert**

Nr. 434

The Relationship between Pet Ownership and Health Outcomes: German Longitudinal Evidence

Bruce Headey, **Markus M. Grabka**

All Discussion Papers of DIW Berlin:

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



### Articles by DIW Berlin Staff Members in Refereed Journals

Der Einfluss von Persönlichkeitseigenschaften und sozialen Ressourcen auf die Arbeitslosigkeitsdauer

**Arne Uhlendorff**

In: Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie  
56(2004) Heft 2; S. 279-303

Kinderbetreuung und Fertilität in Deutschland

Karsten Hank; Michaela Kreyenfeld; **C. Katharina Spieß**

In: Zeitschrift für Soziologie  
33(2004) Heft 3 ; S. 228-244

Misleading Indicators?: The Argentinean Currency Crisis

**Patricia Alvarez-Plata; Mechthild Schrooten**

In: Journal of Policy Modeling  
26(2004) Heft 5 ; S. 587-603

- Further articles by Staff Members of DIW Berlin:

[www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/nl\\_publikationen\\_20030822.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/nl_publikationen_20030822.html)



### Projects

#### New Research Projects

DIW Berlin has been assigned 13 new Research Projects since the middle of June 2004. One of them is the project "Vollbeschäftigungsszenario 2010 - notwendige gesamtwirtschaftliche Bedingungen zur Wiedergewinnung der Vollbeschäftigung in Deutschland bis zum Jahr 2010" on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour.

You will find a detailed list on our homepage:

[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/projekte/docs/drittmittel\\_projekte\\_040813.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/projekte/docs/drittmittel_projekte_040813.html)

Further Projects of DIW Berlin:

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



### Upcoming Events

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

2 September – 5 September 2004

On behalf of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics, DIW Berlin is organizing the 31st EARIE Conference in association with the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and the Freie Universität 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, Phone: (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/)

### **15th Biennial Conference of the International Telecommunications Society**

4 September - 7 September 2004

In cooperation with the Berlin School of Economics (Fachhochschule für Wirtschaft), DIW Berlin will be holding the twice-yearly Biennial Conference of the International Telecommunications Society, which will take place at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Contact: Dr. Brigitte Preiszl, Phone: (00 49) 30 8 97 89-2 37, e-mail:

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- Further information:

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

### **Workshop**

6 September - 7 September 2004

"Foreign Direct Investment and International Outsourcing"

The Workshop is organized by DIW Berlin and the "Leverhulme Centre for Research in Globalization and Economic Policy" (GEP).

Contact: Ingo Geishecker, DIW Berlin, Phone: (030) 897 89-610, e-mail:

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- Further information:

[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/veranstaltungen/docs/20040826\\_gep\\_workshop.htm](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/veranstaltungen/docs/20040826_gep_workshop.htm)

### **DIW Berlin Seminar**

16 September (2 p.m.)

Alexander Kritikos, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder

The Seminar will take place at: DIW Berlin, Englerallee 40, 14195 Berlin, Room E 05

Contact: Renate Bogdanovic, DIW Berlin, Phone: (030) 897 89-259, e-mail:

[rbogdanovic@diw.de](mailto:rbogdanovic@diw.de)

### **Strong DIW Berlin Presence at the 2004 Annual Congress of the Verein für Socialpolitik**

28 September – 1 October 2004

Over 30 employees of DIW Berlin, representing all of the Institute's Research Departments and presenting 24 papers between them, will be attending the Verein für Socialpolitik's 2004 Annual Congress. As in 2003, DIW Berlin will be one of the economic research institutes with the largest number of members at the event. Internationally renowned experts will be presenting papers in Dresden from 28 September to 1 October on the topic of "Risks and Market Economy". And once again, DIW Berlin will be organizing a luncheon reception for all those attending the congress. A total of 300 papers from all areas of economic research will be presented at the congress, which will be hosted by Technische Universität Dresden.





- Further information:  
[http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040825\\_vfs.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040825_vfs.html)

### **Industrial Conference**

15 November - 16 November

The Industrial Conference (Industrietagung) is the traditional, institutionalized forum for exchange between DIW Berlin and the business sector. Since October 1960, the forum has met twice a year - May and November - and is promoted by the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF). Approximately one hundred representatives of enterprises, business associations and economic sciences participate regularly. The conference understands itself to be a platform for dialogs on different viewpoints and opinions.

- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/industrietagung/index.html](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/industrietagung/index.html)

### **Banking Conference**

**"Bank Relationships, Credit Extension, and the Macroeconomy"**

3 June - 4 June 2005

DIW Berlin, the Journal of Financial Intermediation (JFI), and the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia are pleased to announce that they will host a conference on Bank Relationships, Credit Extension, and the Macroeconomy on Friday, 3 June, and Saturday, 4 June 2005 in Berlin.

The Conference will take place at: dbb forum berlin, Friedrichstraße 169/170, 10117 Berlin

Contact: Phone +49-30-4081-4500, e-mail [info@dbb-forum-berlin.de](mailto:info@dbb-forum-berlin.de)

- Further information:  
<http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/banking2005/index.html>



### **Previous events**

**"Employment for All! Perspectives for a new Economic Policy"**

**Lecture by Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann at the Freie Universität Berlin**

"Employment for All! Perspectives for a new Economic Policy," was the title of the lecture presented by **Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann**, President of DIW Berlin, at the Freie Universität Berlin on 14 July 2004, in which he outlined the economic and social policy demands that German policy must confront. The labor market in particular needs to be further deregulated, for persistently high unemployment and demographic developments require greater flexibility. In this context, Klaus F. Zimmermann also addressed the current debate on working time. DIW Berlin analyses presented at the lecture, based on data from the Socio-Economic Panel, show that considerable numbers of employees are already deviating from the contractually agreed working hours.





Prof. Dr. Klaus Zimmermann during his lecture  
(Picture: Jan Hillnhütter)

- Further information:

[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040715\\_kfz\\_ringvorlesung.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040715_kfz_ringvorlesung.html)

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## Call for Papers

### **Bank Relationships, Credit Extension, and the Macroeconomy**

Submission deadline: 15 December 2004

DIW Berlin, the Journal of Financial Intermediation (JFI), and the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia are pleased to announce that they will host a conference on Bank Relationships, Credit Extension, and the Macroeconomy from 3 June - 4 June 2005 in Berlin, Germany.

- Further information (PDF):

[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/service/callforpapers/docs/cfp\\_banking\\_conf2005.pdf](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/service/callforpapers/docs/cfp_banking_conf2005.pdf)

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