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### **DIW-Newsletter-Archive**

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:

This year, once again, DIW Berlin maintained a strong presence at the most important academic conferences held in the field of economics. For instance, over 30 employees of DIW Berlin, representing all of the Institute's research departments, presented 24 papers at the 2004 Annual Congress of the Verein für Socialpolitik. DIW Berlin is, therefore, the economic research institute with the most papers at the event. Internationally renowned experts met in Dresden from 28 September to 1 October 2004 to present papers on the topic of "Risks and Market Economy".

DIW Berlin has launched a new publication series entitled "DIW Berlin: Policy Advice Compact". Here, DIW Berlin will publish topical reports prepared on behalf of the German government, federal and state ministries, the European Commission, enterprises, political parties, associations and the social partners. The inaugural issue presents a report drawn up for the German party Bündnis 90/Die Grünen which analyses a number of potential new approaches to the question of taxation.

If you enjoy reading our DIW-Newsletter please do recommend it to other possible subscribers.

With kind regards,

Sabrina Ortmann ([sortmann@diw.de](mailto:sortmann@diw.de))

**Service Department Information and Organization**

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.



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Over 30 employees of DIW Berlin, representing all of the Institute's Research Departments and presenting 24 papers between them, attended the **Verein für Socialpolitik's 2004 Annual Congress**. As in 2003, DIW Berlin was one of the economic research institutes with the largest number of papers at the event. Internationally renowned experts presented papers in Dresden from 28 September to 1 October on the topic of "Risks and Market Economy". Once again, DIW Berlin organized a luncheon reception for all those attending the congress. This year's guest speaker was Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Paqué, Finance Minister of Saxony-Anhalt. A total of 300 papers from all areas of economic research were presented at the congress, which was hosted by Technische Universität Dresden. Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann, President of DIW Berlin, participated in a panel discussion on "elite universities". DIW Berlin Vice-President Prof. Dr. Georg Meran and Dr. Reimund Schwarze, a Research Associate at DIW Berlin, jointly presented a paper entitled "Can Minimum Prices Assure the Quality of Professional Services?". Other DIW Berlin employees presenting papers were the Heads of Department Dr. Tilman Brück, Prof. Dr. Viktor Steiner, Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner and Prof. Axel Werwatz, Ph.D. as well as many other researchers.



Prof. Dr. Carl Christian von Weizsäcker, Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann and Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Paqué at the Congress

- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040825\\_vfs.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20040825_vfs.html)
- Homepage of the VfS:  
[www.socialpolitik.org/vfs.php?mode=jahrestagung&lang=2](http://www.socialpolitik.org/vfs.php?mode=jahrestagung&lang=2)



## DIW Berlin to Analyze Effectiveness of Hartz Reforms

The Federal Ministry of Economics and Labor has commissioned DIW Berlin with carrying out a scientific analysis aimed at ascertaining the effectiveness of the labor market policy instruments implemented under two of six Hartz reform modules. The DIW Berlin study will examine and assess the impact on employment probabilities of the changes to the measures used to promote further vocational training and to the spectrum of transfer benefits, and will also investigate the measures used to promote new business start-ups. The President of DIW Berlin, Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann, will be responsible for “Work Package 1: Effectiveness of Instruments, Module 1 b: Promotion of Further Vocational Training and Transfer Benefits”. Prof. Dr. Viktor Steiner, Head of the Department of Public Economics at DIW Berlin, will be responsible for “Work Package 1: Effectiveness of Instruments, Module 1 e: New Business Start-Ups”. DIW Berlin will be collaborating closely with the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn on Module 1 b, while the Institute for Applied Social Science Research (infas) in Bonn will be contributing to both projects.



## Industrial Conference

The second Industrial Conference of 2004 will be held on 15 to 16 November 2004 in Berlin's Japanese-German Center. The biannual Industrial Conference represents an opportunity to acquire data and exchange views on economic trends in the individual sectors. At the conference, industrialists meet with research scientists and representatives of trade associations, who furnish them with detailed insights regarding the trends in their specific sectors. The core activity carried out at each Industrial Conference is the elaboration of a forecast for each sector of industry. The point of departure for the sector-specific forecasts is the most recent DIW Berlin macroeconomic analysis and forecast for the world and the German economies. After presenting its industry-specific forecasts DIW Berlin compares those with the forecasts drawn up by the experts from the individual sectors. In addition to the short-term trend, the participants also closely examine structural transformations within and between sectors. At the conclusion of the conference, the forecasts elaborated by DIW Berlin are combined with those drawn up by the sectoral experts. Members of the **Society of Friends of DIW Berlin** are invited to participate free of charge.

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- Further information:

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



### **New Series: "DIW Berlin: Policy Advice Compact"**

DIW Berlin has analyzed a number of potential new approaches to the question of property taxation in a report prepared on behalf of the German party Bündnis 90/Die Grünen. This work will be published in the new series entitled "DIW Berlin: Policy Advice Compact". The authors of the report conclude that property tax should be allowable against income tax or corporation tax and thus act as minimum taxation. A simulation of the fiscal and income-distribution effects of the property tax paid by natural persons shows increased revenue of between 3.7 and 7.3 billion EUR – depending on the credit procedure used. This is accompanied both by a number of undesired distribution effects and by substantial implementation costs. When property taxation is incorporated into income tax as a "tax on estimated earnings", the effects on revenue prove somewhat stronger. In the case of investments and enterprises with low profits or temporary losses, property tax amounts to taxation of resources, which is undesirable in terms of economic and fiscal policy and also negatively affects conditions for investment and production.

In its new series "DIW Berlin: Policy Advice Compact", DIW Berlin publishes topical reports prepared on behalf of the German government, federal and state ministries, the European Commission, enterprises, political parties, associations and social partners. The series can be downloaded in pdf-format and free of charge.



- Current edition of "DIW Berlin: Policy Advice Compact" (in

German only):

[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/diwkompakt/docs/diwkompakt\\_2004-001.pdf](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/diwkompakt/docs/diwkompakt_2004-001.pdf)

- Further information on "DIW Berlin: Policy Advice Compact":  
[www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/diwkompakt/index.html](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/diwkompakt/index.html)



## Personnel



**Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann**, President of DIW Berlin, has been elected a Fellow of the **European Economic Association** (EEA). This honour represents an expression of gratitude to Klaus F. Zimmermann for the contribution he has made to economic research in Europe. The aim of the lifetime fellowship is to foster close contacts between the older and younger generations of economic researchers in Europe and to promote the development of European research.

- Further Information:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20042109\\_Zimmermann\\_EEA.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20042109_Zimmermann_EEA.html)



The Executive Board of DIW Berlin is happy to announce that the Institute's appointments committee has selected **Associate Professor Peter Egger** of the University of Innsbruck as its first-choice candidate for the position of Head of the **Department of International Economics**. His primary research interests are Applied and Theoretical Panel Econometrics, International Economics, Industrial Organization, and Multinational Firms.

- Press release:  
[www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?pcode=323&language=en](http://www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?pcode=323&language=en)



**Dr. Herbert Brücker**, a Research Associate at DIW Berlin's **Department of International Economics**, has been appointed Otto Mønsted Visiting Professor at Aarhus School of Business in Denmark. The Otto Mønsted Professorship is a stipend awarded to foreign scientists whose research work is highly relevant for Denmark but cannot be carried out, or cannot be carried out in the same form, by Danish academics. Herbert Brücker will devote his stay in Denmark to studying questions related to EU enlargement and international labour migration.



**Oleksandr Talavera** joined the **Department of Innovation, Manufacturing, Service** as a Research Associate in the "Corporate Financing" team at the beginning of September 2004. He is working on the German Research Foundation project "Founding of new firms: Market selection and competition in quality between venture capital firms and banks".

## Guests



**Prof. Lucjan Orlowski, PhD**, Department of Economics and Finance of the Sacred Heart University in Connecticut, USA, arrived at DIW Berlin on 18 September 2004 to begin a three-month stay as a Research Professor in the **Department of Macro Analysis and Forecasting**. His research entitled "Monetary Policy Framework for Entry to the Eurozone" deals with the monetary policy of the new EU member states with a view to their entry into European Monetary Union.



**Fabien Dell** from the Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques in Paris will be a guest of the **Department of Public Economics** from 6 September 2004 to 31 August 2005. Fabien Dell has been awarded a DAAD scholarship for research in the area of Empirical Public Economics. His main interest is income, property and inheritance tax in France and Germany.



**Dierk Herzer** will be a Guest Researcher in the **Department of International Economics** from September to November 2004. He is currently writing his Ph.D. thesis at Göttingen University on export diversification and economic growth. Dierk Herzer will be carrying out research at DIW Berlin on Turkey's impending entry into the EU and on the importation of capital goods, export structures and economic growth.

**Nina Labovic** from the Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses in Podgorica, Montenegro, will be carrying out research on the topic "Trade Integration into the EU: Analysis of the Foreign Trade Policy Adjustment in EU Accession Process (case of Germany)" in the **Department of Macro Analysis and Forecasting** from 1 September to 30 November 2004.

**Roman Podolets** from the Institute of Economic Forecasting at the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (NASU) in Kiev will be a guest of the **Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment** from 1 October 2004 to 31 July 2005. He has been awarded a DAAD scholarship to research the topic of Ukrainian Energy Balance and Modelling.

### **New Trainees**

DIW Berlin has welcomed three new trainees in its Service Departments this September: Marleen Köppe in the **Department of Information and Organisation**, Christine Rothe in the **Department of Management Services** and Meike Wolter in the **Department of Information Technology**.



## Publications

### Current Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 40/2004

Germany not a bazaar economy

Value added has risen in Germany over the last ten years as a result of external trade. Consequently, according to the current DIW Berlin Weekly Report (Wochenbericht 40/2004), foreign trade has stabilized economic growth in Germany. The authors' calculations are based on changes in the real external balance, which has increased by around 25 billion EUR over the last ten years. The real external balance is equal to the difference between real exports and real imports and comprehends the value added produced by all sectors of the economy. Seen in comparison to the rest of the EU, Germany has the highest external balance of all the large EU countries.



Press release:

[www.diw.de/english/presse/pressemitteilungen/aktuell/index.jsp](http://www.diw.de/english/presse/pressemitteilungen/aktuell/index.jsp)

Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 40/2004:

[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/docs/04-40-1.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/docs/04-40-1.html)

### Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 39/2004

Junior Professorship improves the Scientific Landscape of Germany

Following the reform of the Higher Education Act in 2002, the Junior Professorship was to become the only possible route for young academics seeking to qualify for tenure and was thus intended to replace Germany's habilitation procedure. This plan was frustrated by the Constitutional Court in July 2004 even though, as outlined in the DIW Berlin Weekly Report 39/2004, the introduction of Junior Professorships on a national basis would have distinct advantages for the economy. The Junior Professorship enables young scientists to embark on independent research at a young age, which raises their research productivity and also increases Germany's attractiveness for young researchers from at home and abroad. A total of 900 Junior Professorships have been created to the date at 65 universities throughout Germany and two thirds of these positions have already been filled. If the habilitation procedure remains in place alongside Junior Professorships in the long term, however, the advantages of the latter system will be forfeited. This is the situation threatened by the Constitutional Court decision.

Press release:

[www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?pcode=328&language=en](http://www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?pcode=328&language=en)

Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 39/2004:

[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/docs/04-39-1.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/docs/04-39-1.html)



## Discussion Papers of DIW Berlin

Nr. 440

Reform der Erdgaswirtschaft in der EU und in Deutschland: Wie viel Regulierung braucht der Wettbewerb?

**Christian von Hirschhausen**, Thorsten Beckers

Nr. 439

Intervieweffekte bei der Erhebung des Körpergewichts: Die Qualität von umfragebasierten Gewichtsangaben

**Martin Kroh**

Nr. 438

Work Incentives and Labor Supply Effects of the Mini-Jobs Reform in Germany

**Viktor Steiner**, **Katharina Wrohlich**

Nr. 437

International Outsourcing and the Skill Structure of Labour Demand in the United Kingdom

Alexander Hijzen, **Holger Görg**, Robert C. Hine

You can find all our discussion papers on our homepage:

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



## Articles by DIW Berlin Staff Members in Refereed Journals

(17 August to 20 September 2004)

Stricter Enforcement May Increase Tax Evasion

**Rainald Borck**

In: European Journal of Political Economy

20(2004) Heft 3; S. 725-737

Immigrants in the UK and in West Germany - Relative Income Positions, Income Portfolio, and Redistribution Effects

Felix Büchel; **Joachim R. Frick**

In: Journal of Population Economics

17(2004); S. 553-581

The Economic Consequences of Terror: Guest Editor's Introduction

**Tilman Brück**; Bengt-Arne Wickström.

In: European Journal of Political Economy  
20(2004) Heft 2; S. 293-300

Expert Opinion Leaders' Impact on Voter Turnout: The Case of the  
Internet Chess Match Kasparov vs. World  
**Björn Frank**; Hans Pitlik; Steffen Wirth.

In: European Journal of Political Economy  
20(2004) Heft 3; S. 619-635

Respondent Behavior in Panel Studies: A Case Study for Income  
Nonresponse by Means of the German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)  
**Jörg-Peter Schräpler**.

In: Sociological Methods & Research  
33(2004) Heft 1; S. 113-156

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

### Two New Projects for the European Commission

#### e-Business W@tch

The **Department of Information Society and Competition** of DIW Berlin is a member of the e-Business W@tch project consortium and will be participating in the new phase of the project, which commences in September 2004. **e-Business W@tch**, a research initiative launched by the Directorate-General Enterprise of the European Commission, is concerned with the adoption, development and impact of electronic business practices in various sectors of the European economy. Since its inauguration in 2001, the initiative has led to the publication of studies on 17 individual sectors in the European Economic Area, as well as annual reports, statistical briefs and other resources. The aim of the research project is to draw up in-depth sector-specific studies based on solid empirical knowledge, including the results of the annual e-Business W@tch enterprise survey, which is administered in all the countries of the enlarged European Union.

#### European Forecasting Network

DIW Berlin's **Department of Macro Analysis and Forecasting** has been entrusted by the European Commission with a new research project entitled "European Forecasting Network". **Dr. Ulrich Fritsche**, **Dr. Tatjana Ribakoff**, **Dr. Andreas Cors** and **Kirsten Lommatzsch** of DIW Berlin will be collaborating in the project with researchers from numerous other institutes around the globe.

#### New Research Projects

DIW Berlin has been commissioned with eight further research projects since mid-August 2004. You will find a detailed list on our homepage:

[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/projekte/docs/drittmittel\\_projekte\\_20040920.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/projekte/docs/drittmittel_projekte_20040920.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

### Revised Version of DIW Berlin Road-Performance Model

5 October 2004

The event will be organized by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Housing and will be attended by experts selected by the Ministry and representing the scientific and business communities, as well as various associations and public institutions. The main feature of the event will be a presentation by DIW Berlin researchers **Jutta Kloas**, **Hartmut Kuhfeld** and **Dr. Uwe Kunert** on updating and further developing the DIW Berlin's model for calculating road performance and fuel consumption.

### Workshop

#### 3rd International Conference on Applied Infrastructure Research

9 October 2004

DIW Berlin and the Technische Universität Berlin are jointly organizing a workshop on the topic of "Network Economics: Financing, Regulation and Capacity Allocation in Infrastructure Sectors". The Vice-President of the DIW Berlin, **Prof. Dr. Georg Meran**, as well as institute members **Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert**, **Prof. Dr. Christian Wey** and **Dr. Christian von Hirschhausen** are all members of the Scientific Committee for the event.

The workshop takes place at: Technische Universität Berlin  
Contact: TU Berlin, Workgroup for Infrastructure Policy (WIP), Secr. H33; Straße des 17. Juni 135, 10623 Berlin; Phone: +49-30-314-23649  
Registration: [conference@wip.tu-berlin.de](mailto:conference@wip.tu-berlin.de)

Further information:

[www.wip.tu-berlin-de/conference](http://www.wip.tu-berlin-de/conference)

### Industrial Conference

15 to 16 November 2004

You can find details about the Conference in the **article** at the beginning of this newsletter.

The Conference will take place at: Japanisch-Deutsches Zentrum Berlin

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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 to 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:

[www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/banking2005/index.html](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/banking2005/index.html)



### **Previous events**

#### **31st conference of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (E.A.R.I.E.) in Berlin**

Four days of scientific discussion and exchange on a high-quality international level – that was the line up of this year's **E.A.R.I.E.**

Conference from 2 to 5 September in Berlin. The event was organized by DIW Berlin, the **Social Science Research Center** (WZB Berlin) and the **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**. It was generously sponsored by the Robert Bosch GmbH, Schering AG, DaimlerChrysler Services, e.on Ruhrgas, DIW Berlin and the Society for Economics and Management at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Media Partner was The Economist. The conference venues, the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and the Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, have been a meeting point and a forum for members of both the academic and business communities. In seven parallel sessions, up to 350 participants had the opportunity to present their papers of current theories and research findings. Leading scholars in the field of Industrial Economics presented current research topics in the plenary sessions. The first keynote speaker was Luke Froeb, Director of the Bureau of Economics of the Federal Trade Commission. On Friday John Vickers, Chairman of the British Office of Fair Trading, presented his research findings. The Chairman of the Monopolies Commission of the German Federal Government, Martin Hellwig, ended the series of the outstanding lectures. On Saturday evening the conference dinner was held in the famous Berlin Adlon Hotel. On this occasion the Young Economists' Essay Awards for innovative and high level papers were granted to young researchers.

Further information:

[www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/20040908.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/20040908.html)

#### **International Telecommunications Society (ITS) World Congress: "Connecting Societies and Markets: Communication Technology, Policy and Impacts"**

The World Congress of the **International Telecommunications**

**Society** (ITS), which was partly organized by DIW Berlin, was held at the **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**, from 4 to 7 September 2004. The conference, which was attended by almost 350 participants from around the globe and which provided a platform for more than 250 presentations, was a resounding success. The event was an opportunity for academic researchers to meet with representatives of regulatory bodies, government ministries and the business community in order to discuss the latest developments on the information and telecommunications markets. The topics "Technology Forecasts", "Regulatory Policies" and "The Telecommunications Industry in the Developing Nations" were discussed in three separate plenary sessions. The issues covered in a total of 64 blocks of lectures ranged from difficulties with regulation at national and EU level, to markets for mobile services and the consequences of EU enlargement, to the social aspects of Internet use and questions related to digital broadcasting. DIW Berlin was also represented at the conference, and two of its employees presented papers. **Dr. Brigitte Preißl** from the **Department Information Society and Competition** presented a talk entitled "On the Use of Synergies between online and offline Distribution. Empirical Evidence from Berlin and Vienna", while **Dr. Georg Erber**, also from the Department Information Society and Competition, dealt with the question of "Disruptive versus incremental Innovations in Broadband Communication: What's going to happen next?". In addition, Brigitte Preißl was elected to the ITS Publications Committee.

Further information on the conference program and the papers presented can be found at:

[www.itsworld.org](http://www.itsworld.org)

Further events of DIW Berlin:

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



## 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, more than 12,000 households, and nearly 24,000 persons were sampled.

### SOEPlit now available as Excel file

The SOEPlit database, an information system listing all known publications based on SOEP data, is now also available as an Excel file. The new format is supplementary to the existing offline version of SOEPlit, which has been programmed to enable Windows users to easily export results to a Word file as formatted bibliographical references. Thanks to the new Excel version, it is now possible to use

SOEPlit on all operating systems. Regular updates of both versions will be made available on the SOEP homepage.

Further information:

[www.diw.de/english/sop/soep/pub/soeplit/index.html](http://www.diw.de/english/sop/soep/pub/soeplit/index.html)

### **SOEP Monitor updated to 2003**

The SOEP Monitor has been updated. The current version contains data series – disaggregated for eastern and western Germany – from 1984 to 2003. The “Haushalt” Monitor provides information on living circumstances, while the “Personen” Monitor contains data on the labor market, education and income, as well as subjective indicators. The files are available in pdf format and free of charge.

Further information:

<http://www.diw.de/english/sop/service/soepmonitor>

### **Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner spoke at the 100th Annual Conference of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kinderheilkunde und Jugendmedizin**

**Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner**, Head of Department of SOEP and Research Director, attended this year’s conference of the **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kinderheilkunde und Jugendmedizin** (DKJV), held in Berlin in September 2004, where he presented a talk entitled “How can we create a child-friendly society?”. The DKJV and its Austrian counterpart joined forces with the German Society for Paediatric Surgery and the Society for Social Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine to organize the centenary event. The largest-ever conference in the longstanding history of the DKJV was host to an extremely comprehensive program covering a broad range of topics related to current issues in the field as well as to child health in general.

### **Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner appointed Chairman of the Chamber for Social Affairs of the Protestant Church in Germany**

The Council of the **Evangelical Church in Germany** (EKD) agreed at its meeting of 3 September 2004 to appoint **Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner** Chairman of the Chamber for Social Affairs. The Chamber advises the EKD Council in matters relating to social affairs. Gert G. Wagner will be taking over from Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Krupp, a former President of DIW Berlin.



### **Call for Papers**

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

Call for Papers for the Banking Conference in June 2005.

Submission deadline: 15 December 2004

Further information:

[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)

You will find more Call for Papers on our homepage:  
[www.diw.de/english/produkte/service/callforpapers/index.html](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/service/callforpapers/index.html)



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



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