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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:

On October 25 and 26, 2004, the President of DIW Berlin, Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann, in his role as German President of the German-French Council of Economic Advisors, presented a statement on current issues in European economic policy together with the French President of the Council, Prof. Dr. Christian Stoffaës, President of the Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII). In addition, DIW Berlin and CEPII, signed a cooperation agreement aimed at fostering the continued development and implementation of ideas for encounters of this kind.

At another event held on October 26, DIW Berlin welcomed Prof. Barry Chiswick, Ph.D., from the University of Illinois, Chicago, who presented a talk at the Berlin Lunchtime Meeting entitled "Do Enclaves Matter in Immigrant Adjustment?"

The Head of DIW Berlin's Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment, Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert, will speak about the economic consequences of global climate change on the occasion of her inaugural lecture at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, on December 1, 2004.

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

With kind regards,

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

**Service Department Information and Organization**

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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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In his role as German President of the German-French Council of Economic Advisors, the President of DIW Berlin, **Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann**, has issued a statement together with the French President of the Council, Prof. Dr. Christian Stoffaës (President of the **Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales, CEPII**), on current issues in European economic policy. The Ministers of Economics, Wolfgang Clement, Germany, and Nicolas Sarkozy, France, respectively, met the delegation of German and French members of the Council of Advisors on the occasion of the German-French Council of Ministers, held on October 25 and 26, 2004, in Berlin.



Prof. Dr. Christian Stoffaës and Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann signing the cooperation agreement between DIW Berlin and CEPII. Standing: Wolfgang Clement and Nicolas Sarkozy (picture: Jan Hillnhuetter).

- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041026\\_dtfrz\\_svr.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041026_dtfrz_svr.html)
- Statement (PDF):  
[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/diwkompakt/stellungnahmen/docs/20041026\\_dt-franz\\_statem.pdf](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/diwkompakt/stellungnahmen/docs/20041026_dt-franz_statem.pdf)



#### “50 Years after Tomorrow – where will we be? The Economic Consequences of Climate Change”

#### Inaugural Lecture by Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert

**Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert**, Director of DIW Berlin's **Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment**, will be holding her inaugural lecture at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, on Wednesday, 1

December 2004, 6 pm, in Room 125, Spandauer Strasse 1, 10178 Berlin.

International experts agree that the volume of greenhouse-gas emissions produced by human activities is still increasing and that these emissions are changing the climate. Some of the more evident expressions of climate change are the rise in average global temperature and in the average sea level, or the increased frequency of extreme weather phenomena and natural disasters, which cause immense economic damage. The economic consequences of global climate change are the topic of Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert's inaugural lecture at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.



Federal Minister of Education, Edelgard Bulmahn, together with DIW Berlin President Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann and the President of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Prof. Dr. Juergen Mlynek, congratulating Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert on her appointment to a C4 professorship on May 12, 2004. (picture: Stefan Wollsiefen)

- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041022\\_vortrag\\_kemfert.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041022_vortrag_kemfert.html)
- Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 42/04: Die oekonomischen Kosten des Klimawandels:  
[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/docs/04-42-1.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/docs/04-42-1.html)



### **Berlin Lunchtime Meeting: „Do Enclaves Matter in Immigrant Adjustment?“**

Around 11% of the people living in the USA in 2000 were not born there. Moreover, in that year a third of these immigrants lived in California. Immigrants often use contacts they have with people of the same origin and join existing large immigrant communities. In the early stages, especially, the benefits of settling in rapidly to the new environment and being able to communicate in one's native tongue outweigh the disadvantages. Prof. Barry Chiswick, Ph.D., a labor economist from the University of Illinois, Chicago, USA, spoke on the immigrant problem in North America to a distinguished public at the Berlin Lunchtime Meeting held on October 26, 2004.



Prof. Barry Chiswick, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago, and Dr. Hilmar Schneider, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) (picture: Stefan Ramaseder).

- Further Information:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041027\\_blm.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041027_blm.html)



## Issues

The DIW Berlin homepage provides a link to lists of publications dealing with issues that are of current political relevance. Each list contains reference information for articles published by DIW Berlin researchers. Many of the articles can be read online or are available for download free of charge. Lists of publications regarding the following issues are currently available: Women's Employment, Media and Culture, Child Care, Health Reform, Berlin-Brandenburg, Information Society, EU Eastern Enlargement. The most recent new list contains information on publications dealing with the issue of "**Sustainability**".

- All Issues:  
[www.diw.de/english/produkte/service/themenliste](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/service/themenliste)

More news from DIW Berlin:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/)



## Personnel



The Managing Director of DIW Berlin, **Dr. Susanne Maria Schmidt**, has been selected to participate in the "German Fulbright Educational Experts Seminar 2004". During the course of a recent one-week trip to the USA, university professors and leading representatives of the German higher education and research communities visited private and

public universities in New York and Washington, D.C. The aim of the in-depth discussions held with representatives of the US State Department, with universities such as Columbia and Georgetown, and with the management of a number of university associations was to exchange views on change management in higher education.



**Dr. Brigitte Preissl**, Researcher in DIW Berlin **Department of Information Society and Competition**, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the International Telecommunications Society (ITS). She will be working on the ITS Publications Committee with responsibility for ITS Europe activities.



**Rouslan Moro**, a doctoral student at DIW Berlin, became a German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholar on October 1, 2004. Following an elaborate selection process, Rouslan Moro was awarded the scholarship ahead of numerous other candidates. The research project the DAAD believes is worthy of funding deals with the development of a rating procedure for predicting corporate bankruptcy probabilities (support vector machines).

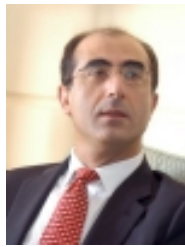
- Further information::

[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041018\\_moro\\_daad.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041018_moro_daad.html)



## **New Research Professors**

The President of DIW Berlin, Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann, has reached agreements on new joint research activities with a number of academics from both Germany and other countries. These researchers, who mainly hail from abroad, will be collaborating with researchers from DIW Berlin. They will engage in joint projects for a fixed period of time, carry out transversal tasks, supervise scientific papers and provide important fresh impetus for the Institute's research agenda. Klaus F. Zimmermann has appointed the following research professors for a term of three years:



On 1 October 2004, **Prof. Dr. Ali Bayar** began a collaboration as a Research Professor with the DIW Berlin **Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment**. Prof. Dr. Bayar, who is Chairman and founder of the Department of Applied Economics at the Free University of Brussels, specializes in applied econometrics. Ali Bayar has worked in the past with the European Commission, the World Bank, the United Nations and various national governments.



**Prof. Michael Grimm, Ph.D.**, a Research Professor in the **Department of International Economics**, is a Junior Professor for Development Economics at the University of Goettingen. His main research interests concern development and welfare economics, quantitative methods of empirical economic research, and population economics.



**Prof. Hartmut Lehmann, Ph.D.**, of the Università di Bologna, Department of Economics, also joins us as Research Professor. His research interests include labor economics in transition economies. Together with Tilman Brueck, Head of the **Department of International Economics**, he will direct the new research project “Economic and Social Consequences of Industrial Restructuring in Russia and Ukraine”, which is funded under the EU 6th Framework Programme.



**Prof. Chris A. Nash, Ph.D.**, currently professor in the Economic Division of the University of Leeds, will also be collaborating for three years as of 1 October 2004 with the DIW Berlin **Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment**. Chris A. Nash’s research is

focused on the area of transportation, in particular on transport pricing, privatization of rail passenger services and forecasts of overall traffic volume.



**Prof. John Karl Scholz, Ph.D.**, from the Department of Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, has been collaborating with the DIW Berlin **Department of Public Economics** since October 1, 2004. His main research interests lie in the area of socio-economics and social policy. He has been Director of the Institute for Research on Poverty in Madison, USA, since 2000.



The third Research Professor to begin collaborating with the DIW Berlin **Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment** at the start of October 2004 is **Prof. Dr. Truong P. Truong** of the University of New South Wales. His main interests are the effects of climate change and CGE models.

- More co-operations of DIW Berlin:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/kooperationen/index.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/kooperationen/index.html)



## **Publications**

### **New Series have replaced the former Research Notes**

Three new series have replaced the former Research Notes of DIW Berlin since September 2004: **Data Documentation**, **Event Documentation** and **Research Notes** (new). The earlier editions remain available on the Internet.

#### **Research Notes**

The **Research Notes** contain research results, preliminary research results and documentations, which are - due to their style or length - not meant to be published in reviewed academic journals.

**„Do Foreign Banks improve Financial Performance? Evidence from EU Accession Countries.“**

**Dr. Hella Engerer** and **Dr. Mechthild Schrooten**.

- The current issue is offered for free as full text-document in Adobe pdf-format:  
[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/researchnotes/docs/papers/rn1.pdf](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/researchnotes/docs/papers/rn1.pdf)



## **Current Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 44/2004**

### Energy prices on the rise

The recent sharp increase in energy prices has been caused by a combination of different developments: upheaval on the world oil market, its impact on other energy markets, increases in energy prices motivated by environmental policy, and delays in liberalization and regulation in the area of electricity and gas supplies. In its current Weekly Report (Wochenbericht 44/2004), DIW Berlin analyzes the causes of the price increase in the individual energy sectors.

The boom in crude-oil prices was triggered by increased demand, isolated production losses and speculation on the futures markets – all against the background of already almost fully utilized production capacities. The result has been an increase not only in prices for fuels and heating oil, but also for coal and gas. The energy-price rises of recent years were also caused in part, however, by policy measures aimed at reducing emissions of greenhouse gases. German energy prices are currently relatively high in European comparison. While in the case of fuels, these differences are based almost exclusively on Germany's higher taxes, in the electricity and gas industries they could also be related, to some extent, to a lack of competition. The revision of Germany's Energy Industry Act might improve efficiency in this respect, but this will probably not suffice to compensate for the upward pressure on prices exerted by the international energy markets.



- Weekly Report of DIW Berlin No. 44/2004:  
[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/docs/04-44-2.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/docs/04-44-2.html)



## **Discussion Papers of DIW Berlin**

No. 452

Life Expectancy and Health Care Expenditures in the 21st Century: A New Calculation for Germany Using the Costs of Dying

**Friedrich Breyer**, Stefan Felder

No. 451

East Germany's Wage Gap: A non-parametric Decomposition based on Establishment Characteristics

**Bernd Goerzig**, **Martin Gornig**, **Axel Werwatz**

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The Social Logic of Bounded Partisanship in Germany: A Comparison of Veteran Citizens (West Germans), New Citizens (East Germans) and Immigrants

Alan S. Zuckerman, **Martin Kroh**

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Subjective Well-Being and Relative Deprivation: An Empirical Link

Conchita D'Ambrosio, **Joachim R. Frick**

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Intergenerational Economic Mobility and Assortative Mating

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Nachhilfe als Strategie zur Verwirklichung von Bildungszielen: Eine empirische Untersuchung mit Daten des Sozio-oekonomischen Panels (SOEP)

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Der Einfluss des Einkommens der Eltern auf die Schulwahl

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Political Economy of Commuting Subsidies

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Enrolment into Higher Education and Changes in Repayment Obligations of Student Aid – Microeconometric Evidence for Germany

**Hans J. Baumgartner**, **Viktor Steiner**

No. 443

Macroeconomic Uncertainty and Firm Leverage

Christopher F. Baum, **Andreas Stephan**, **Oleksandr Talavera**

No. 442

Taking „don't knows" as valid Responses: A complete random Imputation of missing Data

**Martin Kroh**

No. 441

Automatic Identification of Faked and Fraudulent Interviews in Surveys  
by Two Different Methods  
Christin Schaefer, **Joerg-Peter Schraepfer**, Klaus-Robert Mueller, **Gert G. Wagner**

- You can find all our discussion papers on our homepage:  
[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/diskussionspapiere/](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/diskussionspapiere/)



**Articles by DIW Berlin Staff Members in Refereed Journals**  
(September 15 to Oktober 15, 2004)

Alternative Measures of the Explanatory Power of General Multivariate Regression Models

**Martin Spiess**; Gerhard Tutz

In: The Journal of Mathematical Sociology  
28(2004) Heft 2; S. 125-146

Intrinsic Motivation: Incentives for Basic Research in a Large Institution;  
Some General Considerations and a Case Study

**Bjoern Frank**

In: Research Evaluation  
13(2004) Heft 2; S. 119-127

Berufliche Weiterbildung in West- und Ostdeutschland: Teilnehmer,  
Struktur und individueller Ertrag

Felix Buechel; **Markus Pannenberg**

In: Zeitschrift fuer ArbeitsmarktForschung  
37(2004) Heft 2; S. 73-126

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

**Viktor Steiner**; **Katharina Wrohlich**

In: CESifo Economic Studies  
50(2004) Heft 3; S. 541-568

- 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)



**Events of DIW Berlin**

**Upcoming Events**

**Industrial Conference**

Date: November 15 to 16, 2004

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 conference will take place at: Japanisch-Deutsches Zentrum Berlin  
Contact: Angelika Dierkes, Phone: +49-30-89789-326, e-mail:  
[adierkes@diw.de](mailto:adierkes@diw.de)



Further information:

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

### **Berlin Lunchtime Meeting**

Date: November 17, 2004

Prof. Dr. Laszlo Goerke from Mainz University will be speaking on  
“Dismissal protection in Germany – perception and reality”. Attendance  
is by personal invitation only.

Contact: Heike Koenig, DIW Berlin, Phone: +49-30-89789-660, e-mail:  
[hkoenig@diw.de](mailto:hkoenig@diw.de)



Further information:

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

### **Workshop**

#### **“2002 Inheritance and Gift Tax Statistics – Possibilities and Limits”**

Date: November 24, 2004

This workshop, which will be organized jointly by the Federal Statistical Office and DIW Berlin, will provide an opportunity for an exchange of views and knowledge between producers of statistical data and between producers and users of such data. The aim is to illustrate possibilities and limits with respect to the significance and reliability of statistical data and to identify improvements that might be introduced before the next survey in 2007. In addition, the process of creation of statistical data from the moment in which a tax office fixes amounts due up until the overall result for Germany will be elucidated, while the ways in which such data are applied in policy-making and research will also be outlined.

Statistisches Bundesamt, Sitzungssaal E 312, Gustav-Stresemann-Ring 11, 65189 Wiesbaden.

Contact: Dr. Juergen Schupp, DIW Berlin, Phone: +49-30-89789-238, e-mail: [jschupp@diw.de](mailto:jschupp@diw.de)

### **Inaugural Lecture by Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert**

Date: Dezember 1, 2004, 6 pm,

„50 years after tomorrow – where will we be? The Economic Consequences of Climate Change”.

The lecture will take place at: Humboldt-Universitaet zu Berlin, Room 125, Spandauer Strasse 1, 10178 Berlin.



Further information:

[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041022\\_vortrag\\_kemfert.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041022_vortrag_kemfert.html)

## **SESSA Conference**

Date: December 9 to 10, 2004

DIW Berlin will host the 3rd SESSA Conference "Ensuring Sustainable EU-Electricity Enlargement", jointly with the Technische Universität Berlin. SESSA is a European forum on electricity reforms grouping researchers and energy stakeholders. It aims at contributing to the 2006 European review of internal energy market as decided at the Copenhagen Summit.

Technische Universität Berlin, Strasse des 17. Juni 135, 10623 Berlin, Room H 3005.

Contact: Georg Zachmann, DIW Berlin, Phone: +49-30-89789-247, e-mail: [sessa@diw.de](mailto:sessa@diw.de)

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Further information:

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

## **Banking Conference**

"Bank Relationships, Credit Extension, and the Macroeconomy"

Date: June 3 to 4, 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, June 3, and Saturday, June 4, 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)

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Further information:

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



## **Previous Events**

### **Winners and Losers of Free Trade**

"Trade and Poverty: What is the Evidence?"

DIW Berlin Seminar - paper held by Prof. Thomas W. Hertel, Ph.D.

Trade liberalization in the developing countries never carries equal benefits for all segments of the population or for all income brackets. On the contrary, market liberalization is always also accompanied by a fall in real income for some population groups. And it is often the poorest segments of the population that are faced with a decline in per capita income as international trade grows. Taking Brazil as a case in point, Prof. Thomas W. Hertel, Ph.D., of Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA, has outlined his insights on these processes at DIW Berlin. Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert, Head of the Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment, welcomed the internationally renowned economist to DIW Berlin on the occasion of a DIW Berlin Seminar held on October 22, 2004.



Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert welcomes Prof. Thomas W. Hertel, Ph.D., at the DIW Berlin Seminar (picture: Stefan Ramaseder)

- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041025\\_vortrag\\_hertel.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041025_vortrag_hertel.html)

### **Third International Conference on Applied Infrastructure Research**

The planned new regulation of the energy sector and the question of intellectual property were amongst the topics discussed at the Third International Conference on Applied Infrastructure Research. DIW Berlin, together with the Department of Economics at Technische Universität Berlin, organized the conference entitled “Network Economics: Financing, Regulation and Capacity Allocation in Infrastructure Sectors”, which was held at the beginning of October 2004. Two hundred participants from around the globe attended the conference, including several researchers from DIW Berlin: **Prof. Dr. Georg Meran**, Vice-President, **Prof. Dr. Christian Wey**, Head of the Department of Information Society and Competition, **Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert**, Head of the Department of Energy, Transportation, Environment, and **Dr. Christian von Hirschhausen**, senior lecturer and research associate in the Department of International Economics. These members contributed to the conference either as speakers or as session chairs.

- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041025\\_konferenz\\_infrastruktur.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041025_konferenz_infrastruktur.html)

More events of DIW Berlin:  
[www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen)



### **The German Socio-Economic Panel – SOEP**



Basic research and scientific service are the main assignments of the **Department German Socio-Economic Panel**. 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.

### **Strong Participation by SOEP Members at the Congress of the German Society for Sociology**

Members of the Socio-Economic Panel presented ten papers and posters at the **32nd Congress of the Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Soziologie** (German Society for Sociology), which took place from October 4 to 8, 2004 at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet in Munich. SOEP papers covered a wide range of subjects, including the division of household labor between men and women, income development in Germany, social differences in free-time activities, private tutoring as a strategy for educational attainment and issues of childless men. At one conference plenum, SOEP deputy director **Dr. Juergen Schupp**, in cooperation with sociologist Prof. Dr. Martin Diewald of the University of Bielefeld, presented the paper "Social background, relationships to parents and the cultural and social capital of young people."

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Further information:

[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041005\\_soep.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/20041005_soep.html)

### **SOEP Data provide Basis for the first Annual Report of the German Council of Experts on Immigration and Integration**

Indicators describing the situation of immigrants in Germany contained in the 2004 Annual Report of the German Council of Experts on Immigration and Integration are based in part on SOEP data. This report is the first one the council delivered. SOEP data on the living situation of immigrants played a particularly important role. This data, which covered both individuals with foreign citizenship and individuals living in Germany but born abroad (especially "ethnic Germans"), made it possible for the first time to realistically assess the proportion of the population with an immigration background. **Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner**, Head of SOEP, is a member of the German Council of Experts on Immigration and Integration.

### **Study: Improved Labor Market Chances through Social Networks**

The question of whether unemployment will remain a brief phase in one's career or evolve into a long-term condition depends not only on the overall economic situation - as determined by such reforms as Hartz IV - but also on the personal and social characteristics of unemployed individuals themselves. A recently released DIW Berlin study entitled

“The influence of personality characteristics and social resources on the duration of unemployment”, based on empirical data from the longitudinal study Socio-economic Panel (SOEP), finds evidence of different influences of these personal and social characteristics between the former East and West German states.

- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?PCODE=338&language=en](http://www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?PCODE=338&language=en)

### **Study: Guest Workers from the EU successful in Germany**

Immigrants to Germany from EU countries succeed in achieving a social situation comparable with German-born individuals, and in some cases even better. Immigrants from other non-EU countries, however, do not. This is the central finding of the recently released study entitled “Migration and social structure – social situations of immigrants in Germany in the context of European unification” (in German), which is based on empirical data from the representative longitudinal study SOEP.

- Further information:  
[www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?PCODE=336&language=en](http://www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?PCODE=336&language=en)



### **Call for Papers**

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

Call for Papers for the Banking Conference in June 2005.

Submission deadline: December 15, 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)



### **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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