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Dear Readers,

2005 was an eventful year: the employees, the executive board and friends of DIW Berlin celebrated the Institute's 80th anniversary with several top-class events. The final highlight of the celebration of this year's anniversary of DIW Berlin was the "International Conference Celebrating the 80-Year DIW Berlin Jubilee" on December 8th and 9th in Berlin-Mitte, on which we are reporting in this newsletter. We also report on the gala dinner of the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VDF). Internally we celebrated the anniversary with an institute party in September, the motto of which was "The Roaring Twenties", as a reminiscence of the time of establishment of the German Institute for Economic Research. Many former colleagues celebrated with us, including Hans Jürgen Krupp, President of DIW Berlin from 1978 to 1988, Doris Cornelsen, former Head of the department GDR and Eastern Countries, and Horst Seidler, former Head of the department Macro Analysis and Forecasting.

However, we are not only looking backward but are also preparing DIW Berlin for the future with its own postgraduate program. An important new course set for the future of DIW Berlin was the recommendation of the senate of the scientific association Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (Leibniz Association). The senate followed the positive vote of the evaluation committee: DIW Berlin is to receive continued support as a research institution.

The DIW-Newsletter informs you every three months about latest news at DIW Berlin as well as news about staff members, events, call for papers, press coverage and much more. If you enjoy reading our Newsletter please do recommend it to other potential subscribers.

We would like to wish you a wonderful advent season, happy holidays and a successful new year for you and your family.

With kind regards,

Susanne Maria Schmidt  
Managing Director

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### News from DIW Berlin

#### International Conference Celebrating the 80-Year DIW Berlin Jubilee

The final highlight of the celebration of this year's anniversary of DIW Berlin was the "International Conference Celebrating the 80-Year DIW Berlin Jubilee" on December 8th and 9th in Berlin-Mitte. Renowned speakers from all around the world could be found at the conference with the main focus on business cycle analysis and forecasts. The response from the public was correspondingly strong. DIW Berlin welcomed numerous representatives from all sectors of politics, science, media and industry from throughout Germany. The speech of the keynote speaker of the conference, Lorenzo Bini-Smaghi, member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, attracted special interest. In his speech concerning "Economic Forecasting and Monetary Policy", Mr. Bini-Smaghi particularly illustrated the significance of economic forecasts for European monetary policy.



Participants of the conference  
(Photo: Uwe Hetzner)

Further Information:

[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/2005/20051214\\_kontagung\\_bericht.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/2005/20051214_kontagung_bericht.html)

### **DIW Berlin Celebrates its 80th Anniversary: Gala Dinner at the Ritz-Carlton in Berlin**

200 select guests from all sectors of economy, politics, media and science accepted the invitation of the Society of Friends of DIW Berlin (VdF) to a gala dinner on November 28, 2005. The reason for this gala dinner was the 80th anniversary of the German Institute for Economic Research. The Chairman of the VdF, Dr. Alexander von Tippelskirch and the President of DIW Berlin, Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann welcomed the guests in the "Great Ballroom" of the Ritz-Carlton in Berlin at Potsdamer Platz. The formal address was given by Edzard Reuter, former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Daimler Benz AG in Stuttgart. Berlin's Governing Mayor, Klaus Wowereit, expressed the congratulations of the senate of Berlin.



"Great Ballroom" at the Ritz-Carlton in Berlin  
(Pictures on this site: by Uwe Hetzner)

Further Information:

[www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/2005/20051202\\_galadinner\\_bericht.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/2005/20051202_galadinner_bericht.html)

### **DIW Berlin is to Receive Continued Support as a Research Institution**

The senate of the scientific association Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz - Leibniz Association - supported the positive vote of the evaluation committee: the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) is to receive continued support as a research institution. This is the senate's recommendation of October 24, 2005. DIW Berlin was evaluated by an independent evaluation committee in October 2004. This committee confirmed DIW Berlin's good to very good performance in the fields of research, politics consulting and service. The Leibniz Association's senate shares this view and confirms that the Institute in Berlin is an acknowledged research institute with a good reputation among representatives from the sectors of politics, economy and

the interested expert public. The research projects show demanding and innovative approaches and questions.



The DIW Berlin building, Koenigin-Luise-Str. 5 in Berlin



### **DIW Berlin Starts Graduate Program**

With the “Graduate Center of Economic and Social Research”, the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) establishes a high-quality, firmly institutionalized postgraduate program for the first time in its 80-year history. Starting now, interested students worldwide can send their applications to DIW Berlin. The first graduate class will start in October 2006.

The combination of research-based, demanding theory and on-the-job training in the field of scientifically substantiated politics consulting makes the Graduate Center of DIW Berlin special. The graduates attend courses of renowned university professors and actively participate in research and consultation projects of DIW Berlin. The three-year graduate education will be effected in close cooperation with the Freie Universitaet Berlin, the Humboldt Universitaet zu Berlin, the Technische Universitaet Berlin and the University in Potsdam. The graduates will be supported by professors who will support them intensively during the entire period of three years. The graduates do not have to pay tuition fees. On the contrary, they will receive a monthly allowance of EUR 1,000 during the first year. During the second and third year, DIW Berlin offers them the opportunity to participate in the research work of the Institute’s departments as paid assistants.



Doctoral students of DIW Berlin (Photo: Dirk Heckmann)

Further Information:

[www.diw.de/deutsch/karriere/graduate\\_center/index.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/karriere/graduate_center/index.html)



### **Personnel**



**Dr. Christian Dreger** was appointed Vice Head of the department Macro Analysis and Forecasting of DIW Berlin. Christian Dreger has been working as a scientist at DIW Berlin since October 2005. He worked at the Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH) in the departments Labor Market and Economic Cycle and Growth.



**Markus M. Grabka**, Research Associate of the German **Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)** received an award for his scientific work. The Gesellschaft für Recht und Politik im Gesundheitswesen e.V. (GRPG, Association for Law and Politics in the Health Sector) awarded his work "Alternative financing models for a social health insurance in Germany - methodic principles and exemplary realization of a micro-simulation study" with this year's scientific award. Markus Grabka will be presented the prize money totalling 2,500 euro on January 14, 2006 in Hamburg.



**Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert**, Head of the department of Energy, Transportation, Environment of DIW Berlin was appointed expert for climate protection and energy industry in the nationwide unique Council on Sustainability of the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg (NBBW). The members of the Council on Sustainability established in April 2002 are rotationally replaced. The council evaluates the environmental situation in Baden-Wuerttemberg and its development tendencies. It shows problematic trends in environmental policy and how to avoid them.



**Dr. Juergen Schupp**, Vice Head of the department and Survey Manager for the department **German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP)** was appointed member of the international evaluators panel for the Swiss Panel Study (SHP) by the Swiss National Science Foundation.



The Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) appointed **Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner** one of the seven members of its Scientific Advisory

Board, which was newly established in the course of the amendment of the Law on Vocational Education and Training. At DIW Berlin, Gert G. Wagner is the Head of the department Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP).



## Publications

### Current Wochenbericht of DIW Berlin No. 50/2005

#### Industrial production in Germany: Upswing continues

According to the current Wochenbericht 50/2005 of DIW Berlin, the industrial production in Germany will have risen by 2.6 % compared to the previous year. Foreign demand scarcely slowed down despite lower global economic dynamics. In addition, the successful exports of German companies lead to an increasing domestic demand for investment goods. This is an additional benefit for the German capital goods industry. Based on the assumptions and forecasts contained in the fall forecast by the economic research institutes, the Industrial Conference of DIW Berlin came to the conclusion that industrial production will continue to expand at a similar pace in the coming year. This would be the third successive year in which the growth of industrial production considerably exceeded the growth of the economy as a whole. However, should the crude oil prices rise higher than expected, this would endanger industrial growth.



To the Wochenbericht of DIW Berlin No 50/2005 (in German only):

<http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/aktuell/index.jsp>



## Current Weekly Report

Weekly Report No. 36/2005

Credit and Private Equity Financing in Young Innovative Small and Medium-sized Companies in Germany.

By Dorothea Schäfer, Axel Werwatz and Volker Zimmermann.



Link to the Weekly Report:

<http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/weeklyreport/aktuell/index.jsp>



**Quarterly Journal of Economic Research 3/2005**

Competition Problems on Press Markets

By Ralf Dewenter and Björn Frank

Freedom and diversity of press are of special importance for a democratic society. The freedom of press should not only be protected against state despotism but also against private powers in terms of economic concentration. In 1976 legislation in the Federal Republic of Germany reacted to strong concentration tendencies in the press sector by intensifying the press merger control with the third amendment to the Act against Restraints of Competition (GWB). In 2004, the Federal Government presented a bill for an amendment to the GWB by which the criteria for the press merger control valid to date were partially changed. In addition, new regulations especially for this sector were included in the bill. The Bundestag (the Lower House of German Parliament) adopted the bill; however, the Bundesrat (the Federal Council) did not. The bill will be reincluded in the agenda during the next legislative period. However, the exact changes to the bill are not foreseeable at present. Which economic considerations should play a role here? And which parts of the old bill must be evaluated particularly critically? These questions were the subject of a workshop at DIW Berlin, the essential contributions of which are documented in this journal.



- Link to the Quarterly Journal of Economic Research:  
[www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/vierteljahrshefte/index.html](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/vierteljahrshefte/index.html)
- Publications of DIW Berlin on Media and Culture  
[www.diw.de/english/produkte/service/themenlisten/medienliste\\_medien.html](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/service/themenlisten/medienliste_medien.html)

**Policy Advice Compact No. 12**

The Taxes of Automobiles in Europe in 2005

By Dominika Kalinowska, Hartmut Kuhfeld, Uwe Kunert (Projektleitung), Oliver Ruelicke

September 2005

Research project on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Finance



Link to Policy Advice Compact No. 12 (available only in German):  
[www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/diwkompakt/aktuell/index.html](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/diwkompakt/aktuell/index.html)

**New Discussion Papers:**

Nr. 537: Gender-Job Satisfaction Differences across Europe: An Indicator for Labor Market Modernization.

Kaiser, Lutz C.

Nr. 536: 'Making Work Pay' in a Rationed Labour Market: The Mini-Job Reform in Germany.

Bargain, Olivier; Caliendo, Marco; Haan, Peter; Orsini, Kristian

Nr. 535: Working Time as an Investment? The Effects of Unpaid Overtime on Wages, Promotions, and Layoffs.

Anger, Silke

Nr. 533: The Environmental and Economic Effects of European Emissions Trading.

Kempfert, Claudia; Kohlhaas, Michael; Truong, Truong P.; Protsenko, Artem

Nr. 532: Top Incomes and Top Taxes in Germany.

Bach, Stefan; Corneo, Giacomo; Steiner, Viktor

Nr. 531: Can Minimum Prices Assure the Quality of Professional Services?

Meran, Georg; Schwarze, Reimund

Nr. 530: Impact Assessment of Emissions Stabilization Scenarios with and without Induced Technological Change.

Kempfert, Claudia; Truong, Truong P.

Nr. 529: A Flexible Global Warming Index for Use in an Integrated Approach to Climate Change Assessment.

Truong, Truong P.; Kempfert, Claudia

Nr. 528: Fiscal Competition and the Composition of Public Spending: Theory and Evidence.

Borck, Rainald; Caliendo, Marco ; Steiner, Viktor

Nr. 527: Einfluss der Einkommensposition auf die Gesundheit und Lebenserwartung.

Lampert, Thomas; Kroll, Lars Eric

Nr. 526: Implementing Privacy Negotiations in E-Commerce.

Preibusch, Soeren

Nr. 525: Regional Disparities in the European Union: Convergence and Agglomeration.

Geppert, Kurt; Happich, Michael; Stephan, Andreas

Nr. 524: How Strong Buyers Spur Upstream Innovation.

Inderst, Roman; Wey, Christian

Nr. 523: Hypermarket Competition and the Diffusion of Retail Checkout Barcode Scanning.

Beck, Jonathan; Grajek, Michal; Wey, Christian

Nr. 522: On the Forecasting Properties of the Alternative Leading Indicators for the German GDP: Recent Evidence.

Kholodilin, Konstantin A.; Siliverstovs, Boriss

Nr. 521: The New Keynesian Model and the Long-Run Vertical Phillips Curve: Does It Hold for Germany?

Gottschalk, Jan; Fritsche, Ulrich

Nr. 520: Cox-McFadden Partial and Marginal Likelihoods for the Proportional Hazard Model with Random Effects.

Ondrich, Jan

Nr. 519: Modelling the Structural Change of Transition Countries.  
Thießen, Ulrich; Gregory, Paul R.

Nr. 518: Fiscal Federalism: Normative Criteria for Evaluations, Developments  
in Selected OECD Countries, and Empirical Evidence for Russia.  
Thießen, Ulrich

Nr. 517: Is there a Role for Private Health Insurance in Developing Countries?  
Drechsler, Denis; Juetting, Johannes

Nr. 516: Taxation, Insurance and Precautionary Labor.  
Netzer, Nick; Scheuer, Florian

Nr. 515: Aktive Arbeitsmarktpolitik in Deutschland: Bestandsaufnahme und  
Bewertung der mikroökonomischen Evaluationsergebnisse.  
Caliendo, Marco; Steiner, Viktor

These and other new discussion papers can be found on our website:  
[www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/diskussionspapiere/aktuell/index.jsp](http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/diskussionspapiere/aktuell/index.jsp)



#### **Articles by DIW Berlin Staff Members in Refereed Journals** (September 15th through December 15th, 2005)

Political Economy of Commuting Subsidies.  
Rainald Borck, Matthias Wrede  
In: Journal of Urban Economics 57 (2005), 3, S. 478-499

A Note on R&D and Price Elasticity of Demand.  
Dorothea Lucke, Philipp J. H. Schroeder, Dieter Schumacher  
In: Jahrbuecher für Nationaloekonomie und Statistik 225 (2005), 6, S. 688-698

Produktdiversifizierung und Unternehmenserfolg: Nutzung der  
Forschungsdatenzentren der Statistischen Ämter.  
Bernd Goerzig, Hartmut Boemermann, Ramona Pohl  
In: Allgemeines Statistisches Archiv 89 (2005), 3, S. 339-354

Contests for Cooperation: A New Approach in German Innovation Policy.  
Alexander Eickelpasch, Michael Fritsch  
In: Research Policy 34 (2005), 8, S. 1269-1282

Intellectual Property Rights in Mexico: Do They Play a Role?.  
Andréanne Léger  
In: World Development 33 (2005), 11, S. 1865-1879

Intervieweffekte bei der Erhebung des Körpergewichts in  
Bevölkerungsumfragen.  
Martin Kroh  
In: Das Gesundheitswesen 67 (2005), 08/09, S. 646-655

Regionalization of Innovation Policy: Introduction to the Special Issue.  
Michael Fritsch; Andreas Stephan  
In: Research Policy 34 (2005), 8, S. 1123-1127

Banking Crises, Regulation, and Growth: The Case of Russia.  
Ulrich Thießen  
In: Applied Economics 37 (2005), 19, S. 2191-2203

Why Are Europeans So Tough on Migrants?  
Tito Boeri; Herbert Bruecker  
In: Economic policy 20 (2005), 44, S. 630-703

An Economic Analysis of Security Policies.  
Tilman Brueck  
In: Defence & Peace Economics 16 (2005), 5, S. 375-389

Additional publications of DIW Berlin staff members:  
[www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/nl/publikationen\\_20030822.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/nl/publikationen_20030822.html)



## Events

### Upcoming Events

The staff members of DIW Berlin present and discuss their research results in the frame of various events that are organized by DIW Berlin or in co-operation with the institute.

Conference for Employment Policy  
With Klaus F. Zimmermann and Jutta Allmendinger,  
Herbert Kitschelt, Reinhard Buetikofer, Stephan Leibfried  
Date: January 13 and 14, 2006  
Cost: 20 Euro / 10 Euro reduced  
Contact: Monika Steins, Phone: +49 (0)30- 28534-244,  
E-Mail: [beschaefigung@boell.de](mailto:beschaefigung@boell.de), Details: [www.boell.de/arbeit](http://www.boell.de/arbeit)

Annual conference on renewable energies 2006  
DIW Berlin is a scientific partner in the annual conference on renewable energies 2006. In Berlin, on the 15th and 16th of February 2006, the second annual conference offers a platform for the exchange of experiences concerning the subject "The future needs security". Approx. 300 participants from the sectors of politics, energy industry, media and science are expected.  
Date: February 15 and 16, 2006  
Further information: [www.jahreskonferenz.de](http://www.jahreskonferenz.de)

Policy Conference  
"Financial Integration in Europe and the Propagation of Shocks"  
Date: February 17, 2006  
Place : BrusselsI, International Press Center, room Maelbeek  
Contact: Dr. Tatjana Ribakoff (Managing Coordinator), DIW Berlin  
Phone: +49 (0)30-89789-342, E-Mail: [tribakoff@diw.de](mailto:tribakoff@diw.de)

Conference SOEP 2006  
7th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference SOEP 2006  
Date: July 3 and 5, 2006  
Further information: [www.diw.de/soep2006/](http://www.diw.de/soep2006/)

Anglo-German Foundation Lecture  
with Professor Dennis J. Snower  
"New Directions for Labour Market Policy"  
Date: January 17, 2006  
Place: British Council, Hackescher Markt 1, 10178 Berlin  
Discussion Participants: Thomas Fricke, Financial Times Deutschland  
Chairman: Prof. Dr. Carl Christian von Weizsäcker, Anglo-German Foundation  
Contact and registration: Annette Birkholz, Phone: +49 (0)30 2063-4985, E-Mail: [ab@agf.org.uk](mailto:ab@agf.org.uk), website: [www.agf.org.uk](http://www.agf.org.uk)

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### Call for Papers

### Quarterly Journal of Economic Research "Zukunft des deutschen Finanzsektors"

Call for Papers for Issue No. 4/2006

Abstracts accepted until January 15th, 2006.

Deadline for the complete manuscript is July 15th, 2006.

Further Information:

[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/vierteljahrshefte/callforpapers/call\\_2006\\_4.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/vierteljahrshefte/callforpapers/call_2006_4.html)

### 3rd Euroframe Conference on Economic Policy Issues in the European Union

Towards an Enlarging European Monetary Union: Challenges for New and Old Member States.

June 2, 2006, Berlin.

Abstracts accepted until March 14, 2006

Deadline for the complete manuscript is May 19, 2006.

Further Informationen:

[www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/service/callforpapers/docs/cfp\\_eurof\\_june06.pdf](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/service/callforpapers/docs/cfp_eurof_june06.pdf)

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- The Department of International Economics at DIW Berlin is hiring one post-doctoral researcher and two PhD Students.

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