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Dear readers,

The Board of Trustees of DIW Berlin has appointed Dr. Alexander Fisher as the new Managing Director of the Institute. I would like to offer my warmest congratulations to my successor. I am confident that the Institute will enjoy continued success under his guidance.

Berlin, too, faces new challenges. Despite a certain easing of the overall economic situation, the capital's future is a cause for some concern. The Constitutional Court has decided that Berlin will not receive federal money to help clear its debts. A response to this decision has been issued by DIW Berlin's President Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann, entitled: 'Berlin heading for welfare case status'.

We would also like to introduce our new on-line publication, DIW Berlin's own collection of thematic studies. The series includes a large number of papers written by DIW Berlin researchers and starts with 'Private Household Income', a topic which has received a good deal of attention lately in the media. You can find these and other subjects in the latest edition of our newsletter.

Every three months, the DIW-Newsletter provides information on the latest events concerning DIW Berlin as well as of current human resources matters, events, calls for papers, employment opportunities, articles and more. If you like our newsletter we would very much appreciate it if you would forward it to potential readers.

With kind regards,

Dr. Susanne Maria Schmidt  
Managing Director, DIW Berlin

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#### **Alexander Fisher appointed new Managing Director of DIW Berlin**

The Board of Trustees of DIW Berlin appointed Dr. Alexander Fisher to the position of Managing Director at its meeting on October 10, 2006 thus making him a member of the DIW Berlin's Executive Board. He will take up his new role on December 1, 2006 replacing Dr. Susanne Maria Schmidt who is leaving the Institute at her own request to return to the private economic sector.

Alexander Fisher, 38, graduated from the Economics Faculty of Viadrina

European University in Frankfurt/Oder. Following a period as a venture capital manager with EM.TV & Merchandising AG and IVC Venture Capital AG, he took over the Personnel Controlling department at Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG).

DIW Berlin has been chaired since 2000 by Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann. He is supported by Vice-President, Prof. Dr. Georg Meran, and the Managing Director. Together they make up the DIW Berlin's Executive Board.



Dr. Alexander Fisher



### **DIW Berlin President responds to Decision of Constitutional Court: "Berlin heading for Welfare Case Status"**

The following statement was issued by Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann, President of DIW Berlin, in response to the decision of the Constitutional Court that Berlin does not qualify for federal funds to help repay its 60 billion euros debt.

"This decision by the Constitutional Court is a disaster. It will frighten off all those who are making great efforts on behalf of the city as well as those who were hoping to contribute in some way. It means we shall have to make even greater cuts in the region's public investments, even though in terms of infrastructure we are already digging into our capital resources. Further sharp cuts in staffing and administrative expenditure are now unavoidable, so it is likely that the city will struggle to meet its legal obligations in many areas. Berlin's achievements in promoting education, research and culture will be destroyed, and there is no doubt the city will lose much of its appeal as an economic centre, especially given the growing pressures of an already difficult social situation. Berlin cannot reduce its accumulated debt to a manageable level using its own resources – not even in the long term. This leaves us in a hopeless

situation with Berlin heading for welfare case status. It is time for the Federal Government to show some political leadership."



### **Official Opening of the Graduate Center – DIW Berlin President welcomes new Doctoral Candidates**

The first students to attend the DIW Berlin Graduate Center received a warm welcome from the Institute's President, Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann, at a reception held on September 5, 2006. The newly established doctoral program offers the 12 young academics from all over the world an opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge in an outstanding research environment.

As well as attending top-level courses, they will be involved in current DIW Berlin research projects as an integral part of their training at the Graduate Center. The program has an international dimension which is underscored by an overseas placement in the US. The new program is delivered in close collaboration with the three Berlin universities (Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and the Technische Universität), the University of Potsdam, and the Viadrina European University in Frankfurt/Oder.



DIW Berlin's President, Prof. Dr. Klaus Zimmermann, welcomes new students at the Graduate Center (Photo: DIW Berlin)

About the Graduate Center of DIW Berlin:  
[http://www.diw.de/deutsch/karriere/graduate\\_center/index.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/karriere/graduate_center/index.html)



### **DIW Berlin strengthens Presence at Conferences held by the EEA/ESEM and the Association for Social Policy**

The conference of the European Economic Association (EEA) and the

European meeting of the Econometric Society (ESEM) were held between August 24 and 28, 2006 at Vienna University. DIW Berlin was very well represented at these international conferences, and a total of 31 research papers were presented by members of the Institute. These numbers show a further increase over last year's attendance figures. Alongside other well-known and internationally recognized research bodies, DIW Berlin was able to present its work to visitors at a conference stand.

The annual conference of the Association for Social Policy (VfS) was held between September 26 and 29 in Bayreuth. The core meeting's subject for this year was "Public investment and infrastructure spending against a background of tight state budgets". A total of 23 papers were presented by DIW Berlin members at the conference. In addition, a large number of papers were presented that were either based on or used data from the Socio-Economic Panel's longitudinal study (SOEP). On the first day of the conference DIW Berlin invited all participants to the traditional lunchtime reception. The Institute's President, Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann, welcomed over 400 visitors from Germany and abroad, including high-profile figures from business and politics.



Guests at the Audimax foyer for the lunchtime reception (Photo: DIW Berlin).

DIW Berlin Actively Represented in Conferences of EEA/ESEM in Vienna:

[http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/2006/20060821\\_diw\\_eea\\_esem.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/2006/20060821_diw_eea_esem.html)

Annual Conference of the Association for Social Policy: Strong DIW Berlin Presence:

[http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/2006/20060829\\_vfs\\_bayreuth.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/2006/20060829_vfs_bayreuth.html)



**The Lease has been signed making DIW Berlin the Biggest Tenant**

## in Berlin's Quartier 110. The Institute's old Premises are now up for Sale

DIW Berlin has now become the biggest tenant in Quartier 110 on the corner of Friedrichstrasse and Mohrenstrasse 58. Following months of negotiations over the terms of the lease and reconstruction requirements, the Institute signed a ten-year agreement with the building's owners, Zürich Versicherung AG (Deutschland), at the beginning of August. DIW Berlin's current offices are situated in Königin-Luise-Strasse 5 in Berlin-Dahlem. The move is due to take place in the first six months of 2007, as work is still being carried out in the listed building to make sure it is suitable for the new tenant. The Institute's 200 staff members will occupy a total area of 7,700 m<sup>2</sup> on all five floors of the building.

The DIW Berlin's current premises in Königin-Luise Straße 5 are already up for sale.



Jens Bernhardt (Chief Investment Officer of Zurich Group Invest Europe, left) and Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann (President of DIW Berlin) sign the lease agreement (Photo: Uwe Hetzner)

### Further Information:

[http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/2006/20060814\\_vertrag\\_q110.html](http://www.diw.de/english/dasinstitut/info/2006/20060814_vertrag_q110.html)

DIW Berlin's current premises are for sale:

<http://www.koenigin-luise-strasse-5.de/kls/klseng.html>



## DIW Berlin joins the Berlin Partners Science and Research Group

On August 1, 2006, DIW Berlin became a member of the Berlin Partner GmbH Science and Research Network. With around 200 staff members, making it the largest economic research institute in Germany, DIW Berlin has a major input into national economic issues. Its work is based

on applied economic research and the application of its research to political decision-making, business and public institutions at national, European and international level. The Institute presents its research findings to different target groups in its own publications, in specialist magazines, and at organized events. Its work is also widely reported in the media.

Presse Release, September 25, 2006:

<http://www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?pcode=524&language=en>



### DIW Berlin receives Award

DIW Berlin has won second place in the Science Communicator Award. The prize is given each year by the Medientenor Research Institute in recognition of companies, institutes and government departments that achieve outstanding success in the field of communication.

Within the research institute category, particular attention is given to media presence and the number of current issues and economic policy statements in the press. DIW Berlin came out ahead of the ZEW, the Kiel IfW, the HWWA, RWI, IWH and IWG. The IW Cologne won third place, while the top award went to the ifo Institute in Munich.



### Personnel



**Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Günter Stock**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of DIW Berlin and President of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, has been awarded the Federal Order of Merit (First Class) for his outstanding commitment to academic and research policy.



**Prof. Dr. Gert G. Wagner**, Head of the German Socio- Economic Panel Study (SOEP), has been appointed special adviser to Ireland's national research infrastructure by the country's Higher Education Authority (HEA).



**Prof. Dr. Tilman Brück**, who has been temporary Head of the Department International Economics since 2003, took up a professorship in the Agricultural Economics Chair at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin on October 1, 2006.



**Dr. habil. C. Katharina Spieß**, who is an academic member of the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) Longitudinal Study, has been appointed to a professorship in Economics of the Family and Education area. C. Katharina Spieß was nominated jointly by Freie Universität Berlin and DIW Berlin.



**Prof. Dr. Reimund Schwarze**, who has been an academic member of DIW Berlin's Department Energy, Transportation and Environment since

2002, has accepted a professorship in Financial Sciences and Environmental Economics. The one-year post will be based at the Faculty for Economics and Statistics at the University of Innsbruck.



**Prof. Dr. Justus Haucap** has been appointed by Germany's President to the Monopolies Commission for an initial period of four years. Justus Haucap has been Research Professor in DIW Berlin's Department of Information Society and Competition since 2005 and has held the chair in Competition Theory and Policy at the Ruhr University in Bochum since 2003. The Monopolies Commission is an independent committee that provides advice in the fields of competition policy and regulation.



#### **New Research Appointments at the DIW Berlin**

DIW Berlin President, Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann, has appointed the following new Research Professors and Research Affiliates:

**Prof. Dr. Rainald Borck** of the LMU in Munich becomes a Research Professor with effect from October 1, 2006. He was proposed by the Department of Public Economics.



**Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Friedrich Schneider** of the Johannes Kepler University in Linz also becomes a Research Professor with effect from October 1, 2006. He was proposed by the Department of Energy, Transportation and Environment.

**Philipp J. Schröder** of the Aarhus School of Business has been confirmed in his Research Professorship for a further three years.

**Holger Bonin** of the IZA Bonn takes up a position as Research Affiliate with effect from October 1, 2006.



**Dr. Dierk Herzer** has been appointed as a Research Affiliate in the Department of International Economics. Dierk Herzer is an academic member of the Chair for Economic Development and Integration at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt/Main.



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## Publications

### **DIW Berlin presents 'Private Household Income', the first Volume in a new Collection of Thematic Studies.**

DIW Berlin presents a new on-line publication (in German only). This collection of thematic studies is a wide-ranging compilation of papers written by its researchers and previously published by the Institute. DIW Berlin is starting the series with a look at the subject of private household income. Alongside a theoretical discussion of how to establish a multi-dimensional definition of poverty and wealth, the volume contains many data-based studies that investigate the actual state of affairs – the diagnosis. The studies are based on a wide-ranging series of databases held by DIW Berlin and other research institutes, all of which are professionally compiled and administered. In addition, the integration of databases from other European countries allows us to make comparative assessments that are particularly valuable in terms of social policy issues. It is this mixture of scrupulous data processing, statistical analysis, and theoretical stringency that makes this collection an indispensable companion for all those who are looking for a strictly impartial review of the issues.

'Private Household Income':

<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/publikationen/themenbaende/index.html>

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## **Die Lage der Weltwirtschaft und der deutschen Wirtschaft im Herbst 2006 (Joint Analysis Fall 2006)**

In the autumn of 2006 the upswing in the world economy continues although it has slowed down somewhat during the course of the year. The main reason is the weaker economic growth in the United States and to a lesser extent in Japan. This was not offset by an acceleration of the expansion in the euro area and in the United Kingdom. In the emerging economies the increase in output remained strong, growing again more robustly in China in the first half of the year but slowing overall in the other emerging economies of East Asia. The differences in the growth dynamics among the industrialized countries are due to the economies being at different stages of the economic cycle. Raw material prices continued to increase strongly in the first months of 2006, also due to the robust world economic activity. Higher prices on the raw material markets were passed on to consumer prices; labour costs increased moderately, on the whole, in the industrialized countries. The expansion of the world economy will weaken somewhat in the forecast period, but will remain strong in a longer-term comparison. On the whole, real world GDP – as defined by the Joint Analysis – will increase by 3.1% in 2006 and by 3.7% in 2007. World trade will expand this year by 8.5% and by a good 7% in 2007. Price increases will weaken somewhat.

Further Information (Press Release):

<http://www.diw.de/programme/jsp/presse.jsp?pcode=531&language=en>



### **Wochenbericht of DIW Berlin No. 42/2006**

Diversification and Improvements to Infrastructure Required to Safeguard Europe's Natural Gas Supply.

By Hella Engerer and Manfred Horn.

In order to ensure that the European Union has enough natural gas to last up to the year 2020, we shall have to find significant new supplies in addition to the imports that have already been contractually agreed. This is the conclusion reached by DIW Berlin in its Wochenbericht No 42/2006. In order to avoid too great a dependence on Russia, the additional gas should be sourced to a large extent from other countries. There are ample reserves to meet our needs in the Middle East and Africa.



Wochenbericht of DIW Berlin No. 42/2006 (in German only):

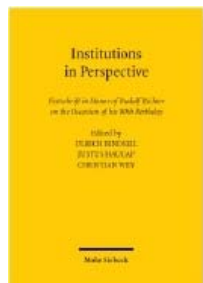
<http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/wochenberichte/aktuell/index.jsp>



## Book Presentations

### Institutions in Perspective

Institutions in Perspective is a Festschrift in Honor of Rudolf Richter on the Occasion of his 80th Birthday. Edited by Ulrich Bindseil, Justus Haucap and Christian Wey.



Further Information:

[http://www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/2006/20061101\\_bvst\\_institutions.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/2006/20061101_bvst_institutions.html)

### Biotechnology – a Comparative Assessment. Progress in Germany.

By Birgit Soete

Biotechnology is a knowledge-intensive, multi-application technology which is generally thought to have tremendous potential for growth. At an international level, the growth in biotechnology is currently being driven by its application in the pharmaceuticals industry and medicine (red biotechnology). Germany did not begin to play a significant role in the commercialization of biotechnology until the mid-1990s.



Further Information (in German only):

[http://www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/20060908\\_buchvorst\\_\\_biotech\\_soete.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/20060908_buchvorst__biotech_soete.html)



### **Quarterly Journal of Economic Research**

80 Years of Business Cycle Research at DIW Berlin  
Alfred Steinherr et al.

A conference was held in December 2005 to celebrate the DIW Berlin's 80th anniversary. The conference topics included the methodology and reliability of macro-economic forecasting and future scenarios for Europe and the major European economies. The Institute's quarterly report (Issue 2/2006) includes a selection of papers presented at the conference.



Quarterly Journal of Economic Research:

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



## DIW Berlin: Policy Advice Compact No. 20

Local Loop Unbundling and Bitstream Access  
Berlin 2006  
Pio Baake und Brigitte Preissl (Editors)



DIW Berlin: Policy Advice Compact (in German only):  
<http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/diwkompakt/index.html>



### Data Documentation

Data Documentation 14  
The Value Added of Biomarkers in Household Panel Studies.  
Von Dean R. Lillard und Gert G. Wagner

Data Documentation 13  
Enhancing the Power of Household Panel Studies - The Case of the  
German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP).  
Von Gert G. Wagner, Joachim R. Frick und Jürgen Schupp

Data Documentation 12  
Codebook for the \$PEQUIV File 1984-2005: CNEF Variables with  
Extended Income Information for the SOEP.  
Von Markus M. Grabka



All Data Documentations:

<http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/datadoc/jahrgang06/index.jsp>



### Discussion Papers

Can the German Electricity Market Benefit from the EU Enlargement?  
Results of Scenario Calculations Using the EMELIE Model.

Discussion Paper No 632

Manfred Horn, Claudia Kemfert, Vitaly Kalashnikov

European Regional Convergence in a Human Capital Augmented Solow  
Model.

Discussion Paper No 631

Hans-Friedrich Eckey, Christian Dreger, Matthias Türck

The Parental Leave Benefit Reform in Germany: Costs and Labour  
Market Outcomes of Moving towards the Scandinavian Model.

Discussion Paper No 630

C. Katharina Spieß, Katharina Wrohlich

Human Capital Externalities: Evidence from the Transition Economy of  
Russia.

Discussion Paper No 629

Alexander Muravyev

Clash of Cultures: Muslims and Christians in the Ethnosizing Process.

Discussion Paper No 628

Amelie Constant, Liliya Gataullina, Klaus F. Zimmermann, Laura  
Zimmermann

The Russian-Ukrainian Earnings Divide.

Discussion Paper No 627

Amelie Constant, Martin Kahanec, Klaus F. Zimmermann

Political Instability and the August 1998 Ruble Crisis.

Discussion Paper No 626

Tatiana Fic, Omar F. Saqib

What Drives Heterogeneity in Foreign Exchange Rate Expectations:

Deep Insights from a New Survey

Discussion Paper No 624

Christian Dreger, Georg Stadtmann

Marriage Matters: Spousal Similarity in Life Satisfaction

Discussion Paper No 623

Ulrich Schimmack, Richard Lucas

What Affects the Remittances of Turkish Workers: Turkish or German Output?

Discussion Paper No 622

Sule Akkoyunlu, Konstantin A. Kholodilin

The Political Economy of Natural Disaster Insurance: Lessons from the Failure of a Proposed Compulsory Insurance Scheme in Germany.

Discussion Paper No 620

Reimund Schwarze, Gert G. Wagner

A Matter of Opinion: How Ecological and Neoclassical Environmental Economists Think about Sustainability and Economics.

Discussion Paper No 619

Lydia Illge, Reimund Schwarze

Die deutsche Energiepolitik braucht eine Trendwende: Ein 10-Punkte-Plan für eine nachhaltige Energieversorgung.

Discussion Paper No 618

Claudia Kemfert

Unemployment Dynamics among Migrants and Natives.

Discussion Paper No 617

Arne Uhlendorff, Klaus F. Zimmermann

Human Capital and Ethnic Self-Identification of Migrants.

Discussion Paper No 616

Laura Zimmermann, Liliya Gataullina, Amelie Constant, Klaus F. Zimmermann

Sticky Information Phillips Curves: European Evidence.

Discussion Paper No 615

Jörg Döpke, Jonas Dovern, Ulrich Fritsche, Jirka Slacalek

Competitive Screening in Insurance Markets with Endogenous Labor Supply.  
Discussion Paper No 614  
Nick Netzer, Florian Scheuer

External Debt in Post-Conflict Countries.  
Discussion Paper No 613  
Patricia Alvarez-Plata, Tilman Brück

Introducing Family Tax Splitting in Germany: How Would It Affect the Income Distribution and Work Incentives.  
Discussion Paper No 612  
Viktor Steiner, Katharina Wrohlich

Mortality and Survivors' Consumption.  
Discussion Paper No 611  
Michael Grimm

Childhood Family Structure and Schooling Outcomes: Evidence for Germany.  
Discussion Paper No 610  
Marco Francesconi, Stephen P. Jenkins, Thomas Siedler

Does Democracy Foster Trust?  
Discussion Paper No 609  
Helmut Rainer, Thomas Siedler

O Brother, Where Art Thou?: The Effects of Having a Sibling on Geographic Mobility and Labor Market Outcomes.  
Discussion Paper No 608  
Helmut Rainer, Thomas Siedler

Happiness: Revising Set Point Theory and Dynamic Equilibrium Theory to Account for Long Term Change.  
Discussion Paper No 607  
Bruce Headey



These and other new Discussion Papers can be found on our website:  
<http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/publikationen/diskussionspapiere/aktuell/index.jsp>



### **Articles by DIW Berlin Staff Members in Refereed Journals (ISI Master Journal List)**

(July 13, 2006 through September 26, 2006)

Cohort Effects and the Returns to Education in West Germany.  
Bernhard Boockmann, Viktor Steiner  
In: Applied Economics 38 (2006), 10, S. 1135-1152

Intergenerational Mobility and Marital Sorting.  
John Ermisch, Marco Francesconi, Thomas Siedler  
In: The Economic Journal 116 (2006), 513, S. 659-679

The Measurement of Social Exclusion.  
Satya R. Chakravarty, Conchita D'Ambrosia  
In: The Review of Income and Wealth 52 (2006), 3, S. 377-398

Not for Lack of Trying : American Entrepreneurship in Black and White.  
Philipp Köllinger, Maria Minniti  
In: Small Business Economics 27 (2006), 1, S. 59-7

Additional publications of DIW Berlin staff members:  
[http://www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/nl\\_publicationen\\_20030822.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/info/nl_publicationen_20030822.html)



### **Projects**

## **Workfare instead of Welfare: Incentive Effects and Human Capital**

The German social security net in the form of unemployment benefit (types I and II) implicitly generates minimum wages and thus acts as a disincentive to labour in the lower income bracket. From an economic perspective, this incentive problem can be solved by stipulating that those who qualify for a minimum payment but are capable of work may only receive the full amount if they agree to perform certain tasks in return. This is the principle behind the concept of workfare. It is an important tool that can be used to open up the low pay sector and thus provide greater flexibility in the labor market.

The DFG is supporting a new research project by the Institute which aims to evaluate the incentive effect of workfare in Germany on an empirical basis. The project will also investigate the impact of workfare on the human capital represented by the unemployed.

The empirical investigations will be based on field data from a pilot project in one of the German capital's districts and on the new IZA evaluation database which is an innovative merger of administrative data from the Federal Employment Agency, other survey data, and the results of field studies.

The project will run for two years as part of the DFG's core program 'Achieving greater flexibility in heterogeneous labour markets' and will involve researchers from the IZA as well as Arne Uhlendorff and Prof. Dr. Klaus F. Zimmermann from DIW Berlin. The core program includes other projects led by Prof. Dr. Christian Wey and Prof. Dr. Viktor Steiner.



## **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.

International Conference: Poverty Reduction in Conflict and Fragile States: Perspectives from a Household Level

Date: November 8 - 9, 2006

Contact: Christine Binzel, DIW Berlin, Telefon: +49(30) 897 89- 408

Email: [cbinzel@diw.de](mailto:cbinzel@diw.de)

Further information:

<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/veranstaltungen/>

[konferenzen/fragile\\_states/index.html](http://konferenzen/fragile_states/index.html)

Conference: Berlin Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change/ "Resource Policies: Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Equity"

Date: 17. bis 18. November 2006

Location: Freie Universität Berlin

Contact: Henrik Vagt, E-Mail: [bc2006@zedat.fu-berlin.de](mailto:bc2006@zedat.fu-berlin.de)

Further information:

<http://web.fu-berlin.de/ffu/akumwelt/bc2006/index.htm>

Industrial Conference

Date: November 20 - 21, 2006

Contact: Ralf Messer, DIW Berlin, Telefon: +49(30) 897 89-569

E-Mail: [rmesser@diw.de](mailto:rmesser@diw.de)

Further information:

<http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/industrietagung/index.html>

Macroeconometric Workshop

The aim of the workshop is to bring together academic researchers and practitioners to promote and exchange ideas in the field of macroeconometric modelling.

Date: November, 30 - December, 1, 2006

Location: The workshop will be held at the German Institute for Economic Research.

Further information:

[http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/veranstaltungen/ws\\_macroeconometric\\_/index.html](http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/veranstaltungen/ws_macroeconometric_/index.html)

DIW Berlin Summit 2006: Sharing best Practices: Innovation als Erfolgsmotor

Date: December 5 - 6, 2006

Location: The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Berlin

Further information (in German only):

<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/veranstaltungen/diws Summit/index.html>

Additional events of DIW Berlin:

<http://www.diw.de/english/produkte/veranstaltungen/index.html>



## Call for Papers

2nd Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ) will be held in Berlin, Germany, July 12-14, 2007. The conference is organized by SOEP at DIW Berlin and will take place at the Academy of Sciences at Gendarmenmarkt in Berlin.

Extended abstracts can be submitted to [ECINEQ2007@diw.de](mailto:ECINEQ2007@diw.de). Please note, that the program committee will only accept electronic submissions in pdf-format.

The deadline for submissions is March 15, 2007. Receipt of extended abstracts will be acknowledged electronically and submitters will be notified about the status of their submissions by April 15, 2007.

Further Information:

<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/dasinstitut/abteilungen/ldm/archiv/ar2007/ecineq2007/cfp.pdf>

Additional calls for papers are posted on our website:

<http://www.diw.de/deutsch/produkte/service/callforpapers/index.html>



## Career

### Job Opportunities at DIW Berlin

The Department of International Economics at the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) is hiring a Post-Doctoral Researcher in Development Economics to work on an externally funded, long-term, collaborative research project on conflict, poverty and development.

Further Information:

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