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Panel



**"Second International German Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)  
Young Scholars Symposium"  
February 2-4 / 06, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg, Delmenhorst (Bremen),  
Germany**

The Graduate School of Social Sciences (GSSS) at the University of Bremen and the German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) will host, in collaboration with the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg, a symposium for young scholars carrying out empirical research with SOEP data as part of their PhD thesis. The symposium will provide an opportunity for 12 to 15 young social scientists from all over the world to present their work in progress and discuss all kinds of issues related to theoretical questions, conceptual approaches, data management, or methodological strategies with fellow researchers familiar with the SOEP. The goal is to establish a real interdisciplinary dialogue, with the SOEP being the common starting point for discussion.

The conference will be conducted in a workshop format with all papers distributed to participants in advance of the conference. During the conference each contribution will be given approximately a one hour slot, consisting of 20 minutes presentation, 15 minutes accompanying commentary by a senior researcher, and 15 minutes plenary discussion. The official language of the conference will be English. We are particularly interested in projects that span multiple areas of inquiry, such as comparison of West and East Germany, cross-national comparisons or multilevel approaches. Research making use of the longitudinal features of the SOEP data or focussing on less explored dimensions of the SOEP (e.g. quality of life, political participation) is especially encouraged. Papers on survey statistic issues and on methodology of survey research are also welcome.

Ph.D. students, both in an initial or intermediate stage of their project, who are working with the SOEP are invited to participate. If you would like to attend the conference, please submit an abstract of your topic (350 words) together with complete contact information until **October 15, 2005**. We will inform you whether your proposal has been accepted by November 1, 2005. The deadline for submission of the full paper (3.000 words) will be January 1, 2006.

The symposium will take place at the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (Delmenhorst), which not only will provide an excellent conference setting, but also is sponsoring the catering for all participants as well as accommodation for non-locals. Limited travel subsidies are available on request. There will be a "symbolic" contribution towards expenses of €20 attached to participating in the workshop.

The 2006 symposium is a follow-up of the "First International SOEP Young Scholars Symposium" which was held in November 2004. For further information see:

[http://www.gsss.uni-bremen.de/index.php?site=news\\_and\\_events\\_workshops\\_soep](http://www.gsss.uni-bremen.de/index.php?site=news_and_events_workshops_soep)

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