

Call for Papers

SOEP after 25 Years: 8th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference

Berlin, July 9-11, 2008



SOEP2008

The 8th International Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2008) will be held in Berlin, July 9-11, 2008, at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung - Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB). The conference provides researchers who use the SOEP with the opportunity to present and discuss their work with other researchers familiar with the SOEP data. Researchers of **all disciplines** (e.g. economics, demographics, geography, political science, public health, psychology and sociology) who use either the public-use version of the SOEP or the GSOEP part of the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) are encouraged to submit an abstract. We encourage in particular submission of papers using the **longitudinal features** of SOEP as well as papers on **survey methodology** and **cross national comparative analysis**.

Quarter of a Century

2008 is a special year for the SOEP study: wave 25 of the two original subsamples, which was started in West Germany in 1984, will be in the field. A special session will reflect this milestone event, which gives an incentive to make SOEP an even better asset for social and behavioral sciences.

Deadline for Submission of abstracts: February 29, 2008

The deadline for submissions of abstracts (up to 300 words) is February 29, 2008. Please note that the program committee will only accept electronic submissions. For submissions and detailed information please refer to our conference web site, which will be available soon: <http://www.diw.de/soep2008>. Submitters will be notified by March 15, 2008, whether their paper was accepted for presentation or not. All papers must be written and presented in English. If you have any further questions concerning submissions of papers, please contact the local organizers at: soep2008@diw.de

Proceedings

Shorter versions of selected conference papers will be published in a volume of conference proceedings (Journal of Applied Social Science Studies [Schmollers Jahrbuch], 1/2009) with the understanding that a full version of the paper may be submitted to another professional journal.

Prize for Best Paper

The Society of Friends of the DIW Berlin will honor the best three papers, presented at the conference. The SOEP2008 program committee will act as a jury and will present the award at the end of the conference.

Financial Support

We ask scholars to pay their own travel costs. If this is not possible partial reimbursement of expenses may be provided to presenters (one grant per paper) at the following rates, depending on which country presenters are coming from: up to € 125 (Germany), up to € 500 (Europe), up to € 750 (overseas).

Further Information

Please contact the local organizers at soep2008@diw.de (Christine Kurka, conference management)