

Call for Papers

SOEP 2026 – 16th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference
at Quadriga Campus in Berlin-Mitte, July 8-9, 2026

The 16th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference provides researchers who use the SOEP with the opportunity to present and discuss their work with their peers. This includes users of the SOEP part of the Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF), LIS/LWS data, and SOEP-IS, as well as users of the migration samples (IAB-SOEP, IAB-BAMF-SOEP).

Researchers from **all disciplines** (e.g., economics, demography, geography, political science, public health, psychology, and sociology) and career levels are invited to submit an abstract. We welcome submissions from diverse fields, particularly those related to **meta-science, robustness, replicability, reproducibility, and open science**. This includes, but is not limited to, studies that **compare and/or combine different populations or samples, analyses, designs, methods, and time periods**. In addition, we encourage submissions beyond this thematic focus, especially those making use of the longitudinal features of SOEP, as well as submissions on survey methodology and cross-national comparative analysis.

Keynote Speakers

We are delighted to announce as keynote speakers:

Wiebke Bleidorn (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

Thomas Dohmen (University of Bonn and Maastricht University, Netherlands)

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Deadline for Submissions

Please submit the electronic version of your abstract (up to 300 words) no later than **March 15, 2026** to: soep2026@diw.de. Acceptance notifications will be sent out by the end of **March, 2026**.

Best Paper Prize

The Society of Friends of the DIW Berlin will honor the best three papers presented at the conference with the Joachim R. Frick Memorial Prize. The SOEP2026 scientific program committee will act as a jury and present the award at the end of the conference.

Conference Fee

The regular conference fee is **210 EUR**. A reduced fee of **150 EUR** applies to graduate students (including PhD).

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) upon request. Information on how to apply for travel support will be provided after notification of acceptance.

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