The Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP), a research-driven infrastructure based at DIW Berlin, is one of the largest and longest running multidisciplinary panel studies worldwide, and currently surveys around 30,000 people in nearly 15,000 households. SOEP aims to capture social change and thus handles a constant stream of new and diverse topics and tasks. Its data collection and generation adhere to the concept of the survey or data life cycle.

Starting as soon as possible, DIW Berlin is looking for a **Post-doctoral researcher (f/m/div)** (Full-time at 39 hours per week, part-time possible).

The position will be part of the multi-disciplinary research project “Groups put at Particular Risk by COVID 19 (GaPRisk),” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), which brings together economists, epidemiologists, public health researcher, sociologists and psychologists from four institutions: DIW/SOEP, University of Bielefeld, Robert Koch Institute and Freie Universität Berlin: [https://www.gap-risk.de](https://www.gap-risk.de)

The aim of the project is to examine how the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic affects distinct social and at-risk groups in Germany, what the consequences of the pandemic are for societal inequalities, and what role welfare state measures play. The interdisciplinary project team will apply descriptive and causal statistical methods and use a unique integrated dataset, comprising the SOEP, SOEP-CoV (a survey of a
subsample of the SOEP during the pandemic lockdowns), and blood and saliva tests from SOEP respondents (in collaboration with the Robert Koch Institute).

What we offer

An exciting research environment and a strong research group, including all the benefits of DIW Berlin’s international networks and access to unique and proprietary datasets.

A creative and collaborative working environment and an international team consisting of highly motivated early career and experienced colleagues.

A job at a research institute with around 300 colleagues, where diversity, equal opportunities, and a healthy work-life balance guide all areas of work. Flexible work schedules tailored to your needs as well as remote work are key parts of our work culture.

DIW Berlin supports your professional and personal qualification and advancement via internal and external career development opportunities and annual performance reviews.

You are paid according to the collective agreement for the public sector (Tarifvertrag des öffentlichen Dienstes TVöD Bund), which includes an annual bonus as well as a company pension with VBL Ost.

The office is located in the middle of Berlin-Mitte convenient to public transportation. As a DIW Berlin employee, you are eligible for a reduced VBB-Firmenticket that is partially subsidized.

Your tasks and responsibilities

- Conducting research as part of the above-mentioned project
- Coordinating the research group and project meetings
- Developing the data infrastructure (linking SOEP, SOEP-CoV, and other auxiliary datasets) and producing documentation on the data
- Publishing peer-reviewed articles in leading international journals
- Producing policy-relevant reports and project deliverables
Your qualifications

- Outstanding dissertation in economics, quantitative methods or a related discipline
- Excellent knowledge of micro econometric, quantitative empirical and causal methods
- Strong research agenda aligned with the project aims
- Experience with survey data
- Strong publication record
- Experience in working on and willingness to contribute to a multi-disciplinary research project that brings together researchers from epidemiology, medical research, economics, and other social sciences
- Experience in coordinating a research group
- Basic knowledge of Germany's federal government and broader political system
- Excellent writing skills and very good command of English and German

The position is limited until 30 September 2025. Remuneration is paid according to TVöD Bund, salary group E14.

Application and information:

We value diversity and welcome all applications regardless of gender, disability, nationality, or ethnic or social origin. If you're interested in the position, we are excited to hear from you!

Please apply online by 15.12.2023 quoting the reference number SOEP-21-23 and including a cover letter, CV, copies of degree certificates, and references. Please do not include a photo. If you have any questions about the online application, please contact recruiting@diw.de.

In-person interviews are planned to take place in the second calendar week of January.

You can find more information about DIW Berlin on our website, www.diw.de. For more information on the specific tasks and responsibilities of this position, please contact Prof. Dr. Sabine Zinn (szinn@diw.de) and Prof. Dr. Carsten Schröder (cschroeder@diw.de).
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