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Preface

Dear members of the economics department,

We are pleased to present the fourth newsletter of the economics department and to inform you about the latest developments and activities of our members.

We would like to highlight two particular successes in this issue: Firstly, we warmly congratulate **Andreas Asseyer** (Junior Professorship of Microeconomics) on his article “*Certification Design with Common Values*”, which he published together with Ran Weksler in the renowned journal *Econometrica*. A publication in a top 5 journal is an outstanding success. Congratulations, Andreas!

Secondly, we are delighted that the German Research Foundation (DFG) has approved a new, large-scale joint project. The research group on the topic of “Skills shortages and qualification” will be funded with around 3.4 million euros over four years. The spokesperson of the research group is **Peter Haan** (S-Professorship for Empirical Economic Research and Head of Department at DIW Berlin), and **Natalia Danzer** (Professorship for Empirical Economic Research and Gender), **Jan Marcus** (Professorship for Applied Statistics) and **Max Steinhardt** (Professorship for Economic Policy and History of North America) from our department are also involved in the project.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the creation of this newsletter. In particular, we would like to thank Anna Bievetski and Isabella Winter for their valuable support and commitment.

As always, we look forward to your feedback. Feel free to write to us at econnl@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de to let us know what you think or to make suggestions for future newsletters.

We hope you enjoy reading our fourth newsletter!

Best regards,

Jan Marcus and Peter Mohr

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Persons

New staff



Anja Prummer took over the Professorship of Microeconomics on August 1, 2024. She is a Research Affiliate of the CEPR, Associate Editor of the *Economic Journal* and the *European Economic Review*. Before coming to Berlin, Anja worked at the Johannes Kepler University Linz, Queen Mary University of London and the University of Cambridge. She completed her doctoral studies at the European University Institute in Florence. She spent time at the University of California, Berkeley, New York University, Duke University, PUC-Rio and Humboldt University in Berlin. Anja completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich and spent a year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison during her Master's studies.

Her research focuses on the determinants of social structures, how they influence economic decisions and how they can be changed. Her work is predominantly theoretical, with applications in the fields of political economy, culture, and gender. However, she also works empirically to test models and document particular social structures. Through her research on gender, she is also interested in gender equality issues and was Equal Opportunities Officer for the School of Economics and Finance at Queen Mary University of London for several years.

Darius Deparade has been working as a doctoral student and research assistant at the Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics, since June 2024. After completing his Bachelor's degree in Politics and Economics at the University of Potsdam, he obtained his Master's degree in Socioeconomics at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg in 2024. During his studies, he completed internships at the German Bundestag, the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Institute for Socio-Economic Structural Analysis (SÖSTRA) and worked as a research assistant at the Chair of Economics, in particular Industrial Economics and Energy Markets. His research interests lie in the field of behavioral taxation and tax compliance.





Lennart Jarmolinski has been working as a research assistant at the Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics, since 2024 as part of his doctorate. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Economics at the FU Berlin in 2020 and obtained his Master's degree in Economics, also at the FU, in 2023. During his studies, he was a student employee of the Department of Economics. His research interests lie in particular in the field of economic decision making and behavioral game theory.

Ye Louise Hu joined the John F. Kennedy Institute in September as a postdoctoral research associate at the Chair of North American Economics. She received her PhD this summer from Clemson University, USA. Her research focuses on labor economics, education economics, family economics and applied microeconomics.



Andreas Koundouros has been a doctoral student in our department since October 2023 as part of the structured PhD program at the Berlin School of Economics and completed the course phase last year. He is no stranger to Freie Universität and our department, having started his studies here with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. In 2023, he obtained a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Bonn. His research interests lie in macroeconomics and time series econometrics, especially in the areas of monetary policy, inflation and inflation expectations as well as macro finance.

Carmen R. Marull Maita has been working as a post-doctoral researcher and coordinator of the doctoral program "EQUALFIN - Finance and Inequality in Times of Polycrises" since August 2024. She holds a PhD in Economics from the FU Berlin. Previously, she was a research assistant at the Chair of Latin American Economics at the Institute for Latin American Studies at the FU. Her research focuses on development economics and labor economics, and she also works on the intersection of social inequality and environmental sustainability with a focus on Latin America.



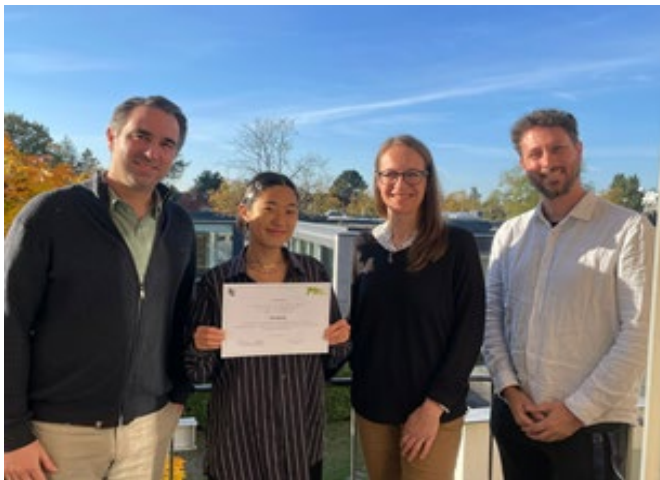
Resignations

In the summer semester of 2024, **Vera Angelova** held the Chair of Microeconomics at Freie Universität Berlin. During this time, she was offered a professorship in economics at the Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University, Villingen-Schwenningen campus, which she accepted. She plans to take up the professorship on 01.01.2025. Until then, she will remain at the Technical University of Berlin to complete her scientific projects as part of the SFB/TRR "Rationality and Competition". Vera Angelova would like to thank all her colleagues and students for the exciting and productive time at Freie Universität Berlin!

Awards

Piotr Paweł Larysz (Chair of Empirical Economics and Gender), received an STSM grant as part of the COST Action LGBTI+ Social and Economic (in)Equalities.

Tina Wang (Chair of Empirical Economics and Gender) received the efas Young Researcher Award 2024 for her bachelor's thesis entitled "Educational Inequality and the Introduction of Birthright Citizenship in Germany: Evidence from the German Microcensus". The award ceremony will take place on December 6 as part of the efas Annual Conference 2024. Ms. Wang's thesis was also awarded the ["Prize for Theses with a Gender Reference of the Economics Department"](#) of the FU Berlin. In her thesis,



Ms. Wang examined gender issues with regard to the effect of citizenship reforms on educational inequality. The prize is intended to encourage students to take a closer look at gender aspects and to anchor this perspective more firmly in economics.

Completed doctorates

Ben Alexander Schumann, Four Essays in Macroeconomics, 23.04.2024, reviewers Kriwoluzky, A., Müller, G.

Peihua Deng, Subjective Wellbeing in China, 22.05.2024, reviewers Schöb, R., Hetschko, C.

Carmen Rosa Yasmine Marull Maita, Essays on mobility and environmental concern in commodity-dependent countries: case studies of Peru and Bolivia, 24.05.2024, reviewers Fritz, B., Santos Silva, M.

Astrid Harnack-Eber, Intra- and Intergenerational Labor Market Inequality and Mobility, 24.06.2024, reviewers Bönke, T., Danzer, N.

Fabian Seyrich, Five Essays in Macroeconomics, 15.07.2024, reviewers Kriwoluzky, A., Bayer, C.

Christopher Prömel, The determinants of attitudes, preferences, perceptions, and identities of migrants and natives, 15.07.2024, reviewers Steinhardt, M., Santos Silva, M.

Andreas Leibing, Education, Expectations, and the Economy , 19.07.2024, reviewers Spieß, C. K., Marcus, J.

Events

3rd Berlin Workshop on Empirical Public Economics: Gender Economics

On September 26-27, 2024, the annual Gender Workshop took place at the WZB. The workshop was jointly organized by WZB, DIW Berlin, FU Berlin, HU Berlin, Uni Potsdam, BSE INSIGHTS and CRC TRR 19. The aim of this workshop is to bring together an international group of labor and experimental economists to exchange ideas on gender economics. The keynote speaker was Professor Muriel Niederle (Stanford University). The organizers from the FU were **Natalia Danzer, Max Steinhardt and Peter Haan.**



Digital Maturity Workshop



On Monday, 16.09.24, **Peter Mohr** held a workshop on "Media Consumption and Digital Maturity" at *Autismus Deutschland*. As part of this workshop, the results of the EU project DIGYMATEX were presented to the participants in a practical way so that they can be incorporated into daily work with autistic children.

Long Night of the Sciences

The Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics, took part in the Long Night of Science on June 22, 2024. As part of an eye-tracking experiment, **Peter Mohr**, together with Jan Enkmann from the Hasso Plattner Institute in Potsdam, demonstrated the influence of visual attention on decision-making behavior to interested participants.



Visit by a group of students from Colombia



From June 17 - 20, 2024, a group of statistics students from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia were guests at the Chair of Applied Statistics. The program included research presentations by members of the Chair of Applied Statistics and the statistical consulting unit fu:stat as well as the guests from Colombia. Sandra Hallscheidt

from the department's International Office showed the guests from Colombia opportunities for studying in Germany and at the FU in particular. There were also numerous discussions about research opportunities in the other country. The visit was financed by the DAAD and organized by **Jan Marcus** (Chair of Applied Statistics) in cooperation with the HU Berlin (Sonja Greven).

BSoE Schumpeter Seminar

In the summer semester, the BSoE Schumpeter Seminar at HU Berlin was organized by **Britta Gehrke** (Chair of Macroeconomics) and **Alexander Kriwoluzky** (S-Professorship of Empirical Macroeconomics and Fiscal and Monetary Policy). It included presentations by:

- Christian Wolf (MIT)
- Olivier Armantier (Federal Reserve Bank of New York)
- Klodiana Istrefi (Banque de France)

2nd Internal FU Berlin PhD Workshop in Applied Microeconomics

On Wednesday, April 24, the Chair of Applied Statistics welcomed FU Berlin PhD students working on applied microeconomics to the "2nd Internal FU Berlin PhD Workshop in Applied Microeconomics". The workshop included exciting research presentations by the PhD students as well as the opportunity for informal exchange. This event was organized by **Natalia Danzer, Jan Marcus, Manuel Santos Silva** and **Max Steinhardt**. In



addition to the organizers and doctoral candidates, **Ulrich Schneider, Aleksey Oshchepkov** from the FU Berlin, **Theresa Neef** from DIW Berlin and **Timo Hener** from Aarhus University were also guests.

Third-party funded projects

Christian Ambrosius: The Long Shadow of Immigration Enforcement: Consequences of Forced Returns in Migrants' Countries of Origin (DEPCON); PI; German Research Foundation, 10/2024 - 09/2026. Almost everywhere in the current migration debates there are calls for increased repatriation. The Central American country of El Salvador offers ideal conditions for investigating the external effects of deportations in a paradigmatic case that may also provide important insights for other countries and regions. To better understand how forced returns affect families and communities in the country of origin, surveys will be conducted among households associated with a close relative who had to return as a result of or in anticipation of an exit order and compared with a carefully matched control group of transnational households not affected by deportation shocks but with similar average pre-treatment conditions. The project is funded with 328,000 euros. A job advertisement to support the project (2 years, TVL 13/75%) can be found [here](#).

Dieter Nautz: [The Determinants of Time-varying Inflation Target Credibility](#), DFG, project duration: 01/2025 - 06/2026; funding amount 130,937 EUR

The evolution of consumers' perceived credibility of the inflation target is of crucial importance for the effectiveness of monetary policy. The current project utilizes a unique and ongoing survey of German consumers that aims to investigate the determinants of the time-varying credibility of the ECB's inflation target.



DFG research group: There is a new large joint project at the Economics Department. The German Research Foundation (DFG) is funding a new research group on "Skills Shortages and Qualification" with Peter Haan (S-Professorship for Empirical Economic Research and Head of Department at DIW Berlin) as spokesperson. The funding is for four years with around 3.4 million euros. In addition to **Peter Haan**, **Natalia Danzer** (Professor of Empirical Economic Research and Gender), **Jan Marcus**

(Professor of Applied Statistics) and **Max Steinhardt** (Professor of Economic Policy and History of North America) from our department are also involved in the research group. The research group investigates how changes in the labour market - particularly those caused by digitalization and demographic change - affect the shortage of qualified workers. The research group brings together economists from various Berlin institutions, all of which are affiliated with the Berlin School of Economics (BSoE). The aim of the group is to develop scientifically sound approaches to identify the causes of the shortage of labor and skilled workers and to find solutions for the qualification of the workforce. There is a particular focus on topics such as education, immigration, family and pension policy. The researchers use innovative empirical methods to analyze political measures and close the skills gap in the German economy. Further information on this research group can be found [here](#).

Max Steinhardt: [Workshop Immigration and Refugee Inflows: The Impact on Host Country Economies](#), Thyssen Foundation, 06.03.-07.03.2025, funding amount 9.200,00 EUR

News

From teaching

M.Sc. Statistics successfully accredited

The Master's program in Statistics, which is run in cooperation between Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin and Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin, was accredited by the Accreditation Council at the end of September 2024. The degree program is primarily administered at the HU. All degree programs at our department have already been successfully accredited.

From the study program coordination

Ulrich Schneider is also responsible for coordinating the two Master's programs in Economics and Public Economics. Ulrich Schneider can be contacted via u.schneider@fu-berlin.de. In future, the program coordination team will consist of **Denise Barth** (Master Public Economics), **Franz Heidingsfelder** (Bachelor Economics support) and **Michael Tran** (Master Economics).

From the department's board of directors

New social media channels

The Economics Department has recently launched a presence on the social media platforms X and Instagram. In future, information from research and teaching at the Department will be shared here.



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From the library

Primo of things - useful things to borrow



expanded.

For years, the library has been lending out various charging cables, adapters, PC mice and USB sticks on request. Now this service is being expanded and made more visible in cooperation with the other FU libraries. In the [Primo of Things](#), you can now look up which items for everyday use can be borrowed on site. This also includes play and sports equipment for active breaks. As a rule, the items must be returned at the end of the day. The range is constantly being

Greening the library: improving the climate

The first green plants have gradually moved into the library over the past few months. The purchase of plants for the foyer and reading room is a response to the wishes of many library users. They also improve the indoor climate, help regulate the temperature, promote mental health (by reducing stress) and create an inviting atmosphere. The newly planted flower windows to the atriums are a particular eye-catcher. The greening of the other learning spaces in the library is currently being planned.

EMAS assessment

On September 5, the library was visited and assessed by Dr. Georg Sulzer, an expert from the European Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS). This gave the library the opportunity to report on its extensive and ongoing efforts in the area of sustainability: Not handing out plastic bags, establishing collaborative working with the use of a wiki linked to not using personal storage space, introducing a rotational "Digital Clean Up" event to avoid unnecessary storage space, paperless invoice processing, planting outside the library to improve biodiversity, changing the printing process to save on printers and the use of eco-receipts as receipts.

MS Word Workshop

Last summer semester, a course on the use of MS Word for seminar papers and bachelor's theses was offered to students by students for the first time. The aim is to enable the creation of a formally correct and visually convincing academic paper. With the help of practical exercises, students learn how to use document and format templates in a targeted manner, create outlines and generate directories without spending a lot of time. Two workshops are also planned for the winter semester 2024/25. In the meantime, the content of the event can be worked through with the help of a self-study course in Blackboard. Registration for the workshop (coming soon) or the self-study course is possible [here](#).

LearningXXL

The month of July was all about learning. The library extended its opening hours by around 40 hours to prepare for exams. The library was open on all four Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and until 10 p.m. every day during the week. The aim of the campaign was to improve the learning and study conditions at the faculty.

Printing from thin clients

Since the end of August, all library users have had the option to [print](#) (from some research devices) for a fee, initially for the next five years. The research devices are located in the foyer of the library. A [library card](#) is required to use the service. Payment for print jobs is made via the FUB-IT [print account](#) (pre-paid account). The printer and a print terminal (for activating print jobs) are located in the ScanBar (in the corridor behind the cabinets).

From fu:stat

"Business owner" for statistical software

The statistical consulting unit fu:stat has been appointed *business owner* for all of Freie Universität's statistical software for the summer semester 2024. From now on, fu:stat's task will be to make decisions regarding the range of statistical software together with the service owner (FUB-IT). To this end, the consulting unit will coordinate closely with the departments and other stakeholders in the future. A survey of all active professorships at the university is planned for the near future in order to gain an overview of which statistical software is used where. This information will then be used to adequately plan future software requirements.

fu:stat organized the following **training courses** in the summer semester 2024:

- 03.06.2024, "Statistics Compact" at the WiWiss department
- 24.06. - 25.06.2024, "R-Workshop" at the Robert Koch Institute
- 05.08. - 07.08.2024, "Statistics Basics" at the WiWiss department
- 12.08. - 13.08.2024, "R Basics" at the WiWiss department
- 15.08. - 16.08.2024, "Python-basics" at the FB WiWiss
- 19.08.2024, "Introduction to Statistical Learning" at the WiWiss department
- 20.08.2024, "Introduction to Statistical Learning" at the Potsdam Graduate School

The dates for the training program at the department can be found on the website https://www.stat.fu-berlin.de/schulungen_neu/interne-start/index.html

New project funding from the Robert Koch Institute

fu:stat has received funding from the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) for the project "Development of a use case for small area estimation of health indicators using small area estimation methods". The aim is to evaluate the survey data collected by the RKI in combination with external data sources, such as the microcensus, using small area estimates. The use of small area estimation methods offers advantages over direct estimation using survey data, especially when the sample sizes in the desired geographical units are very small or no observations are available (unplanned domains). In this project, health indicators are to be estimated at district level for the whole of Germany. The analyses focus on migraine prevalence as well as overweight and obesity (based on BMI). The project funding amounts to a good 73,000 euros plus VAT and runs until the end of 2024.

From the Berlin School of Economics (BSoE)

On April 24, 2024, the Opportunity Day of the Berlin School of Economics took place at the Rockwool Foundation Berlin. Among others, **Britta Gehrke** and **Nicolas Syrichas** (both from the Chair of Macroeconomics) presented current research in the field of macroeconomics.

In addition, the PhD Summer Workshop jointly organized by the Berlin School of Economics and the Graduate Center of DIW took place again on 27 and 28 June 2024, this year in Potsdam. As part of the workshop, numerous doctoral students from both PhD programs presented and discussed their research. A trip to Lake Templin, including canoeing, provided a bit of variety in the best summer weather.

On October 9, 2024, the Berlin School of Economics celebrated its annual welcome event for the new cohorts of doctoral students, research assistants and new faculty members. The event was opened by Prof. Dr. Julia von Blumenthal, President of Humboldt-Universität, and Prof. Dr. Eduard Mühle, President of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder). The latter introduced the European University as a new member of the Berlin School of Economics. The highlight of the evening was the keynote speech by renowned Caltech professor Colin F. Camerer on the topic of "The Neuroeconomics of Habit". The event was attended by over 100 guests, including numerous members of our Department.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics) has been Admission Director of the Berlin School of Economics since October 2024. She is thus largely responsible for the admission process of doctoral candidates to the program.

Manuel Santos Silva (Junior Professorship for Latin American Economics) was accepted as a new BSoE faculty member at the Berlin School of Economics Board Meeting in April 2024.

More news

Denise Barth (Chair of Empirical Economics and Gender) spent a research semester at the Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI) at Stockholm University from March to May 2024.

Nicolas Frink (Chair of Applied Statistics) has received DAAD funding to attend the CFE-CMStatistics conference at King's College London in December 2024.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics) has been appointed to the economists' network of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection (BMWK). The [BMWK](#) strengthens scientific policy advice with a network of female economists.

Theocharis Grigoriadis (Professor of Economics of Eastern Europe) represented the FU Berlin at the 25th anniversary of the German-Kazakh University in Almaty on September 3, 2024.

Theocharis Grigoriadis (Professor of Economics of Eastern Europe) was invited to spend a research stay at the archives of the Hoover Institution (Stanford University) in September-October 2024.

Lisa Hanzl (Chair of Applied Statistics) has received funding from the DAAD for congress and lecture travel in the amount of €865 for her lecture at the EALE 2024 in Bergen.

Piotr Paweł Larysz (Professor of Empirical Economics and Gender) completed a research stay at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Piotr Paweł Larysz (Professor of Empirical Economics and Gender) received a DAAD research grant for a two-month stay at the Paris School of Economics (PSE) and completed two research stays at the Institute for Structural Research in Warsaw. He also took part in QueerConf 2024 at the London School of Economics.

Ulrich Rendtel (retired professor of statistics) is a voting member of the gif rent index commission of the Gesellschaft für Immobilienwirtschaftliche Forschung for the period from 1.1.2024 to 31.12.2026

Marc Schalberger (Chair of Applied Statistics) successfully took part in an internal fire safety training course and thus qualified as a fire safety assistant for the Garystrasse 21 site.

Carsten Schröder (Chair of Public Finance and Social Policy) and Mattis Beckmannshagen organized an international workshop on "Life-course Inequality Dynamics" at DIW Berlin on 24.10. and 25.10.2024. The workshop, with keynotes by García Penalosa and **Giacomo Corneo** (Chair of Public Finance), is part of a DFG-ANR project. Further information can be found [here](#).

Oliver Wach (Institute for East European Studies) spent a research semester at the "Figuerola" Institute for Economic History and the Social Science Department of the Universidad Carlos III in Madrid in the summer semester 2024 from February to May.

Oliver Wach (Institute for East European Studies) was invited to spend a research stay at the Economics Department of the University of Warwick in October 2024.

Publications

Refereed journals

Ambrosius, C. (2024) Violent Crime and the Long Shadow of Immigration Enforcement. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 2024: 00220027241253511. Online First.

Asseyer, A., Ran Weksler (2024) Certification Design with Common Values. *Econometrica*, 92.3 (2024): 651-686.

Danzer, N., Garcia-Torres, S., Steinhardt, M., Stella, L. (2024) Women in Political Power and School Closure during COVID Times. *Economic Policy*, August 2024.

Huebener, M., **Danzer, N.,** Pape, A. et al. (2024). Cracking Under Pressure? Gender Role Attitudes Toward Maternal Employment During COVID-19 in Germany. *Feminist Economics*, June 2024.

Fernando de Paula, L., **Fritz, B.,** Prates, D. (2024): The metamorphosis of external vulnerability from 'original sin' to 'original sin redux'. *Review of International Political Economy*, p. 1-28, July 30.

Dombi, Á., Grigoriadis, T.N. and Zhu, J. (2024) Antiquity, capitalism & development: The finance-growth perspective. *Emerging Markets Review*, 59 (2024): 101113.

Kaiser, I., **Grigoriadis, T.N.** (2024) Empire, diversity & development: evidence from Afghan provinces. *Applied Economics* (2024): 1-16.

Beirne, J., Dafermos, Y., **Kriwoluzky, A.,** Renzhi, N., Volz, U., and Wittich, J. (2024) Weather-related Disasters and Inflation in the Euro Area. *Journal of Banking and Finance*, 169, 2024.

Nikolic, S., Novokmet, F., **Larysz, P. P.** (2024) Income Inequality in Eastern Europe. Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia in the twentieth Century. *Explorations in Economic History*. October 2024

Polugodina, M., Grigoriadis, T.N. (2024) East Prussia 2.0: Persistent regions, rising nations. *European Economic Review*, 167: 104790.

Schöb, R., Lawes, M., Hetschko, C., Stephan, G. (2024), Examining interindividual differences in unemployment-related changes in subjective well-being: The role of psychological well-being and re-employment expectations. *European Journal of Personality*.

Fischbacher, U., Neyse, L., Richter, D., **Schröder C.** (2024) Adding household surveys to the behavioral economics toolbox: insights from the SOEP innovation sample. *Journal of the Economic Science Association* 10 (1), 136-151.

Shehaj, P. & Zagler, M. (2024) Asymmetric Double Tax Treaties: Relief Method and Tax Sparing for Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries. *Public Finance Review*, o(o).

Merlino, L., **Steinhardt, M.,** Wren-Lewis, L. (2024) The long run impact of childhood interracial contact on residential segregation, *Journal of Public Economics*, September 2024.

Working Paper

Goda, T., ..., **Fritz, B.** (2024) Cherry-Picking in Central Bank Currency Swaps: Empirical Insights into the Determinants and Income Bias in Swap Access during Crises, *Boston University, Global Development Policy Center WP 06/2024*.

Haan, P., Geyer, J., Teschner, M. (2024) The Impact of Macroeconomic Conditions on Long-Term Care: Evidence on Prices, *DIW Discussion Papers* No. 2096.

Becker, S., Gehlen, A., Geyer, J., **Haan, P.** (2024) Income Effects of Disability Benefits, *DIW Berlin Discussion Paper* No. 2098, September, 2024.

Bruns, M., **Lütkepohl, H.**, McNeil, J. (2024) Avoiding Unintentionally Correlated Shocks in Proxy Vector Autoregressive Analysis, *DIW Discussion Paper* 2095.

Lütkepohl, H., Shang, F., Uzeda, L., Woźniak, T. (2024) Partial Identification of Heteroskedastic Structural VARs: Theory and Bayesian Inference, *DIW Discussion Paper* 2081.

Prömel, Ch., Freitas Monteiro, T. (2024) Local far-right demonstrations and nationwide public attitudes towards migration, *Diskussionsbeiträge FB Wirtschaftswissenschaft*, March 2024.

Merlino, L., **Steinhardt, M.**, Rosenbaum, Ph., Wren-Lewis, L. (2024) The Impact of Childhood Inter-Ethnic Contact on Managers' Hiring Decisions, *SSRN*, September 2024.

Media contributions and other publications

Ambrosius, C., Vasquez A., Large-Scale Deportations May Have Unintended Consequences. Migration Information Source. The Online Journal of the Migration Policy Institute. October 2, 2024.

Mühlich, L., **Fritz, B.**, Kring, W., Does Global Crisis Finance Sustain a Middle-income Trap? Insights from the Updated Global Financial Safety Net Tracker. Boston University, Global Development Policy Center. July 2024.

Zucker-Marques, M., Mühlich, L., **Fritz, B.**, Goda, T., How Central Bank Swaps Reinforce Inequalities in the Global Financial Safety Net. Boston University, Global Development Policy Center. July 9, 2024

Blesch, M., Gehlen, A., Geyer, J., **Haan, P.**, Klotz, S. Abolition of the maternal pension would increase old-age poverty, *DIW Wochenbericht* 31/32 / 2024.

Geyer, J., **Haan, P.**, Tréguier, J., Higher household income is associated with higher life expectancy for women and men. *DIW Weekly Report* 25 / 2024.

Kohl, S., **Steinhardt, M.**, Die Vermessung des Flaschenhalses: Zur Entwicklung des professoralen Arbeitsmarkts in den Wirtschafts- und Gesellschaftswissenschaften, *Forschung und Lehre*, Issue 7/24.

Schöb, R., Interview in "Welt am Sonntag" on the topic of "Bürgergeld", July 7, 2024.

Schöb, R., Podcast "Die neue Kindergrundsicherung", wirtschaftlichefreiheit.de, April 15, 2024.

Schöb, R., Interview "NDR Info" on the topic of "Bürgergeld", July 11, 2024.

Presentations by department members

Andreas Asseyer (Junior Professorship for Microeconomics). *Conference on Mechanism and Institution Design*. July 09, 2024 in Budapest. Information Design with Competing Receivers.

Andreas Asseyer (Junior Professorship for Microeconomics). *Annual Meeting of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE)*. September 01, 2024 in Amsterdam. Information Design with Competing Receivers.

Marc Bachmeier (Chair of Applied Statistics). *The 6th International Conference on European Economics and Politics*. June 21, 2024 in Zurich. The Effect of Tuition Fees on University Graduation.

Marc Bachmeier (Chair of Applied Statistics). *14th International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education (IWAE)*. June 26, 2024 in Catanzaro. The Effect of Tuition Fees on University Graduation.

Denise Barth (Chair of Empirical Economics and Gender). *3rd Berlin Workshop on Empirical Public Economics: Gender Economics*. September 26-27, 2024 in Berlin. The intergenerational transmission of gender norms: Evidence from the Stockholm Birth Cohort.

Winnie Coleman (Chair of Econometrics), *Bonn-Berlin PhD Workshop 2024*, March 11-13, 2024, Bonn. Asymmetric Inflation Target Credibility.

Winnie Coleman (Chair of Econometrics), *The Baltic Central Banks' Invited Lecture Series 2024*, April 9-11, 2024, Tallinn. Asymmetric Inflation Target Credibility.

Winnie Coleman (Chair of Econometrics), *Annual Conference of the International Association of Applied Econometrics 2024 (IAAE)*, June 25-27, 2024, Thessaloniki. Asymmetric Inflation Target Credibility.

Nathalie de la Cruz Aquino (Chair of Economics of Latin America). *16th Beyond Basic Questions Workshop*. July 13, 2024 in Groningen. Self-regulation and school outcomes in Latin America.

Lukas Fink (Chair of Applied Statistics). *European Association for Labor Economists (EALE) Conference 2024*, September 07, Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen. Replication Code Availability: Evidence from the German Socio-Economic Panel.

Lukas Fink (Chair of Applied Statistics). *Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik*, September 17, 2024, TU Berlin. Replication Code Availability: Evidence from the German Socio-Economic Panel.

Nicolas Frink (Chair of Applied Statistics). *Statistical Week 2024*, September 10-13, 2024, Regensburg. Regional Rental Price Analysis Using Small Area Estimation and Machine Learning.

Sebastian Garcia-Torres (Chair of North American Economics). *37th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE)*. June 28, 2024 in Rotterdam, The Effect of Interracial Peers on Political Preferences: Evidence from Longitudinal Data from Schools in the United States.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics). *Annual conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik*. September 16, 2024, Berlin. Short-time work and precautionary savings.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics). *RWI Network Seminar*. June 11, 2024, Berlin. Minimum wages, wage dispersion and financial constraints in firms.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics). *Ensuring Employment and Economic Stability Network Conference*. May 27, 2024, Bonn. Discussion of "Optimal job retention".

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics). Scientific conference at the Federal Chancellery. May 14, 2024, Berlin. Setting the course for competitiveness and growth.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics). Bunte Sofa, June 26, 2024: An open discussion on topics related to macroeconomics and the economy.

Theocharis Grigoriadis, *Conference (Dangerous) Crowds in Pre-Modern and Modern History*. September 12-14, 2024, German-Italian Historical Institute and the University of Trento. Keynote Speech The Mobility of Nations: Refugees & Polarization in the Long 20th Century.

Nerina Guri (Chair of Empirical Economics and Gender). 3rd Berlin *Workshop on Empirical Public Economics: Gender Economics*. September 26-27, 2024 in Berlin. Back to the Roots? Labor Market Fluctuations and Differences in Gender Attitudes.

Mehmet R. Kesici (Chair of International Finance). *Migration Conference*. July 2024 in Mexico City. Multiple/hybrid identities and economic outcomes: A comparison between Kurdish/Turkish migrants and their descendants in Germany.

Piotr Pawel Larysz (Chair of Empirical Economics and Gender). *University of Modena*, July 01, 2024. Back to the Roots? Labor Market Fluctuations and Regional Differences in Gender Role Attitudes.

Helmut Lütkepohl (Chair of Methods in Empirical Economic Research). *Upcoming Labor Market Challenges: Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik 2024*, September 15-18, 2024. Avoiding Unintentionally Correlated Shocks in Proxy Vector Autoregressive Analysis.

Anja Luzega (Chair of North American Economics). *37th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE)*. June 28, 2024 in Rotterdam. The Long-Term Effects of Diversity in School: Evidence from West Germany's Guest Worker Program.

Anja Luzega (Chair of North American Economics). *2024 Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik*, September 16, 2024 in Berlin. The Long-Term Effects of Diversity in School: Evidence from West Germany's Guest Worker Program.

Jan Marcus (Chair of Applied Statistics). *Statistics & Econometrics Seminar*, July 16, 2024, HU Berlin. The Effect of Tuition Fees on University Graduation .

Jan Marcus (Chair of Applied Statistics). *15th International SOEP User Conference*, July 05, 2024, Berlin. Replication Code Availability: Evidence from the German Socio-Economic Panel.

Jan Marcus (Chair of Applied Statistics). *Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik*, September 17, 2024, TU Berlin. The Effect of Tuition Fees on University Graduation.

Dieter Nautz (Chair of Econometrics). *8th International Workshop on "Financial Markets and Nonlinear Dynamics" (FMND)*, May 30-31, 2024, Paris. Asymmetric Inflation Target Credibility.

Johannes Michael Ossadnik (Chair of Macroeconomics). *Doctoral Workshop of the IMK (Institute for Macroeconomics and Business Cycle Research)*, September 25-27, 2024, Düsseldorf. Research on the demographics of labor market dynamics in the USA.

Christopher Prömel (Chair of North American Economics). *15th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP 2024)*. July 04, 2024 in Berlin. The Bitter Taste of Unemployment - Evidence from Layoffs in Germany.

Manuel Santos Silva (Assistant Professor of Latin American Economics). *Groningen Growth and Development Center Annual Conference*. May 28, 2024 in Groningen. Spatial distribution of development RCTs.

Manuel Santos Silva (Junior Professorship for Latin American Economics). *DENeB Seminar Series on Development Economics*. July 08, 2024 at RWI Berlin. Spatial distribution of development RCTs.

Marc Schalberger (Chair of Applied Statistics). *Sunbelt Conference*, June 24-30, 2024, Edinburgh. Scalable Estimation of Signed Exponential Random Graph Models with Local Dependence

Ronnie Schöb (Chair of International Finance). *Day of the municipal job centers*. September 2024 in Berlin. Keynote speech.

Ronnie Schöb (Chair of International Finance). *18th Conference of the Berlin-Brandenburg State Social Court*, September 2024 in Königs Wusterhausen.

Ronnie Schöb (Chair of International Finance). *Brown Bag Seminar of the Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna*, July 2024.

Ronnie Schöb (Chair of International Finance). *Economics Research Seminar University of Rostock*. July 2024.

Ronnie Schöb (Chair of International Finance). *Long Night of the Sciences, Freie Universität Berlin*, June 2024.

Pranvera Shehaj (Chair of International Finance). *RCEA International Conference in Economics, Econometrics, and Finance (ICEEF2024)*, London, United Kingdom, 20 - 22 May 2024. Withholding taxes on dividends in developing countries: relief method and tax sparing in tax treaties with OECD member states.

Pranvera Shehaj (Chair of International Finance). *2024 Annual Congress of the IIPF*, Prague, Czech Republic from August 21-23, 2024. Withholding taxes on dividends in developing countries: relief method and tax sparing in tax treaties with OECD member states.

Max Steinhardt (Chair of North American Economics). *37th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE)*. June 28, 2024 in Rotterdam. The impact of childhood inter-ethnic contact on hiring decisions.

Max Steinhardt (Chair of North American Economics). *Economics Seminar University of Duisburg-Essen*. May 29, 2024 in Essen. The impact of childhood inter-ethnic contact on hiring decisions.

Michael Tran (Chair of Econometrics), *European Economic Association (EEA-ESEM)*, August 27, 2024, Rotterdam. Spatial wage inequality in North America and Western Europe: changes between and within local labor markets 1975-2019.

Simon Voss (Chair of North American Economics). *North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association at Georgetown University*, September 20, 2024 in Washington D.C. The Determinants of Overcrowding in Germany.

Simon Voss (Chair of North American Economics). *European Network for Housing Research Conference*, August 27, 2024 in Delft. **The Determinants of Overcrowding in Germany**

Oliver Wach (Chair of Economics of Eastern Europe). *Applied Economics Seminar Paris School of Economics*. October 02, 2024 in Paris. Building Socialism on Abandoned Land: Collectivization and Civic Engagement in Poland.

Oliver Wach (Chair for the Economics of Eastern Europe). *UB - UC3M - UV Ph.D. Economic History Workshop*. June 06-07, 2024 in Barcelona. Building Socialism on Abandoned Land: Collectivization and Civic Engagement in Poland.

Oliver Wach (Chair of Economics of Eastern Europe). *Workshop in Economic History in Uppsala*. May 23-24, 2024 in Uppsala. Building Socialism on Abandoned Land: Collectivization and Civic Engagement in Poland.

Oliver Wach (Chair of Economics of Eastern Europe). *UC3M Economic History Causal Seminar*. April 04, 2024 in Madrid. Building Socialism on Abandoned Land: Collectivization and Civic Engagement in Poland.

Oliver Wach (Chair of Economics of Eastern Europe). *YSI Economic History Workshop of Developing Region*. February 16, 2024 in Madrid. Building Socialism on Abandoned Land: Collectivization and Civic Engagement in Poland.

Outlook

Visiting professors and scholars in the winter semester 2024/25



Bundesbank guest professorship:

Christiane Baumeister, Professor at the University of Notre Dame, will hold the Visiting Professorship of the Deutsche Bundesbank Endowed Professorship in the winter semester 2024/25. She teaches the Master's and PhD course "Topics in Empirical Macroeconomics".

Professorship for International Finance:

Anthony Lepinteur, from the University of Luxembourg, will be a visiting researcher at the department from October 21 to October 24. His research interests lie in labor economics and applied microeconomics. Consultation hours will be offered. If you are interested, please contact Svenja Miltner (s.miltner@-berlin.de).



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On 06.11.2024 at 4 pm: Alumni Talk with Max von Ungern-Sternberg (Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection)

Research Seminar in Economics

October 24, 2024	Anthony Lepinteur (University of Luxembourg)
October 31, 2024	Emmanuelle Auriol (Toulouse Capitole University)
November 7, 2024	Anja Prummer (Free University of Berlin)
November 14, 2024	Laura Barros (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
November 21, 2024	Michele Bernasconi (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)
November 28, 2024	Robert Fenge (University of Rostock)
December 5, 2024	Christiane Baumeister (University of Notre Dame)
December 19, 2024	Carlo Schwarz (Bocconi University)
January 09, 2025	Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (Johannes Kepler University Linz)
January 16, 2025	Dominika Langenmayr (Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt)
January 23, 2024	Mark Andor (RWI - Leibniz Institute for Economic Research & Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
January 30, 2025	Klaus Zimmermann (Global Labor Organization & Freie Universität Berlin)
February 06, 2025	Daniel Kühnle (University of Duisburg-Essen)
February 13, 2025	Erin Hengel (Brunel University of London)

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The training dates for the winter semester 2024/25 have been scheduled:

- Statistics compact (09.12.2024)
- Statistics basics (03.03. - 05.03.2025)
- R basics (10.03. - 11.03.2025)
- Data Visualization with R (12.03.2025, taught in English)
- Python-basics (13.03. - 14.03.2025, taught in English)
- Introduction to Statistical Learning (17.03.2025, taught in English)
- Generative artificial intelligence (19.03.2025)

You can also find the dates on the website:

https://www.stat.fu-berlin.de/schulungen_neu/interne-start/index.html

Further dates

Giacomo Corneo, Jan Marcus and **Dieter Nautz** are in their research semester in the winter semester 2024/2025.

On December 6, 2024, the BeNA Winter Workshop will take place at the FU Berlin. **Lukas Fink** (Chair of Applied Statistics) is co-organizer. The submission deadline is 15.10.2024.

From January 30 to 31, 2025, the joint doctoral workshop of Kai Konrad (Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance), Bruno Frey (CREMA) and **Ronnie Schöb** (Chair of International Finance) will take place in Berlin.

On February 17 and 18, 2025, the workshop "The Economics of Overcrowding" will take place at the John F. Kennedy Institute. Here, the interim results of the third-party funded project by Sebastian Kohl and **Max Steinhardt** Wohnraumangel in Deutschland (Hans Böckler Foundation) will be discussed with representatives from research, politics and civil society.

From February 24 to 25, 2025, the 6th BeWell Meeting of the Berlin Research Network on Well-Being will take place at Freie Universität Berlin. **Ronnie Schöb** (Chair of International Finance) is part of this research network and co-organizer of the BeWell Meeting.

On March 06 and 07, 2025, the workshop "Immigration and Refugee Inflows: The Impact on Host Country Economies", funded by the Thyssen Foundation and organized by **Max Steinhardt**, will take place at the John F. Kennedy Institute.

This semester, the Chair of International Finance is offering a series of lectures on current issues of social policy as part of the lecture "Großbaustelle Sozialstaat". Further information can be found in the course catalog. The lectures are open to all interested parties.

26.11.24	Ronnie Schöb: Bedingungsloses Grundeinkommen oder bedarfsorientierte Grundsicherung?
03.12.24	Georg Cremer: Sozialpolitik: Wie nach Dekaden der Expansion zu Prioritäten finden?
04.12.24	Martin Werding: Tragfähige Rentenpolitik
11.12.24	Giacomo Corneo: Progressiver Staatsfonds
14.01.25	Irene Vorholz: Das Bürgergeldgesetz – Herausforderungen und Änderungsbedarfe aus kommunaler Sicht
15.01.25	Andreas Peichl: Fördern und Fordern/Leistungsanreize in der Grundsicherung
21.01.25	Katharina Spieß: Frühe Bildung: Eine allgemeine Einführung und erste Ergebnisse aus der BRISE Studie
29.01.25	Ludger Wößmann: Bildung und Chancengerechtigkeit

Current tenders

- Scholarship announcement: The application deadline for the **doctoral program "EQUALFIN - Financial System and Inequality in the Context of Multiple Crises"** ends on **November 2, 2024**: The doctoral scholarships start between June and September 2025. Further information can be found on the website of the doctoral programs: www.equalfin.de
- For the DFG project "The Long Shadow of Immigration Enforcement: Consequences of Forced Returns in Migrants' Countries of Origin (DEPCON)", which was acquired by **Christian Ambrosius**, support is still being sought for the project (2 years, TVL 13/75%). Further information can be found [here](#). Application deadline: **11.11.2024**.