



Dear participants and friends of the GSBC,

With this GSBC newsletter, we continuously want to inform you about current developments at the Graduate School "Human Behaviour in Social and Economic Change" (GSBC), upcoming courses, workshops and conferences as well as research highlights relevant for researchers and doctoral candidates in the GSBC. The contents of this newsletter are as follows:

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All announcements (especially of publications and lectures) are based on information supplied to us.

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## LATEST NEWS

### *Grants and Offers*



#### *Franz-Emanuel-Weinert-Award 2010 for Rainer K. Silbereisen*

The 2010 Franz-Emanuel-Weinert-Award of the The German Psychological Society (DGPs) was awarded to our faculty member Rainer K. Silbereisen for his outstanding scientific achievements. He and his team investigate challenges and risks of social change on human development.

The German Psychological Society is an incorporated association of qualified psychologists engaged in research and teaching. Its goal is to advance and expand scientific psychology. The Franz-Emanuel-Weinert-Award is offered biennially and will be awarded to scientists whose research findings document the importance of psychological research for the solution of societal problems.

#### *Successful Research of the MPI's Evolutionary Economics Group (Ulrich Witt)*

The research group of Ulrich Witt has seen great success. The research results of three doctoral and postdoctoral students were honoured by three prizes. Martin Binder was awarded the 2010 Körber Stiftungs' Deutscher Studienpreis for his work on an evolutionary theory of welfare. The renowned prize annually honors young scientists with socially relevant dissertations. Alex Coad and Christina Guenther won the Best Junior Paper Award at Schumpeter Conference 2010 in Aalborg, Denmark, June 21-24. Alex Coad received the award for his paper "Investigating the Exponential Age Distribution of Firms". Christina Guenther won the prize for her study "Pioneer Burnout: Radical Product Innovation and Firm Capabilities".

*Uwe Cantner elected as prospective ISS president*



Uwe Cantner has been elected as the next president (2012-2014) of the International Joseph Alois Schumpeter Society (ISS). The ISS was founded in 1986 to advance the scientific study of the problems of development, primarily in advanced economies. Following the ideas of Schumpeter, it conceives of development as the combination of growth and structural change broadly defined. It intends, therefore, to concentrate on the dynamics of structural change, its origins and effects in all its aspects: the role of the dynamic entrepreneur, income distribution, technical change, employment etc. It also considers political and social problems of entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial history. The ISS sees as its primary aim the fostering of knowledge. While it has no objection to being useful for economic policy research, it wishes to avoid an a priori commitment to any particular political point of view and is, therefore, open to research by scholars of all scholarly traditions provided it is scientifically sound and non-ideological as defined by

Schumpeter: that it respects facts as they are and behave and not as one wishes them to be or behave.

The ISS carries out its aims in the following manner: It organizes and helps finance international symposia on topics within the general purview of its aims. It is interested in the completion of the publication of Schumpeter's writings and of furthering Schumpeterian studies. It helps to finance the publication of the results of the research in conference proceedings. It publishes the results of the research in the Journal of Evolutionary Economics. It awards prizes in recognition of recent scholarly contributions related to Schumpeter. The membership totals 412 members from 40 countries (June 2010).

Following the tradition that the bi-yearly Schumpeter Conference takes place in the country of its current president, the 15th Schumpeter Conference in 2014 will be located in Jena.

*Andreas Freytag gave this year's motivational speech to Social Market Economy*

Our faculty member Andreas Freytag was invited to give the this year's motivational speech to the Social Market Economy of the economic-political association of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi) in Berlin. In his speech he pointed out that the expertise of economists in Germany should be used more regularly to inform the public about economic arguments and positions.



*New Project Productivity and Efficiency of Services (Uwe Cantner)*

A new research project, Productivity and Efficiency of Services, by Uwe Cantner, has acquired financing by the BMBF. The project starts in November 2010 and is a collaborative initiative together with colleagues from the TU Dresden (Manfred Moldaschl) and the Institute of Social Research and Social Economics (Joseph Reindl) at Saarbrücken. The objective is to generate appropriate measures for the productivity and efficiency of industrial services and to develop intervention tools for continuous productivity improvements. The major research challenge is that – contrary to normal goods and products – the delivery of a service requires the active engagement of its user so that productivity and efficiency do not only depend on the supplier's performance and characteristics. This aspect has to be integrated into the measures and intervention tools.

*New Project Migration and societal Integration (Rainer K. Silbereisen)*

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) approved funding for the data archiving of the interdisciplinary German-Israeli Research Consortium Migration and societal Integration (Principal Investigators: Prof. Dr. R.K. Silbereisen, Dr. P.F. Titzmann, Dr. E. Schröder; Funding Period: 12 months) in cooperation with the Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS).

*Thuringian Founder Study (Rainer K. Silbereisen and Uwe Cantner)*

The Thuringian Founder Study, a research project started in 2006 and coordinated by Uwe Cantner, Rainer Silbereisen and Eva Schmitt-Rodermund, has received an additional funding until fall 2012. In the past it has been financed by the Böckler Foundation and the Thuringian Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs; the means for the further continuation are provided by the Ministry. The project analyses the conditions for innovative firm founding by looking at individual and context conditions. Thereby an interdisciplinary perspective is pursued by taking into account psychological and economic perspectives. In the past years research results highlighted the role of individual resources, career paths, social capital, team structures, policy interventions, consulting activities, as well as network embeddedness in new venture success in terms of innovativeness, survival and growth.

*Runner-up for Sebastian Krügel (IMPRS Uncertainty)*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for a student paper (Elsevier Student Prize Award 2010) was awarded to Sebastian Krügel (IMPRS Uncertainty) at the joint annual conference of IA-REP/SABE/ICABEEP held in Cologne (September 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010) for his paper *Overweighting Private Information: Three Measures, One Bias?*

Overweighting private information is often used to explain various detrimental decisions. In behavioral economics and finance, it is usually modeled as a direct consequence of misperceiving signal reliability. This bias is typically dubbed overconfidence and linked to the judgment literature in psychology. Empirical tests of the models often fail to find evidence for the predicted effects of overconfidence. These studies assume, however, that a specific type of overconfidence, i.e., “miscalibration,” captures the underlying trait. We challenge this assumption and borrow the psychological methodology of single-cue probability learning to obtain a direct measure for overweighting private information. We find that overweighting private information and measures of “miscalibration” are unrelated, indicating that different kinds of misperceptions are at work. Thus, in order to test the theoretical predictions of the overconfidence literature in economics and finance, one cannot rely on the well-established “miscalibration” bias. We find no gender differences in overconfidence for our measures except for one, where women are more overconfident than men.

This project was joint work together with Gerlinde Fellner (WU Vienna).

***New Faculty-Member: Thomas Kessler (Social Psychology)***

Since August 2010, Thomas Kessler is Professor of Social Psychology at the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena (formerly Amélie Mummendey). He has transferred from the University of Exeter, UK back (he habilitated here under the mentoring of Amélie Mummendey) to Jena.

According to his research interests Thomas Kessler writes in his CV: *“My research addresses determinants of tolerant as well as conflicting intergroup relations. My particular research focus is on prejudice and social discrimination and the explicit negative treatment of outgroups or their members.*



*Moreover, I study motivational and emotional processes reflecting and determining social change. Finally, I am interested in evolutionary approaches to authoritarian and social identity processes."*

The faculty of the GSBC decided to welcome Thomas Kessler as new faculty member.

### ***New Graduate College: Time and Society - Continuity and Discontinuity in the Development of modern Societies***

The Graduate College, funded by the State of Thuringia, is devoted to theoretical and empirical research on the significance of time structures in the process of modern social change. Issues of time and temporality, timing and sequencing, pace and "durée" of social change will be the focus of the individual dissertation projects, with a special emphasis on a comparative (historical and/or inter-national) perspective. In this context, both macrosociological and microsociological approaches to the question of continuity and discontinuity in the development of contemporary societies are welcome.

The faculty of the GSBC decided to accept the graduate college as new member.

### ***New (and reconfirmed) representatives in the Board of the JGA***

The yearly election of the graduate academies board is over and again some GSBC fellows agreed to run for it. This year's election was the first online election. The fellows were elected as pairs again. Our (new and reconfirmed) representatives are

- Elena Semenova (GSBC) and her deputy Martin Tomasik (CADS) for the post-doctoral fellows
- Elisabeth Bublitz (EIC) and her deputy Astrid Körner (GSBC) as well as
- Sebastian Wilfling (EIC) and his deputy Bastian Rake (EIC) for the doctoral fellows.

Normally election to the seats is distributed by discipline. The Humanities and Social Sciences elect one representative (in connection with the deputy member) and Mathematics/Natural Sciences elects two representatives. This year only one pair ran for the two seats in Mathematics/Natural Sciences and therefore the second seat went to the other group, in our case to Sebastian and Bastian! We appreciate the engagement of our fellows!

### ***New EIC-Fellows***

*Stephan Bruns*



My name is Stephan Bruns and I am a PhD student at the GSBC-EIC since August 2010. I studied Economics at the University of Münster and Political Science at the Distance University of Hagen. During my studies I focused on international economic relations, money and credit, econometrics and statistics as well as international politics and sociology. I gained research experience within internships at the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI) and at the Evolutionary Economics Group of the Max-Planck-Institute of Economics. I wrote my diploma thesis at the Evolutionary Economics Group about the impact of

consumption dynamics on economic growth.

So far, I am not sure about the detailed topic of my PhD project. I am interested in (long run) economic growth and development, especially with respect to environmental and



resource issues. In addition to these more supply side related topics, I am interested in the role of consumption dynamics in economic growth.

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*Sohaib Shahzad Hassan*

My name is Sohaib Shahzad Hassan and I am from Pakistan. I am an international PhD student of GSBC-EIC since August 2010. I studied Master in economics (Corporate Finance & Development Economics) from University of the Punjab, Pakistan, and Master in Business Administration (Innovation management & Marketing in SMEs) from University of Leipzig, Germany. My master thesis consisted of an in depth analysis of the impact of different forms of social capital on marketing process in SMEs in Pakistan. Moreover I have also analysed causal effects for financial development in Pakistan during my master studies in Pakistan. I did my internship in Royal bank of Scotland, and I also acquired relevant working experience in SME sector.



I have quite a few ideas for my PhD research, but in all the main focus will be entrepreneur, innovation and SMEs. I would like to elaborate links between these three strands, and I would also like to find out the basis of efficient innovation capacity building among entrepreneurs of small firms etc.

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*Guhong Wang*

My name is Guhong Wang, since July 2010 I became a PhD student at the graduate college 'The Economics of Innovation Change'. I finished my bachelor studies 'Information Management and Information Science' in Qingdao University, China. And since Oct 2007 I joined program 'master in Economics and Management Science' in Humboldt University, Germany. In my master thesis 'Topics in Auction Theory', I did research about two auction systems and discussed about their pros and cons. I gained academic experience working as student assistant

in the faculty of 'Management of Science and Engineering', Qingdao University and in the faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Humboldt University.

I plan to do further research in game theory, auction theory and experimental economics, in the aim of gaining closer knowledge of behavior economics and exploring innovation of mechanism design.

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## IMPRESSIONS FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> GSBC SUMMER SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 19-26, 2010, CASTLE OPPURG



The 1<sup>st</sup> GSBC Summer School addressed the three core concepts in Social and Economic Change, namely Identity (under supervision by Thomas Kessler and Amélie Mummendey), Innovation (coordinated by Uwe Cantner) and Aging (under the guidance of Rainer K. Silbereisen and Stephan Lessenich) and took place last week. The organizers were supported by the faculty members Michael Fritsch and Heinrich Best. The GSBC fellows joined some external fellows for one week of lectures, group work, and consultations as well as social events like a campfire and a hiking tour.

The following leading international experts from psychology, sociology and economics as well as GSBC faculty gave talks on selected related topics:

- Hartmut Esser (University of Mannheim)
- Werner Greve (University of Hildesheim)
- Christopher Hertzog (Georgia Institute of Technology)
- Michael Hutter (Social Science Research Center Berlin)
- Thomas Kessler (GSBC)
- Luigi Marengo (LEM, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna Pisa)
- Bernard Nijstad (University of Groningen)
- Marc Szydlik (University of Zurich)
- Hans-Werner Wahl (University of Heidelberg)



Taken together, the GSBC Summer School was a successful blend of lectures by invited speakers presenting and discussing current issues in a variety of fields of social and economic change, group work, poster presentations, and opportunities for individual consultations. We are looking forward to the next Summer School 2011, probably again located in Castle Oppurg.





## 4TH IMPRS UNCERTAINTY AND EIC SUMMER SCHOOL

*Demanding, intensive, and inspiring -- the fourth IMPRS/EIC-SuS is over*



From 25th of July to 8th August the DFG research training group The Economics of Innovative Change (GK-EIC) hosted the fourth Jena Summer School on Innovation and Uncertainty in cooperation with the International Max Planck Research School Adapting Behavior in a Fundamentally Uncertain World (IMPRS). As in the past years the IMPRS group continued its Summer School two more weeks. Excellent graduate students from different fields

experienced four weeks of intense courses, inspiring lectures and creative discussions.

About 60 PhD students from different field of studies – varying from Economics through Psychology to Law – took part in the Summer School. They deepened their interdisciplinary knowledge in topical and methodological courses and discussed current academic issues in seminars as well and built a network with peers and internationally renowned scientists. Since it has been a success story in the last years, the courses again tended to be rather interactive, making it easier for the doctoral students to effectively influence learning progress. Furthermore, within an interdisciplinary seminar students were challenged to work out approaches on sophisticated research questions. Beyond that, the Summer School offered prospective PhDs the opportunity to present and discuss the status-quo of their own research project.



The program included courses in psychology (Introduction to the Psychology of Action; New Psychological Models of Choice and Uncertainty), methodology (Experimetrics; Stochastic Learning in Games), and law (Experimental Law and Economics; Uncertainty as a Factor in Human Rights). Among the teachers and guest speakers were experts like Giovanni Dosi, Kai Konrad, Ayelet Fishbach, Max Albert and Jerome Busemeyer. IMPRS coordinators Susanne Büchner and Tobias Uske are satisfied with the feedback they received: *"The participants take home many helpful impulses for their ongoing research projects."*



The group of students was composed of colleagues from the chair of Economics of the University of Jena and staff members of the MPI Jena as well as DFG-scholarship holders and external students. It was also a great pleasure to have here participants from part-

ner universities, such as the Indiana University Bloomington and the Hebrew University Jerusalem as well as the MPIs of Berlin and Bonn.

Besides the academic work the Summer School's intention was to bring different people



together. Therefore, seminars and discussions were complemented by a number of recreational and cultural activities. The Summer School started with an opening barbecue, followed by a sports tournament on the first weekend. At the end of week two, the GK-EIC hosted its first yearly Alumni meeting at the botanic garden, bringing together former and current members of the graduate program. A formidable jazz performance by Andrea Memeo (guitar), Ginomaria Boschi (guitar), and Ludovica Manzo (vocals)

entertained the audience far into the night. Another highlight in the second week was the trip to the "Transparent Factory" in Dresden, home of the VW Pheaton. In the third week there was a trip to Erfurt and to a go-cart race track.

As it is well known: after the Summer School is before the Summer School. Not only the speaker of both doctoral programs, Uwe Cantner (GK-EIC) and Werner Güth (IMPRS), but also the program coordinators, Simon Wiederhold (GK-EIC) and Susanne Büchner and Tobias Uske (IMPRS), already started preparation of the fifth Summer School on Innovation and Uncertainty. Acceptances of the first guest lecturer are already on hand.

## STUDY PROGRAMME IN WINTER TERM 2010/2011

Courses	Lecturer
<b>Methodological Courses</b>	
Introduction into Empirical Work in Social Science	Gaudeul, Alexia, Brenick, Alaina, Pavlova, Maria, Semenova, Elena, Giannetti, Caterina, Stöbel, Katharina
Weekly Consultation Hour	Gaudeul, Alexia, Brenick, Alaina, Pavlova, Maria, Semenova, Elena, Giannetti, Caterina, Stöbel, Katharina
Qualitative Research in Social Science	Atkinson, Paul
Questionnaire Design	Partchev, Ivailo
Graphical Vizualisation of statistical Data in Social Science	N.N.



<b>Courses</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>
Formal Modeling of Innovation and Diffusion	Cantner, Uwe
International Administrative Law	Ruffert, Matthias
Econometrics III - Mixed Effects Models	Kirchkamp, Oliver
Advanced Panel Data Methods	Tröger, Vera
Empirical Methods	Chlaß, Nadine
Econometrics III - Bootstrapping	Kirchkamp, Oliver
Advanced Microeconometrics	Levinsky, René
<b>Theoretical Courses</b>	
Entrepreneurship Policy	Fritsch, Michael
Basics in the Economics of Innovation	Cantner, Uwe
Political Thought in the US: The Early Republic	Lang, Markus
Economic Sociology	Hiss, Stefanie
The role of the state on global financial markets	Freytag, Andreas
Consumption and Consumer Behavior	Witt, Ulrich
Doctoral Workshop on Doing 'Theory Research'	Chernilo, Daniel
<b>Transferable skills</b>	
Writing Scientific Papers in English	Christmas-Best, Verona

For further information or for course registration please see <http://www.gsbc.uni-jena.de/index.php?id=74>.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GSBS-BBS**

In the following term we will continue the GSBC-Brown-Bag-Seminar-Series. Due to that the fellows and the faculty of the GSBC invited interesting guests or will give lectures about their current research results:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Title</b>
Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Albuquerque (Goa Institute of Management, India)	Human Dignity in modern Indian Traditions
Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Alexia Gaudeul (GSBC)	The role of reciprocity in social network formation: An application to blogging

Date	Speaker	Title
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heinrich Best (GSBC)	t.b.a.
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Stefanie Hiss (GSBC)	t.b.a.
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Bommers (Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS), Osnabrück, Germany)	t.b.a.
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Karl-Heinz Paqué (Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg)	An economic analysis of the German reunification – An Introduction
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Anstassia Obydenkova (Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies (CEPC), Madrid, Spain)	t.b.a.
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	N.N.	t.b.a.
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Seeleib-Kaiser (University of Oxford, UK)	The Dual Transformation of Social Protection and Human Capital: Comparing Britain and Germany
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Chernilo (Loughborough University, UK)	Nationalistic blind spots in contemporary social sciences. The debate on 'methodological nationalism'
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Carsten Herrmann-Pillath (Sino-German School of Governance, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Germany)	A Naturalistic Perspective on the Semiotics of Signal Selection in the Theory of Consumer Choice
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ursula Staudinger (Jacobs University Bremen, Germany)	t.b.a.
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Schönwälder (Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen)	Social interactions in diverse contexts: migrants and non-migrants in German cities
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christiane Hipp (Brandenburg Technical University Cottbus)	t.b.a.
Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	N.N.	t.b.a.

The GSBC-BBS takes place every Wednesday at 12.00 p.m. in Room 102, Bachstraße 18k, Jena. Please see <http://gk.wiwi.uni-jena.de/index.php?SEM=GSBCB> to get up-to-date information about the GSBC-BBS.

### ***Upcoming Lectures and Workshops***

- October 5th, 2010, Workshop on **Economic Change & Consumer Behaviour**, Evolutionary Economics Group, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Jena:
  - 9:00-10:45 Session 1:
    - *Corinna Manig* (MPI Jena) "Is it ever enough? Food consumption, Satiation and Obesity"

- *Ulrich Witt* (MPI Jena) "Product characteristics, innovation, and the evolution of consumption: a behavioural approach"
  - 10:45- 11:15 Coffee Break
  - 11:15-13:00 Session 2:
    - *Benjamin Volland* (MPI Jena) "What drives the demand for beverages? A note on the relative importance of social norms and health considerations"
    - *María Dolores Martín-Lagos López* (University of Granada) "Consumption and Modernization in the European Union"
  - 13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break
  - 14:30- 16:15 Session 3:
    - *Abraham Garcia Torres* (European Commission) "Technological change and the role of demand"
    - *Vanessa Oltra* (University of Bordeaux) "Sustainable consumption in an evolutionary framework: How to foster change?"
  - 16:15-16:45 Coffee Break
  - 16:45- 17:45 Session 4:
    - *Viviana Di Giovinazzo* (University of Milan Bicocca) "Towards an alternative paradigm of consumer behaviour"
  - 17:45-19:45 Conference Dinner
  - 19:45- 21:00 Wrap-up Discussion on How much does economic change hinge on consumer behaviour

If somebody is interested in participating, please write Christina Günther ([guenther\(at\)econ.mpg.de](mailto:guenther(at)econ.mpg.de)) who organizes the workshop.

- October 14-15, 2010, **Workshop on Person Perception 25 years after Bruce and Young (1986)**, DFG Research Unit *Person Perception*, Rosensäle, Fürstengraben 27, Jena:
  - Thursday October 14, 2010
    - 15.00 Welcome
    - 15.05 Keynote lecture "Understanding Person Perception" by *Vicki Bruce* (University of Newcastle) and *Andy W. Young* (University of York)
    - 16.00 – 18.00 Poster Session
    - 18.00 – 19.00 Welcome - Reception
  - Friday October 15, 2010
    - 9.00 – 9.40 What is a Face Recognition Unit?, *A. Mike Burton* (University of Glasgow)
    - 9.40 – 10.20 Top-down Effects on Stimulus Repetition Related Phenomena, *Gyula Kovács* (University of Regensburg and Budapest University of Technology)
    - 10.20 – 10.40 Coffee Break
    - 10.40 – 11.20 Face Learning, *Jürgen M. Kaufmann* (Friedrich Schiller University, Jena)
    - 11.20 – 12.00 Understanding Voice Recognition, *Pascal Belin* (University of Glasgow)
    - 12.00 – 13.30 Lunch Break
    - 13.30 – 14.10 Audiovisual Integration in Person Perception, *Stefan R. Schweinberger* (Friedrich Schiller University, Jena)
    - 14.10 – 14.50 The Functional and Neural Bases of Social Attention Perception, *Andy J. Calder* (MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, Cambridge)
    - 14.50 – 15.30 A Role of the Amygdala in the Processing of Specific Facial Features, *Thomas Straube* (Friedrich Schiller University, Jena)
    - 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break



- 16.00 – 16.40 The Role of Dialects and Accents for Job Interview Outcome, Melanie C. Steffens (Friedrich Schiller University, Jena)
- 16.40 – 17.20 The Face and Person Perception, C. Neil Macrae (University of Aberdeen)
- 17.20 – 18.00 Age and Ageing in Face Perception and Face Memory, Holger Wiese (Friedrich Schiller University, Jena)

For registration, please contact Kathrin Wiese ([kathrin.wiese\(at\)uni-jena.de](mailto:kathrin.wiese(at)uni-jena.de)).

- October 18-22, 2010, **IUPsyS Capacity Building Workshop on Intervention following Bereavement: Application and Training**, Jena.

As part of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) Capacity Building program, a workshop will be held in Jena, Germany, October 18-22, 2010, on 'Intervention following Bereavement: Application and Training'. Participants, who are academic scholars or practitioners in the field of psychology and psychotherapy and whose area of research or work is linked to the subject of bereavement, are all from the southern Caucasus region (specifically, from Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan).

The workshop comprises three days devoted to practical advice and training on topics such as dealing with depression. On two further days plenum presentations and discussions are provided on related topics such as attachment development and issues of public health. The workshop will be led by internationally renowned experts working in the fields of psychotherapy, clinical psychology, developmental psychology, and public health. Members of the faculty are

- Prof. Dr. H. Znoj (Bern, Switzerland),
- Prof. Dr. M. Hautzinger (Tübingen, Germany),
- Prof. Dr. F. Neuner (Bielefeld, Germany),
- Prof. Dr. M. van Ijzendoorn (Leiden, Netherlands),
- Prof. G. Wilz (Jena, Germany),
- Prof. Dr. G. Jacobs (South Dakota, USA), and
- Prof. Dr. P. Ritchie (Ottawa, Canada).

In separate group work issues raised by the presentations will be discussed, and the work of the participants will be displayed on posters. The workshop will be hosted by IUPsyS President Professor Rainer K. Silbereisen and Professor Wolfgang Miltner, Head of the Department of Biological and Clinical Psychology at the University of Jena. Funding was received from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) as part of its program "Prevention of Conflict in the South Caucasus Region," and IUPsyS. For further information please refer to Dr. Sebastian Grümer ([sebastian.gruemer\(at\)uni-jena.de](mailto:sebastian.gruemer(at)uni-jena.de)).

- October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 14.00 – 17.00, JERSeminar by Daniel Raff (Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania), **Evolutionary Economic History of the American Book Trade over the Long Twentieth Century**, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Jena.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, 14.00 – 15.30, JERSeminar by Frank Neffke (Erasmus School of Economics Rotterdam), **t.b.a.**, Bachstr. 18, building K, room 102.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, 15.45 – 17.15, JERSeminar by Olof Ejermo (Lund University), **t.b.a.**, Bachstr. 18, building K, room 102.
- November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 14.00 – 15.30, JERSeminar by Martin Strobel (Maastricht University, **t.b.a.**, MPI seminar room V14, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Kahlaische Straße 10.
- November 18-19, 2010, University-Seminar Dialog Wissenschaft und Praxis by Andreas Freytag und Christoph Ohler, **Die Bedeutung der Insolvenz in der sozialen**

**Marktwirtschaft** (funded by Hanns-Martin-Schleyer-Foundation and Robert Bosch Foundation).

- November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 14.00 – 15.30, JERSeminar by Michael Neugart (Free University of Bozen/Bolzano, **t.b.a.**), MPI seminar room V14, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Kahlaische Straße 10.
- November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 15.45 – 17.15, JERSeminar by Mauro Napoletano (Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Economiques), **The efficiency and evolution of R&D Networks**, MPI seminar room V14, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Kahlaische Straße 10.
- November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 14.00 – 15.30, JERSeminar by Karl-Heinz Paqué (Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg), **An economic analysis of the German reunification – the pure economic perspective**, Bachstr. 18, building K, room 102.
- November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 15.45 – 17.15, JERSeminar by Martina Fromhold-Eisebith (RWTH Aachen), **Economic Crisis and Innovativeness: Exploring Geographies of Impact**, Bachstr. 18, building K, room 102.
- December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, 14.00 – 15.30, JERSeminar by Friedel Bolle (EUV Frankfurt (Oder)), **Are egalitarian preferences based on envy?**, MPI seminar room V14, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Kahlaische Straße 10.
- December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 14.00 – 15.30, JERSeminar by Martin Woerter (ETH Zurich), **Competition and Persistence of R&D**, Bachstr. 18, building K, room 102.
- December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 14.00 – 15.30, JERSeminar by Adam Szirmai (UNU MERIT), **Is Manufacturing Still an Engine of Growth in Developing Countries**, MPI seminar room V14, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Kahlaische Straße 10.
- December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 15.45 – 17.15, JERSeminar by Michael Dahl (Aalborg University), **Organizational Change and Employee Stress**, MPI seminar room V14, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Kahlaische Straße 10.
- January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 15.45 – 17.15, JERSeminar by Kenneth Carlaw (University of British Columbia), **GPT driven growth**, MPI seminar room V14, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Kahlaische Straße 10.
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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### **Completed Dissertations**

- Anja Klaukien (Under the supervision by David Audretsch), Decision Making in Innovation and Entrepreneurship – A Collection of Conjoint-based Studies.
- Sarah Kösters (Under the supervision by Uwe Cantner), Policy Support for Innovative Entrepreneurship – An Empirical Evaluation.
- Stephan Krabel (Under the supervision by Michael Fritsch), Commercializing Basic Science – Why Scientists Engage in Entrepreneurship and Research Cooperation with Private Firms.
- Tatiana Plotnikova (Under the supervision by Uwe Cantner), Innovation by Diversified Firms: An Empirical Analysis of the Pharmaceutical Industry.
- Vera Popova (Under the supervision by Oliver Kirchkamp), Experiments on cooperation and markets with asymmetric information.
- Jenny Roth (Under Supervision by Melanie C. Steffens), Easily Liked and Disliked? Formation and Change of Implicit and Explicit Attitudes towards One's Group.
- Yvonne Schindele (Under the supervision by Michael Fritsch), The Contribution of New Businesses to Regional Development.
- René Söllner (Under the supervision by Uwe Cantner), Diversity, Innovation, and Competition on Product Markets.
- Christoph Vietze (Under Supervision by Andreas Freytag), Determinants of tourism and its potential for sustainable economic development: empirical evidence.
- Katharina Wiese (Under the supervision by Matthias Ruffert), Staatliche Beihilfen in der Praxis des Europäischen Gerichtshofs und der Europäischen Kommission am Beispiel der deutschen Rundfunkgebühren.
- Julia Sophie Wörsdorfer (Under Supervision by Ulrich Witt), Technical Change and Consumer Learning in Household Production Processes. The Case of Washing Machines.

We congratulate and wish all the best for the further career.

### **Conference presentations by the GSBC fellows**

#### **Jenny Block on The biographical change in the meaning of "free time"**

*Congress "Hoffnung Alter", 10th Congress of the German Society of Gerontology and Geriatrics (DGGG), September 15-17, 2010, Berlin*

Sociological ageing research is nowadays especially interested in the retirement phase as a historically new phase in life. Despite the disintegration of usual employment careers, the institutionalised transition to the retirement phase is still an awaited time in life from subjective's point of view. In the light of a value change towards an increasing importance of leisure for the individual self-fulfilment, the question of the present PhD-project is, what the retirement phase as a "leisure phase" means to retired people and their life aspirations. The aim is to find out, which experiences retired people have with the institutionalised chronology of work and free time throughout the life course. Are there discrepancies between individual aspirations and the chronological separation of these two spheres in life? Which hopes connected with retirement as a guerdon for the burdens of the former work life come true, which hopes must be revised because of which developments in the individual life course?

The aim of the poster presentation is to introduce to the theoretical and methodological aspects of the PhD-project as well as a report about first research results.

In semi-structured interviews with retired people from the old "Länder" (Bundesländer), who retired no longer than four years ago, the focus lies on a retrospective view on the employment career as well as a prospective view on life in a phase of free time. In both perspectives the question is central, which importance and meaning free time had or has



for subjective life aspirations, in order to draw conclusions about factors that lead to possible changes in the expectations concerning the field of interest.

***Boris Heizmann on The Influence of Occupational Immigrant Segregation on the Wages of Migrants and Non-Migrants (together with Anne Busch and Elke Holst)***

*35<sup>th</sup> Congress of the German Society for Sociology (DGS), October 11th-15th, 2010, Frankfurt/ Main*

While the existence of an immigrant wage gap in Germany is a well-known fact, the contribution of occupational immigrant segregation to this form of inequality has not yet been evaluated in Germany. Our research project aims to shed some more light on this research gap by investigating the effect of the rate of immigrants within an occupation on wages of those with and without a migrant background.

Several sociological, psychological and economic concepts are relevant for this research question (cultural devaluation, group threat, quality sorting). We combine data from the German Socio Economic Panel study (SOEP) with calculations from the Microcensus and conduct pooled regression analyses. After applying controls for several dimensions of human capital, firm- and occupation-specific characteristics and other relevant aspects, a significant and negative influence of the share of immigrants on wages persists. This hints to a cultural devaluation of occupations with a high immigrant share.

***Lars Vogel on Representation and Political Culture***

*Midterm Conference of the Research Network 32 "Political Sociology" of the European Sociological Association, November 3-4, 2010, Lille, France*

The paper aims to analyze the general pattern of the relation between representation and political culture by using empirical data about the political elite and population in Germany. The assumption is that elite-composition or elite-behavior at the macro-level influence the political culture of the citizens on the micro-level, especially their evaluation of democracy. The argument is that the rapid adaptation of the political elite of Eastern Germany after 1990 into the institutional framework imported from Western Germany has caused both convergence of Eastern and Western representative elites and distance towards the population in Eastern Germany. However, elite-population-gaps seem inevitable, since politicians are acting in institutional frameworks different from the population, which is demonstrated by the likewise elite-population gap in Western Germany. Nevertheless, this gap is more pronounced in transformational societies like Eastern Germany, since effective counterbalancing factors have not emerged yet.

Fortunately, not each distance between elite and population causes consequences for the political culture, since there are intervening variables like the perception of the quality of representation and the saliency of issues. However, one general pattern is that pronounced unresponsiveness leads to dissatisfaction. We can show that those issues cause dissatisfaction with democracy, on which we find majorities close to consensus among the representative elites but a heterogeneous population. Thus, the articulation of interest and attitudes of the population appears as necessary condition for successful representation, the non-articulation or unresponsiveness of representative elites lead to dissatisfaction with democracy among citizens.

Further, he will take part in a panel discussion on "Konsequenzen für die Demokratietheorie" at the conference "Ostdeutschland und die Politikwissenschaft. Eine Bilanz 20 Jahre nach der (Wieder-)Vereinigung", September 30<sup>th</sup> –October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, Berlin, Germany.

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