

SOEPcampus@DIAL Mid-Term Conference 2019: Introduction to the German Socio-economic Panel Study

Venue: Publicum-building, IT-class 408 (and 409 if needed)

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Organizer: University of Turku / DIAL

Lecturers: Sandra Bohmann (SOEP, DIW Berlin)

Language: English

Description: The German Socio-Economic Panel Study is a representative panel study for the German population, collecting data on a broad variety of topics of everyday life, including general wellbeing, household composition, educational aspirations and educational status, income and occupational biographies, leisure time activities, housing, health, political orientation, from selected German households. With its long running panel structure the breadth of information and the representative nature of the data, the SOEP has become one of the most important resources for quantitative research in the social sciences in relation to Germany.

This one day workshop offers a well-grounded and practically oriented introduction to this sophisticated data source. Participants will be introduced to the content of the study, its data-structure, sample selection and weighting strategy and they will be provided with an overview over the study documentation. The Hands-On Sessions will mimic the entire process from identifying and finding variables containing specific information in the dataset to the creation of the final dataset for analysis and first empirical investigations. The practical part of the workshop requires familiarity with methods of empirical analysis and basic programming skills in STATA. An overview of the required STATA skills can be found [here](#).

Throughout the workshop SOEP staff members will be available to discuss any questions regarding the dataset and documentation material.

We are looking forward to welcome you at the SOEP@campus as part of the DIAL Mid-Term Conference 2019 in Turku.

Programme:

- 9:30-09:45 **Welcome Session**
- 09:45-12:30 **Introduction to SOEP - Part I**
- *Basic Introduction into the study*
 - *Data-Structure*
- 12:30-13:30 *Lunch-Break*
- 13:30-16:00 **Hands-On Session**
- *Documentation Material*
 - *Data Preparation Process*
- 16:00-16:30 *Coffeebreak and Time for Individual Questions*
- 16:30-17:30 **Introduction to SOEP - Part II**
- *Weighting Strategy*
- 17:30-18:00 **Final Session**
- *How to get the Data*
 - *Time for Individual Questions*