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1 Introduction

This report presents a detailed overview of all activities during the year 2013 that were carried out at EUROLAB, department DAS, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences. The EUROLAB was established in 1996 as an access facility to the resources available at the GESIS data archive (formerly ZA). It was supported by the European Commission within the 4th, 5th and 6th Framework Programs. The EUROLAB is recognized as an important international research infrastructure to support high level comparative research in the social sciences. Since 1996 about 350 researchers from over thirty countries all over the world have worked at the EUROLAB for more than 5500 days altogether. Around 100 books, articles and conference papers have been published on the basis of research at the EUROLAB so far.

The EUROLAB offers visiting researchers on-site access to comparative social research data (including data with restricted access), access to scientific literature via the special GESIS library on empirical social research and through online access to academic journals. The EUROLAB provides access to a personal working place, to standard and highly advanced statistical analysis software and methodological and theoretical advice from internal and external experts. Furthermore, practical and logistic support as well as partly financial support is provided to EUROLAB visiting researchers. The EUROLAB announces two calls a year for about ten financially supported visits. Applications for visits without financial support, i.e. self-funded visits, are accepted anytime and the share of researchers coming on their own means has been growing in the last years. In addition, EUROLAB organizes international symposia and conferences in cooperation with GESIS colleagues in order to encourage academic debate on major societal issues.

The following sections inform about projects of visiting researchers, present statistical background information about visiting researchers and also report on the scientific activities of EUROLAB team members: Section 2 provides a summary overview of the visiting researchers, their home country, position etc. This is followed by an overview of the projects carried out by visiting researchers, the related scientific publications and the presentations EUROLAB researchers held during their visit at GESIS. Section 4 contains the results of the user evaluation of services offered by the EUROLAB. In the following, information is given about the EUROLAB User Meeting 2013 in section 5. The authors' conference "Values, Crisis and Democracy" which took place in September 2013 and was organized by the EUROLAB in co-operation with the director of the Data Archive for the Social Sciences, PD Dr. Hermann

Dülmer, is presented in section 6. Section 7 introduces the Leibniz – DAAD research fellow hosted by the EUROLAB in 2013. Finally, a last section contains information about the activities of the EUROLAB staff and lists publications, presentations, functions, memberships and other achievements as well as academic teaching and personnel changes in 2013.



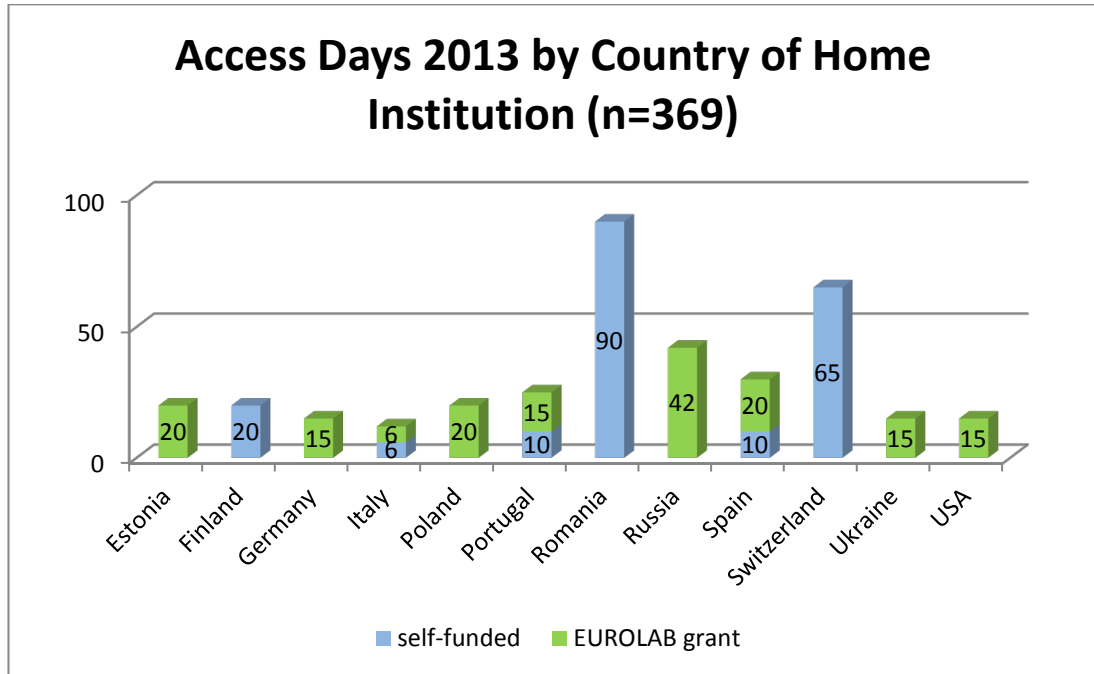
Picture 1.1: The EUROLAB staff: Martin Fritz, Ingvill C. Mochmann, Malina Voicu, Andrea Meckel

2 Overview of visiting researchers at EUROLAB

Overall, in 2013 the EUROLAB hosted 24 visiting researchers who worked altogether at 656 days on their individual projects (cf. Figure 2.1). Out of these 24 researchers 10 were funded fully by EUROLAB (cf. Figure 2.2) after positively being evaluated by the International Selection Panel. In 2013 the Selection Panel has evaluated 113 applications out of which 11 for self-funded research visits. This shows the high demand among researchers in Europe and worldwide for accessing social sciences research infrastructures as the EUROLAB. 6 research visits were fully self-funded, 1 research visit was partly funded by EUROLAB. 1 long-term visit was a Leibniz-DAAD fellowship and 6 research visits were scientists invited by DAS, GESIS, and who were hosted by the EUROLAB.

EUROLAB grants are a great possibility to enhance international visibility of GESIS and to attract researchers from all over the world to make use of various GESIS services. Following each call we also receive an increasing number of researchers applying for a research visit with own funding which indicates that there is a need for on-site access to social sciences data and support within an adequate research environment. Figure 2.1 shows where the researchers came from and the distributions of self-funded vs. granted research visits in 2013.

Figure 2.1: Duration of stay in days by country of home institution and type of funding of visiting researchers in 2013¹



Looking at the country of the home institutions, the visiting researchers came from 11 different countries in Europe, and the USA. In each case, two visitors came from institutions in Romania, Italy, Spain, Russia and Portugal. One researcher came from Estonia, Finland, Germany, Poland, Switzerland, the Ukraine and the USA, respectively. As can be seen Romanian researchers spent 90 access days at the EUROLAB in 2013, all of these were self-funded. Thereafter, Switzerland follows with 65 self-funded access days and Russia with 42 access days granted by EUROLAB. More than half of all the access days provided by EUROLAB were on own funding (201) and 168 access days were support by EUROLAB grants. The 7 researchers who worked at the EUROLAB on their own costs came from different countries: One researcher respectively came from Italy, Switzerland, Portugal, Finland and Spain. Two came from institutions in Romania.

¹ Without the Leibniz-DAAD fellowship scholar, whose long visit (1 year = 230 days) would strongly bias the distribution and without visiting researchers from DAS.

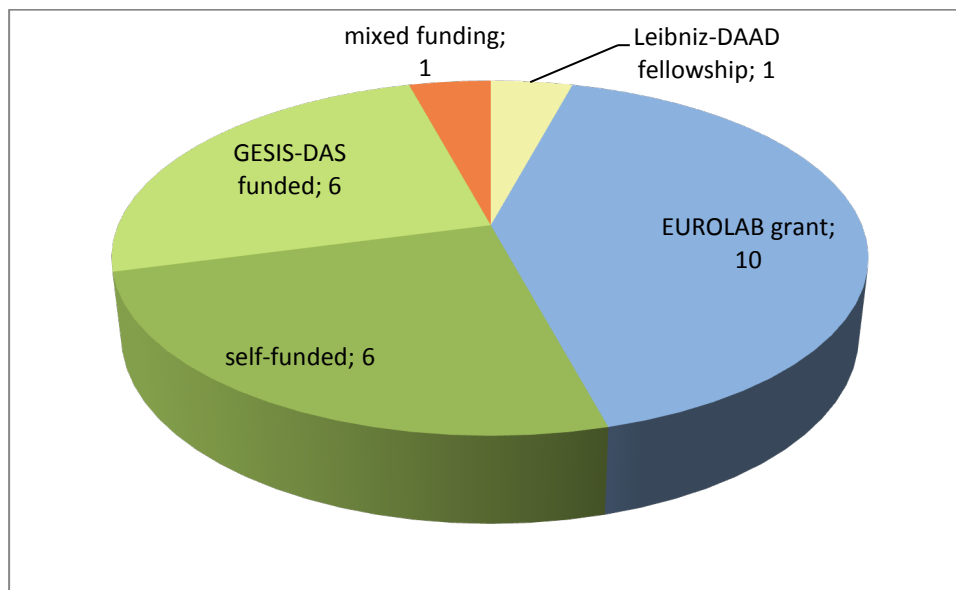
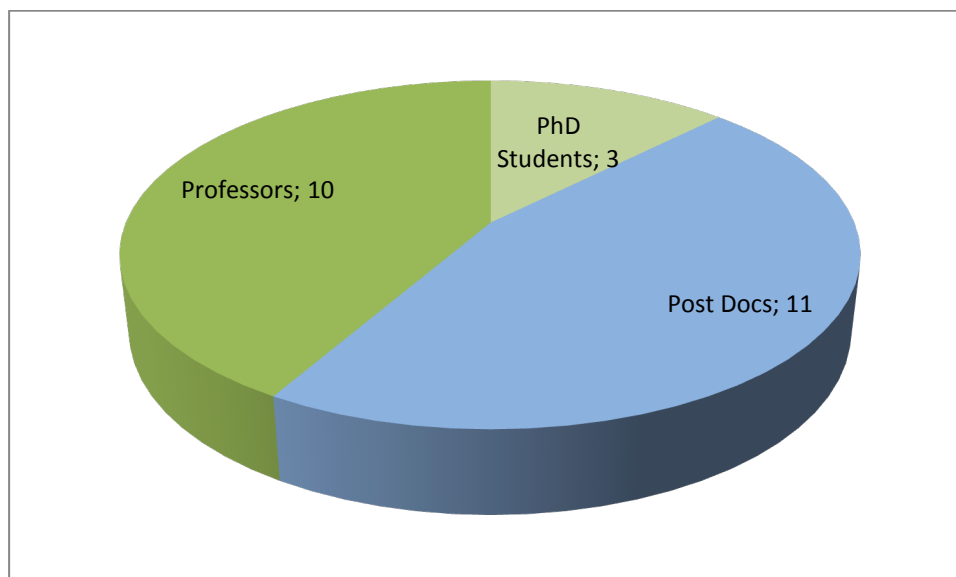
Figure 2.2: Funding of visiting researchers in 2013 (n=24)

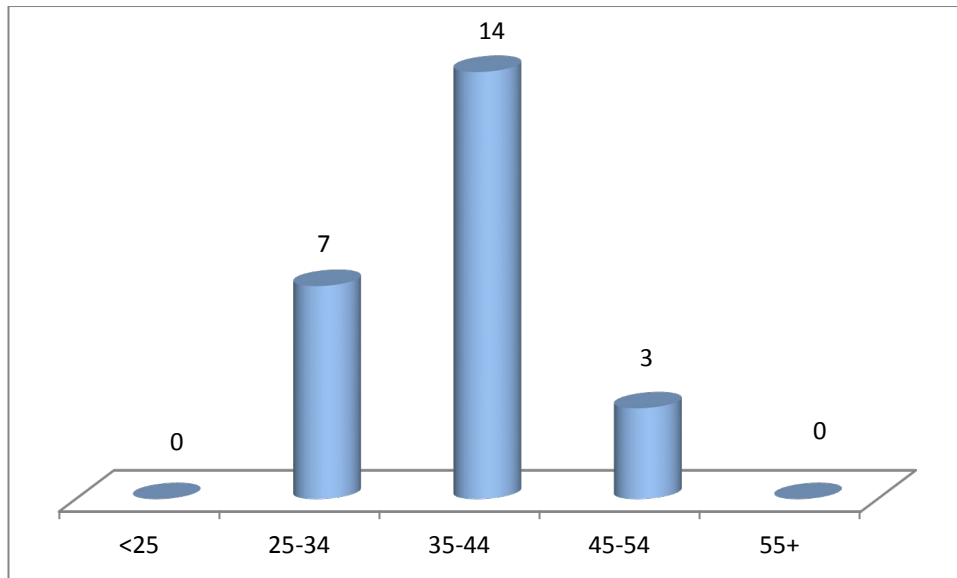
Figure 2.3 shows the research status of all 24 researchers who worked at the EUROLAB in 2013 and shows the high level of academic positions held by the visitors: while 3 were PhD Students, EUROLAB hosted 11 Postdocs and 10 experienced Professors.

Figure 2.3: Research status of visiting researchers in 2013 (n=24)

The gender distribution of EUROLAB visiting researchers in 2013 show a bias towards men who were with 15 persons overrepresented as compared to the 9 women that were hosted. The age distribution in Figure 2.4 indicates that most visitors were between 35 and

44 years. This coincides with research status (Figure 2.3) as most visitors were postdoctoral and professorial researchers.

Figure 2.4: Age of visiting researchers in 2013 (n=24)



Two of the most important reasons for researchers to apply for a stay at EUROLAB are the possibilities to analyse most recent data sets with state of the art statistical software. What are the data sets researchers demanded the most and which programs did they use to analyse them? Similar to the previous year, the most frequently used data sets are the European Values Study 2008, the European Social Survey, and various waves of the International Social Survey Program and of the Eurobarometer. Other data sets that were used are the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES) and various Elections studies for the field of political science. One researcher also gained access to the restricted data of the pairfam panel (panel of intimate relationships and family dynamics). Despite the growing data resources available in the web and the possibilities to analyse them online, researchers profit from conducting their empirical projects in a research environment which includes expert advice, colleagues, technical equipment and the right statistical software: The most popular programs (i.e. nearly all researchers used them) are SPSS and STATA. HLM, special software designed for multi-level regression analyses, is also used by many of the visiting researchers. Some researcher requested AMOS, MPlus and Lisrel. However, given the temporary nature of versions of software programs it is not possible to calculate preferences for the next years: The release of a new version of some programs not used in 2013 may attract researchers to apply their statistical methods with the new software.

3 Projects, Publications and Presentations of EUROLAB visiting researchers

Projects in 2013

14.01.2013 - 18.01.2013	Zoe Lefkofridi (hosted as guest of the GESIS, DAS team "International Data Infrastructure Center")	The European Citizen Initiative. Who and Why?
14.01.2013 - 28.01.2013	Carmelo Moreno del Rio	The "federalist issue" in Europe. Attitudes, opinions about national models and institutional projects for European Union
14.01.2013 - 01.02.2013	Eduarne Bartolome Peral (in co-operation with Malina Voicu)	Support for democracy and religious culture
01.02.2013 - 30.04.2013	Bogdan Voicu	Does Life Satisfaction Travel in Immigrants' Luggage?
01.03.2013 - 31.03.2013	Henrik Serup Christensen	Political Disenchantment and Citizen Engagement in Representative democracies
08.04.2013 - 27.04.2013	Max Koch (in co-operation with Martin Fritz)	Attitudes towards Climate Change and Social Policies - a Comparative View
22.04.2013 - 31.05.2013	Ana Cosima Rughinis	Using Age-Period-Cohort Decomposition as a Conceptual Tool in Social Analysis
29.04.2013 - 17.05.2013	Yuriy Savelyev	Amendment of the Modernization Model: Explaining Variations in Values Change and Development in European Societies
06.05.2013 - 17.05.2013 und 26.05.2013 - 08.06.2013	Małgorzata Mikucka	Well-being effects of family support during the transition to unemployment
21.05.2013 - 20.06.2013	Liisa Talving	Incumbent Support During Economic Crisis: A Comparative Study of the EU Member States
01.07.2013 - 07.07.2013	Dominic Duckett (hosted as guest of GESIS/DAS)	Changing biopower relations through electronic identification of farm animals
15.07.2013 - 21.07.2013	Céline Ehrwein Nihan (hosted as guest of GESIS/DAS)	Ubiquitous Computing in the Workplace: What Ethical Issues?
15.07.2013 - 31.07.2013	Ekaterina Gorbunova	Societal requisites for democratic transition and consolidation: Democratic dimensions of political culture in Russia
23.09.2013 - 20.12.2013	Eldad Davidov	Values and methods to test for cross-cultural invariance
26.09.2013 -	Malina Voicu, Ingvill C.	Authors' Conference: Values, Crisis and

27.09.2013	Mochmann, Hermann Dülmer (organizers) and about 20 international participants	Democracy
30.09.2013 – 26.10.2013	Cicero Roberto Pereira	Social Values and Socio-Economic Development
07.10.2013 – 25.10.2013	Amy Adamczyk	Understanding the Factors that Shape Tolerance for Homosexuality Across Nations
10.10. 2013 – 11.10. 2013	Ferruccio Biolcati Rinaldi (hosted as guest of the FDZ 'ISP')	Church Attendance and Religious Change in Europe
11.10.2013	Ingvill C. Mochmann, Malina Voicu, Martin Fritz and about 15 international participants	EUROLAB User Meeting 2013
11.11.2013 – 22.11.2013	Ivan Rimac	Survey data falsification indicators study
11.11.2013 – 05.12.2013	Wladimir Kozlow	The Role of Age and Cohorts in Subjective Well-Being and Subjective Health Status
20.11.2013 – 20.12.2013	Maxim Rudnew	People in Transition: Disoriented Value Class in Europe and Symptoms of Social Decay
25.11.2013 – 20.12.2013	Nataliya Reshetova	Satisfaction with Democracy in Ukraine in the Period of Transition
02.12.2013 – 20.12.2013	Knut Petzold	The willingness to be mobile as resource in professional careers – causes and effects in international comparison
09.12.2013 – 16.12.2013	Ferruccio Biolcati-Rinaldi	Church attendance and religious change in Europe (1973-2010)
09.12.2013 – 16.12.2013	Cristiano Vezzoni	Estimating Societal Trends from Cumulated, Harmonized, Cross-National Survey Data – The Case of Church Attendance Trends in Europe

Publications of visiting researchers in 2013

Christensen, H. S. (2013). Institutional Incentives for Political Participation in the Off-Election Democracy. In Esaiasson, P. and Narud, H.M. (Eds.), *Between Election Democracy – The Representative Relationship after Election Day*. Colchester: ECPR Press.

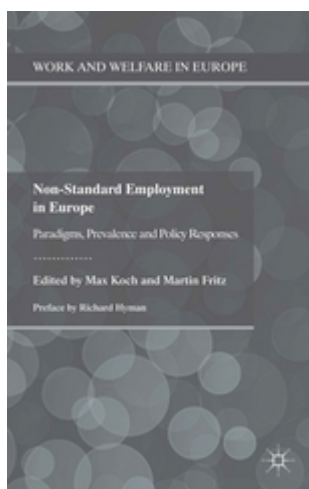
Christensen, H. S. (2013). Broadening Democratic Participation? An exploratory study of e-democracy in 188 Finnish municipalities. *Scandinavian Journal of Public Administration*, 17(3).

Himmelroos, S. and Christensen, H. S. (2013): Deliberation and Opinion Change: Evidence from a Deliberative Mini-public in Finland. *Scandinavian Political Studies*. doi: 10.1111/1467-9477.12013

Rughiniş, R. and Rughiniş, C. (2013). Presentation "Robots and the European Public Imagination: Eurobarometer Survey Results and Methodological Issues". The 3rd International Conference on Social Sciences and Society (ICSSS 2013), Jeju Island, Korea, December 27-28, 2013.

Koch, M.; Fritz, M. (eds.). (2013). *Non-standard Employment in Europe: Paradigms, Prevalence and Policy Responses*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

This book is the result of a longer and fruitful cooperation between Max Koch from Lund University, Sweden and the EUROLAB. It started in May 2011 with an authors' workshop on the "Destandardisation of employment in the EU" and is continued with different topics and projects until today.



About this book: 'Non-standard' employment is becoming more common. Fewer people are working full-time and/or have permanent employment contracts; more are working part-time, have fixed-term contracts or are self-employed. Many scholars have pointed to the negative consequences of this development, including 'precarious' forms of employment and in-work poverty. This volume provides a thorough theoretical and empirical analysis of these processes by understanding the 'Destandardisation' of employment in Europe and the associated modifications in socio-economic regulation both at national and EU level. The book provides country studies of the UK, Spain, Germany, Poland, Croatia, and the Nordic countries and offers comparative European analyses of part-time and fixed-term employment in relation to in-work poverty, exclusion and anomie. Emphasis is on 'best practice' in the governance of non-standard employment. Is there evidence for a new and socially inclusive European employment standard?

Presentations of EUROLAB visiting researchers at GESIS in 2013

Voicu, B. (2013). Presentation "Does Life Satisfaction Travel in Immigrants' Luggage?" 13.2.2013.

Christensen, H. S. (2013). Presentation "Political Disenchantment and Citizen Engagement". 25.3.2013.

Rimac, I. (2013). Presentation "The Role of demoralizers in morale of interviewers' cheating". 21.11.2013.

Saraccino, F. (2013). Presentation "Happy for How Long? How Social Capital and GDP relate to Happiness over Time". 27.6.2013

Rudnew, M. (2013). Presentation "People in Transition: Disoriented Value Class in Europe and Symptoms of Social Anomia". 17.12.2013.

Reshetova, N. (2013). Presentation "Support for Democracy in Ukraine". 17.12.2013.

The following presentations were held during the 2013 EUROLAB User Meeting (see also section 6):

Voicu, B. and Comşa, M. (2013). Presentation "Immigrants' Participation in Voting: Exposure, Resilience, and Transferability". EUROLAB User Meeting, Cologne, 11.10.2013.

Pereira, C. (2013). Presentation "The role played by threat perceptions and justice concerns in discrimination against minority groups". EUROLAB User Meeting, Cologne, 11.10.2013.

Adamczyk, A. (2013). Presentation "Explaining Attitudes about Homosexuality in Confucian and non-Confucian Nations: Is there a "Cultural" Influence?" EUROLAB User Meeting, Cologne, 11.10.2013

Saraccino, F. (2013). Presentation "The dark side of Chinese growth: Explaining Chinese decreasing well-being in times of economic growth". EUROLAB User Meeting, Cologne, 11.10.2013.

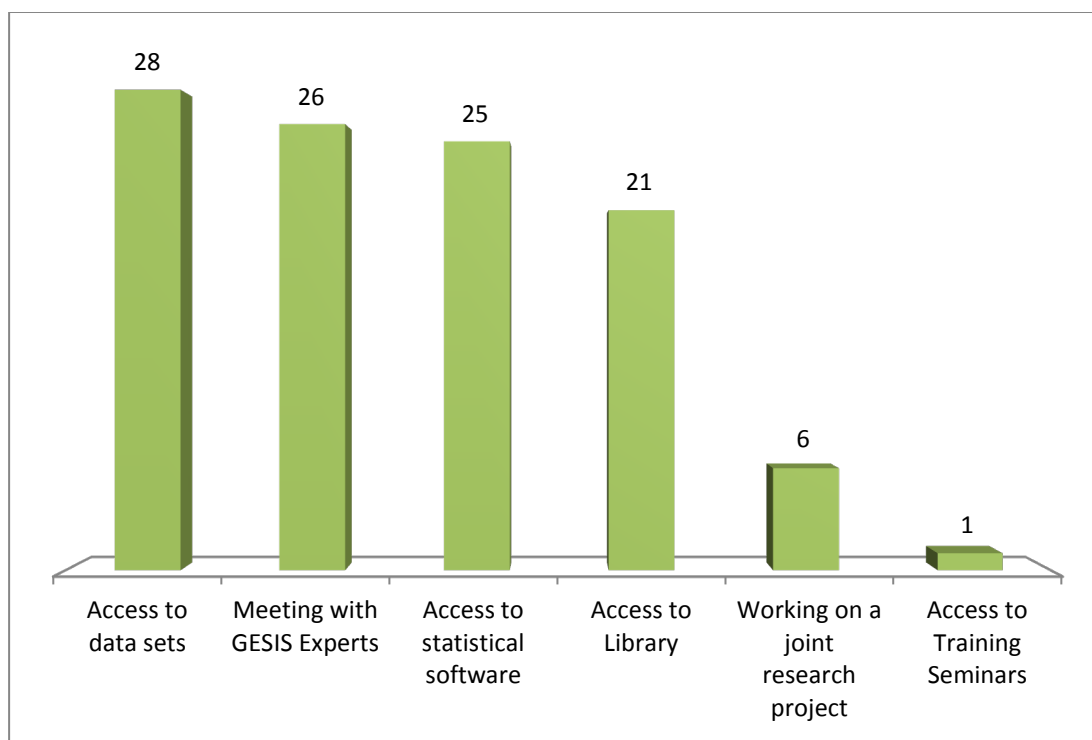
Rinaldi, F. B. and Vezzoni, C. (2013). Presentation "Church Attendance and Religious Change in Europe (1970-2011). Theoretical Debate, Methodological Issues and Empirical Results". EUROLAB User Meeting, Cologne, 11.10.2013.

Mikucka, M. (2013). Presentation "Do social resources protect well-being during transitions to unemployment in Germany?" EUROLAB User Meeting, Cologne, 11.10.2013.

4 Evaluation of the EUROLAB by visiting researchers 2011-2013

The following graphs and numbers come from an online questionnaire which visiting researchers are asked to fill in shortly after their stay in Cologne. It covers, among others, the satisfaction with different services of the EUROLAB, what services researchers used during their visit, and how they got to know about the EUROLAB. So far, 32 researchers have completed the questionnaire.

Figure 5.1: Kind of Support used, multiple answers possible (n=32)



As Figure 5.1 demonstrates the main reason for coming to the EUROLAB still is the access to social science data sets. Also very important for researchers are meetings with GESIS staff to get expert advice on their topics as well as the access to latest and specialized statistical software. 21 researchers made use of the GESIS library and 6 took the opportunity of working at the EUROLAB to conduct a joint research project, either together with other visiting researchers or with EUROLAB and GESIS staff. One researcher used the opportunity to also attend a GESIS training seminar during the visit.

Figure 5.2: Satisfaction with the EUROLAB (Mean values from scales with 1=very poor to 5=very good, n=32)

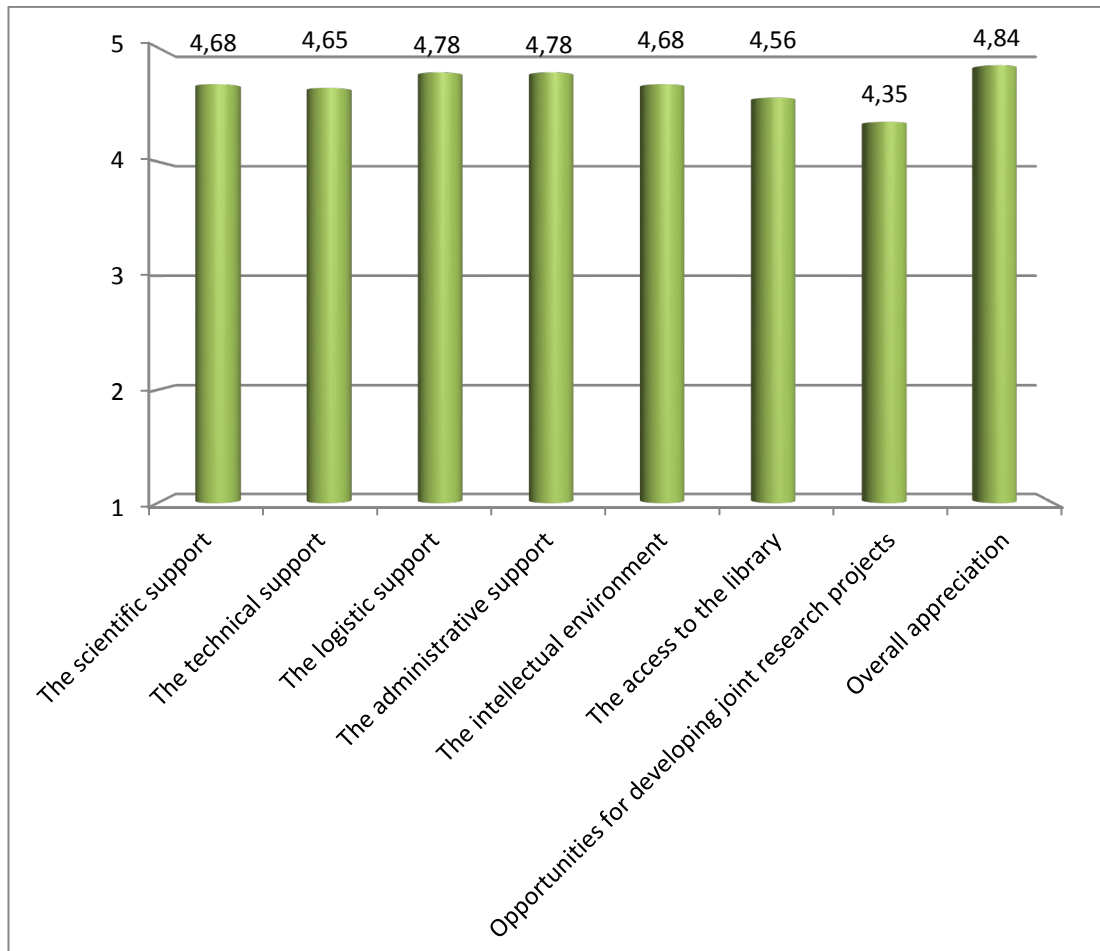
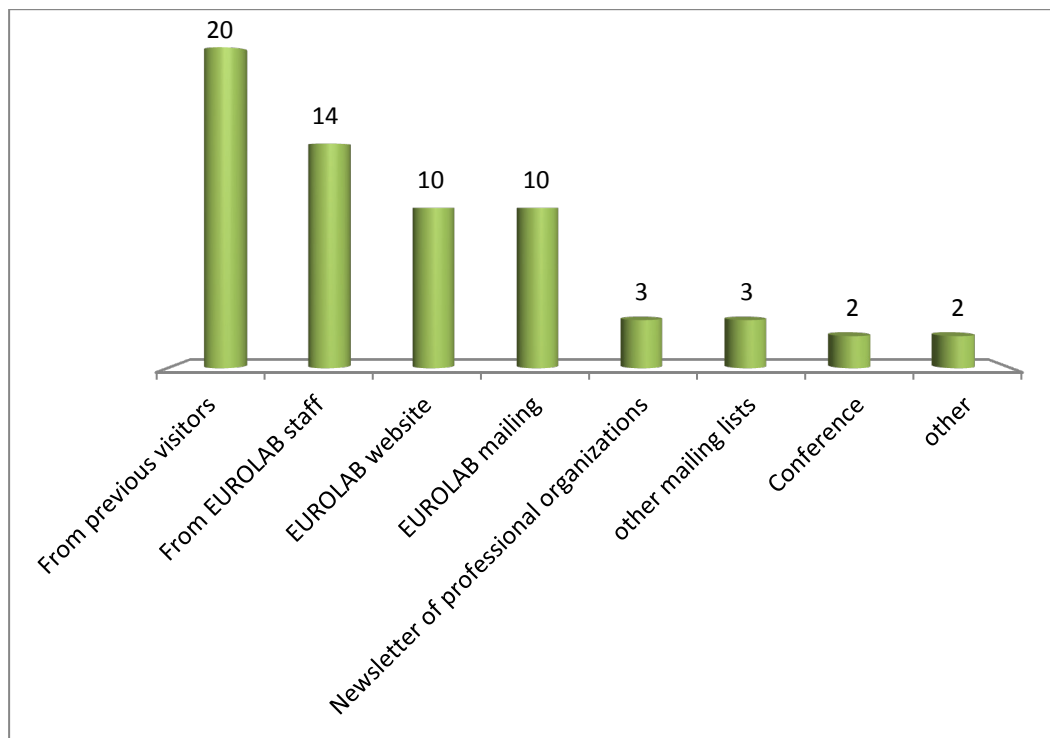


Figure 5.2 shows the satisfaction of visiting researchers with different aspects of their stay at the EUROLAB. In general, all aspects were evaluated as very good which is reflected by the high overall appreciation of the research visit (4,84). Regarding single aspects, satisfaction with logistic and administrative support score the highest (4,78). This is followed by the satisfaction for scientific support and the intellectual environment as well as technical support. Overall, the satisfaction of the EUROLAB visiting researchers remains at a very high level during the whole period.

Figure 5.3: How did you hear about EUROLAB? (Multiple answers possible, n=32)

There are different sources from which visitors hear about the services of EUROLAB. The most frequently occurring sources are, as Figure 5.3 demonstrates, previous visitors who spread the knowledge and their experiences at EUROLAB in their home institutions and among their academic networks. Contact between EUROLAB staff and researchers – usually in the context of conferences and workshops – also plays an important role. This is followed by more formal dissemination activities like periodically e-mails from EUROLAB and the information on the EUROLAB websites. Few researchers learnt about EUROLAB and its offers from newsletters of professional organizations or from other mailing lists.

5 EUROLAB User Meeting 2013

On October 11th, 2013, former and current visiting researchers of the EUROLAB as well as EUROLAB staff met in Cologne to present and discuss their research among each other and with GESIS staff. The idea of such an event is to disseminate the knowledge generated during the research stays to a broader public, to foster scientific exchange and to facilitate the development of academic networks. Below, the agenda of the EUROLAB user meeting and the list of participants can be found.

Agenda

- 10:30 Welcome
Ingvill C. Mochmann, Head of the European Data Laboratory (EUROLAB)
- 10:40 Introduction to the EUROLAB – *Malina Voicu, Martin Fritz*
- 11:00 Explaining Attitudes about Homosexuality in Confucian and non-Confucian Nations: Is there a "Cultural" Influence?
Amy Adamczyk, City University of New York
- 11.45 The dark side of Chinese growth: Explaining Chinese decreasing well-being in times of economic growth".
Francesco Sarraccino, DAAD- Leibniz Post-doctoral researcher, GESIS
- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 13:30 Immigrants' Participation in Voting: Exposure, Resilience, and Transferability
Bogdan Voicu and Mircea Comşa, Romanian Academy
- 14:15 Church Attendance and Religious Change in Europe (1970–2011). Theoretical Debate, Methodological Issues and Empirical Results.
Ferruccio Biolcati Rinaldi, University of Milan
Cristiano Vezzoni, University of Trento
- 15:00 Coffee Break
- 15:15 Do social resources protect well-being during transitions to unemployment in Germany?
Małgorzata Mikucka, University of Louvain-la-Neuve

16:00 The role played by threat perceptions and justice concerns in
discrimination against minority groups

Cicero Pereira, University of Lisbon

16:45 Discussion

List of participants

Alexia Katsanidou, GESIS, Germany

Amy Adamczyk, City University of New York, US

Anabel Kuntz, University of Cologne, Germany

Andrea Meckel, GESIS, Germany

Andreea Constantin, University of Cologne, Germany

Bogdan Voicu, Romanian Academy, Romania

Cicero Pereira, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Cristina Orga, University of Cologne, Germany

Evelyn Brislinger, GESIS, Germany

Ferruccio Biolcati Rinaldi, University of Milan, Italy

Francesco Sarraccino, DAAD- Leibniz Post-doctoral researcher, GESIS, Germany

Hermann Dülmer, GESIS, Germany

Ingvill C. Mochmann, GESIS, Germany

Laurence Horton, GESIS, Germany

Małgorzata Mikucka, University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

Malina Voicu, GESIS, Germany

Markus Quandt, GESIS, Germany

Martin Fritz, GESIS, Germany

Meinhard Moschner, GESIS, Germany

Norman Mukasa, University of Bilbao, Spain

6 Authors' Conference: Values, Crisis and Democracy

On September the 26th and 27th, 2013, international experts met at GESIS in Cologne to discuss interrelations between economic crises, political attitudes and value change. Moreover, one of the central questions in the focus of the conference was how crises affect trust in political institutions and political participation.

The conference was organized by Malina Voicu and Ingvill C. Mochmann (EUROLAB) and Hermann Dülmer (Director of the department 'Data Archive for the Social Sciences'). Eldad Davidov, University of Zurich, opened the conference with a keynote speech in which he addressed the role of basic human values for the formation of attitudes using the examples of immigration and homosexuality.

In the course of the two days eleven more presentations were given which had been peer-reviewed prior to the conference by the organisers and a high-level international review panel including in alphabetic order: Amy Alexander, Jaak Billiet, Eldad Davidov, Dominique Joye, Oddbjørn Knutsen and Jacques Hagenaars. The outcome will be published in 2014/15 in a volume edited by Malina Voicu, Ingvill C. Mochmann and Hermann Dülmer.

The call for papers

The crisis that has affected the global economy during the last years is experienced in diverse ways in different countries. The economic decline has affected people's involvement in political and social life, the relationships between citizens and public institution and the general public attitudes towards states and their role in redistributing resources within society. The effects are moderated by macro level frameworks like public and social policies, but patterns of social values play a role as well. Generally speaking, social values shape and are shaped by historical, political, cultural and socio-economic features of each society. Different scholars studying social values have drawn maps to delineate geographical regions with particular value patterns, depending on the main values orientation shared by the population (like Schwartz, Inglehart, Welzel or Hofstede). Is there any connection between the map of social values and the effects of economic crisis? Does the crisis reshape social values producing change in the main pattern of values orientation at country level? GESIS - Leibniz Institute for Social Science organizes an Authors' Conference addressing the questions raised above. We invite scholars working on the topic to contribute with papers. We particularly encourage comparative cross-sectional and longitudinal approaches which help understanding how social values shapes and are shaped by effect of the current crisis.

Contributors are encouraged to use comparative data bases like European Value Study, World Values Survey, European Social Survey, International Social Survey Project, or EuroBarometer that allow wider cross-sectional and longitudinal comparisons.

Please send us an extended outline of 800 words to eurolab@gesis.org, which should include information about theoretical framework, data, methods and expected results. The deadline for abstract submission is 30th of January 2013. An international panel of experts will evaluate the proposals by 15th of March 2013 and will invite the selected authors to submit a full paper by July 15th 2013. The full papers will be presented and discussed at the Authors' Conference, held in Cologne between September 26th and 27th 2013. The selected papers will be published. You may also consider using EUROLAB facilities for preparing your contribution.



Participants in scientific discourse at the Authors' Conference on "Values, Crisis and Democracy"

The next author conference will take place in 2015 and it will address the topic of discrimination against ethnic minorities and vulnerable groups. The call for papers is currently under preparation.

7 Leibniz-DAAD fellowship scholar at GESIS hosted by EUROLAB

From April 1st 2013 until March 31st post-doctoral researcher Francesco Sarracino from the Laboratory for Comparative Social Research in Luxembourg, worked at the EUROLAB in the context of a Leibniz-DAAD fellowship. The title of his project was "Social capital and subjective well-being: an assessment of the causal nexus". The goal of this joint study was to analyse the connection between social capital and well-being from a cross-cultural comparative perspective as well as from longitudinal perspective, using survey data.



Francesco Sarracino presented different parts of his research to interested colleagues at GESIS in Cologne at three presentations: The first was on 27.6.2013 and entitled "Happy for How Long? How Social Capital and GDP relate to Happiness over Time". The second took place in the course of the authors' conference "Values, Crisis and Democracy" and was a joint project together with Malgorzata Mikucka, University of Louvain-la-Neuve, and concerned with "The relational component of people's well-being at the roots of the 2008 economic crises". He held his third presentation on occasion of the EUROLAB user meeting in October. This time he spoke about "The dark side of Chinese growth: Explaining Chinese decreasing well-being in times of economic growth".

8 Staff Activities

Head of EUROLAB: Prof. Dr. Ingvill C. Mochmann

Publications

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- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). Interview with Horst Hanisch. In *Der Interkulturelle Kompetenz-Knigge* (p. 47-48). Books on Demand Verlag GmbH.

Presentations and conference organization

- Miertsch, M., Mochmann, I. C. and Blatt, T. (2013). Presentation "Children Born of War in Norway – psychosocial and psychosomatic consequences, identity development and experiences with prejudices: a questionnaire survey with Norwegian Children Born of War". Wolfson College. Cambridge, 13.12.-14.12 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). Presentation "Ethical and methodological challenges in researching hidden and vulnerable populations – the example of children born of war". Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. Cambridge, 15.10. 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C., Voicu, M. and Fritz, M. (2013) Organisation and Administration "EUROLAB User Meeting". Cologne, 11.10. 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). Presentation "Ethical considerations in doing research on hidden populations – the case of children born of war. Second international multidisciplinary conference Children and War – Past and Present". Salzburg, 10.-12. 07. 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). Presentation "Krigsbarn i et tverrfaglig og internasjonalt perspektiv – prosjekter og forskning i Children Born of War nettverket. Krigsbarnforbundet Lebensborn». Klekken, 08.06. 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). „Leibniz im Bundestag – Gespräch mit Mechthild Rawert". Berlin 15.5. 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C., Voicu, M. and Dülmer, H. (2013). Organization and Administration "Values, Crisis and Democracy". Autorenkonferenz, Gesis. Köln, 26.09.-27.09. 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). Organisation of panel "Diversity in Germany Today". U2B, Cologne Business School (CBS). Cologne, 25.04. 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). Presentation "Using participatory research in cross-cultural research on hidden populations". Workshop on psychosocial research concerning children born of war. Greifswald, 31.05.-01.06. 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). Organisation of workshop "Using participatory research in cross-national research on hidden populations". Workshop within the AHRC project headed by Dr. Lee, Birmingham. Cologne, 23.01.-25.01. 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). Presentation "'Die Wahrnehmung, das Gemeinste auf dieser Erde zu sein, was es geben könnte, hat mir als Kind viele dunkle Stunden bereitet'. Lebensverläufe der ‚Kinder des Krieges‘ in internationaler Perspektive". University of Cologne. Cologne, 30.01. 2013.

Teaching

- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). B.A. courses "Empirical Social Research". Cologne Business School (CBS). SS 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). B.A. courses "Introduction to Cultural Studies". Cologne Business School (CBS). SS 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). M.A. course "Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology. Cologne Business School (CBS), SS 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). M.A. course "Applied Diversity Management". Cologne Business School (CBS), SS 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). B.A. courses "Introduction to Social Sciences". Cologne Business School (CBS). WS 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). B.A. courses "International Politics and Institutions". Cologne Business School (CBS). WS 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C. (2013). M.A. course "Development Studies". Cologne Business School (CBS), WS 2013.

Memberships and Functions

- Fellow Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Cambridge, USA, April 1st 2013–June 30th 2014.
- Vice President for Research, Cologne Business School, August 1st 2013–July 31st 2016.
- Elected member of the Senate of the Cologne Business School, 2011–2013.
- Member of the Steering Committee of Children born of war project supported by the AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council UK), 2011–2013.
- Supervision of 6 B.A. theses and 3 M.A. theses.

Researcher: Dr. Malina Voicu

Publications

- Voicu, M. and Tufis, C. (2013). Religion and social participation in postcommunist Europe. In: de Hart, J.; Dekker, P.; Halman, L. (Eds.), *Religion and civil society in Europe* (p. 203–217). Berlin: Springer.

Presentations and conference Organization

- Voicu, M. and Constantin, A. (2013). Presentation "Attitudes towards gender equality among immigrants: exposure or transferability". ESRA 2013 5th Conference of the European Survey Research Association. Ljubljana, 16.07. 2013.
- Voicu, M. and Voicu, B. (2013). Presentation "Civic participation and gender beliefs: an analysis of 41 countries." The Rise in Public Engagement: the Region and the World organized by World Values Survey and Qatar University. Doha, 18.03.-20.03. 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C., Voicu, M. and Fritz, M. (2013) Organisation and Administration "EUROLAB User Meeting". Cologne, 11.10. 2013.
- Mochmann, I. C., Voicu, M. and Dülmer, H. (2013). Organisation and Administration "Values, Crisis and Democracy". Autorenkonferenz, Gesis. Köln, 26.09.-27.09. 2013.

- Dülmer, H. and Voicu, M. (2013). Organisation of session "The Impact of Culture and Economy on Values and Attitudes". 5th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA). Ljubljana, 15.07.-19.07. 2013.
- Voicu, M. (2013). Presentation "Religiosity and support for democracy: a longitudinal approach". The 32nd Conference of International Society for the Sociology of Religion. Turku, 27.06.-30.06. 2013.
- Voicu, M. and Bartolome Peral, E. (2013). Presentation "Religious heterogeneity and civic participation in European countries: evidences from EVS". International Workshop of European Values Study. Bar, 13.09.-14.09. 2013.
- Voicu, M. (2013). Keynote "Social diversity and social values: does religious diversity differ of ethnic and linguistic one?" 3rd International Annual Research Conference of Laboratory for Comparative Social Research. Moscow, 12.11.-17.11. 2013.
- Voicu, M. and Constantin, A. (2013). Keynote "Unemployment and attitudes towards gender equality." The 3rd Laboratory for Comparative Social Research International Workshop. Sankt Petersburg, 26.04.-30.04. 2013.

Teaching

- Voicu, M. and Katsanidou, A. (2013). MA Course "Empirical Social Research". University of Cologne. WS 2012/2013.

Memberships and Functions

- Secretary of the Executive Committee of the European Values Study and of the Theory Group of the European Values Study since December 2013
- Vice-president of the Romanian Society of Sociologists
- Editor of *Religion and Society in Central and Eastern Europe*, journal published by International Study of Religion in Central and Eastern Europe Association (ISORECEA)
- Member of the board of the International Study of Religion in Central and Eastern Europe Association (ISORECEA)
- Member of Framework Program 7 Program Committee for Social Sciences and Humanities
- Member of the Executive Committee of the European Values Study and of the Theory Group of the European Values Study
- In-chief Editor of the journal *Religion and Society in Central and Eastern Europe* published by the International Society for the Study of Religion in Central and Eastern Europe
- Supervision of MA theses – IMPALLA International Master Program – Leuven University

Researcher, PhD Candidate: Martin Fritz, M.A.

Publications

- Koch, M. and Fritz, M. (eds.) (2013), *Non-Standard Employment in Europe: Paradigms, Prevalence and Policy Responses*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Fritz, M. (2013). Non-standard employment and anomy in the EU. In: Koch, M. and Fritz, M (eds.), *Non-Standard Employment in Europe: Paradigms, Prevalence and Policy Responses* (p. 209-228). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

- Fritz, M. and Mochmann, I. C. (2013). The European Data Laboratory for Comparative Social Research: EUROLAB 2012 Annual Report. GESIS-Technical Reports, 2013(4).

Presentations

- Koch, M and Fritz, M. (2013). Presentation "Creating eco-social policies: do welfare regimes matter?" Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference. Copenhagen, 11.06.–13.06. 2013.
- Fritz, M. (2013). Invited presentation "Fixed-term work in Europe: trends and social impacts". Flexwork Research Conference. Amsterdam, 24.10.–25.10. 2013.
- Fritz, M. (2013). Invited talk for the Master course "Diversity and inequality in our modern world of work". Applied Diversity Management. Cologne Business School. Köln, 28.03. 2013.

Teaching

- Fritz, M. (2013). "Introduction to Statistics". University of Bonn, SS 13.
- Fritz, M. (2013). "Culture and Social Structure". University of Bonn, WS 2013/2014.

Student assistants and intern: Andrea Meckel and Marcel Dresse

Since 17th of September 2012 *Andrea Meckel* supports the EUROLAB team as student assistant. She studies social sciences at the University of Cologne. During the last year she assisted in organizing and conducting three conferences and workshops organised by the EUROLAB or their staff members. She also supported the team with any upcoming work tasks such as literature and data search, creation of graphics and preparation of data. During a University seminar she worked at a research project which she now also will support as a student assistant.

From 9th of September until 4th of October *Marcel Dresse* completed an internship at the EUROLAB. During his stay he was introduced to the work of the EUROLAB and GESIS in general. In the course of special meetings with GESIS staff members he also learnt about the work of GESIS teams more in detail (e.g. on: data integration and cleaning, acquisition, data management, archiving, data analysis). He also attended the presentations of EUROLAB visiting researchers and was involved in all ongoing EUROLAB activities, particularly in the organization of the conference "Values, crisis and democracy". In addition, he carried out specific tasks during his internship. Among others, these were literature searches, the compilation of several data sets and the support of visiting researchers.

Other Projects of EUROLAB staff

- Ingvill C. Mochmann and Martin Fritz participate in a Research Consortium applying for funding within in the European JPI Climate Joint Call for Transnational Collaborative Research Projects. The Project title is "Reconciling Climate and Social Policies: Tackling Dilemmas and Identifying Strategies (RECONCILE)". It is led by Max Koch, Lund University, Sweden, as principal investigator and also includes researchers in the UK and Norway. A pre-proposal was submitted in November 2013 and accepted in January 2014. Hereupon, a final proposal was jointly develop until March 2014, which is currently under review.

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- Ingvill C. Mochmann is part of the research project "Born of War in Norway - psychosocial and psychosomatic consequences, identity development and experiences with prejudices - a questionnaire survey with Norwegian Children Born of War". Further members are Dr. med. Martin Miertsch and PD Dr. med Phillip Kuwert, Psychiatric Clinic University Hospital of Bergen Norway and University of Greifswald, Germany, and PD Dr. Heide Glaesmer, University of Leipzig in cooperation with "Krigsbarnforbundet Lebensborn" and "Norges Krigsbarnforbund", Norway.
 - Malina Voicu collaborates with the Laboratory for Comparative Social Research within the framework of the cooperation between GESIS and Higher School of Economics in Moscow, Russia. The cooperation consists in participating in events organized by the LCSR (like conference and summer school) and working on joint research papers.
 - Malina Voicu is involved in a joint research project *The longitudinal study of religion and religious behaviour in Europe* together with colleagues from University of Milan and University of Trento