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1 Introduction

EUROLAB is a research lab established at GESIS in 1996 and welcomes visiting researchers and research groups who want to work in one of GESIS research fields and/or collaborate with GESIS experts. In the past 20 years, EUROLAB has proven to be a successful model for the provision of substantively, methodologically, and technically assisted access to the Data Archive for the Social Sciences in Cologne. For this reason, the scope of its tasks and activities were expanded and since October 2016 EUROLAB is part of the newly established GESIS department *Knowledge Transfer*¹. Since then, EUROLAB also serves as the gateway to all research visits at GESIS, both in Cologne and Mannheim; it supports the organization of research visits, is responsible for the EUROLAB and GESIS Grant programs and documents all guest stays at GESIS. The aim is to optimize synergies between the various visiting programs as well as the visiting researchers and GESIS staff by combining all information on research stays at GESIS in one place.

In 2017, EUROLAB welcomed two new members to its team: Monika Graf (administrative support Mannheim), and Christoph Piske (student assistant Cologne). Andrea Meckel, EUROLAB student assistant from 2012 until December 2017 left to take up a PhD position at the University of Cologne.

This report gives an overview of the visiting programs and research stays at GESIS in 2017 that lasted at least five working days. Chapter 2 introduces the new GESIS Grant program and presents some highlights of the 20th Anniversary of the EUROLAB that took place in May 2017. Chapter 3 offers an overview of all visiting researchers at GESIS in 2017. Chapter 4 presents the evaluation results of the EUROLAB by guest researchers. Finally, Chapter 5 gives a brief introduction of the EUROLAB staff and its activities.



Figure 1 From left to right: Munir Adi, Roula Nezi, Monika Graf, Jasmin Arenz, Heidi Schulze, Ingvill C. Mochmann, Andrea Meckel, Christoph Piske (missing: Carina Behling).

¹ In addition, GESIS is organized along five scientific departments that conduct research and offer research-based services on a wide range of empirical social research: Computational Social Science (CSS), Data Archive for the Social Sciences (DAS), Knowledge Technologies for the Social Sciences (WTS), Monitoring Society and Social Change (DBG), Survey Design and Methodology (SDM).

2 EUROLAB Activities

2.1 New GESIS Grant Program

In 2017, GESIS reorganized its visiting researchers program and introduced a new funding scheme, the GESIS Grants. Due to its expertise and the success of the EUROLAB Grants, EUROLAB was expanded to "Gateway of GESIS", also guiding and organizing the GESIS Grants.

Whereas EUROLAB Grants support individual research stays, GESIS Grants support collaboration, or the preparation of collaboration, between guests and GESIS employees. During their stay, guest researchers work with GESIS colleagues on a joint publication, a joint proposal for third-party funding, on infrastructure services or another output of relevance for GESIS. GESIS Grants cover travel costs, and for the duration of their stay, guests will receive an amount of up to 2000€ per month to cover subsistence expenses. The GESIS Grant scheme supports stays of junior researchers and representatives of research infrastructures. Therefore, GESIS grant holders may be advanced doctoral candidates or post-doctoral researchers with up to four years research experience after completion of their doctorate studies from universities or other research institutions. In addition, representatives of research infrastructures who hold a university degree and whose work is related to that of GESIS may also apply for a GESIS grant. Applications are reviewed by the President in cooperation with the heads of department.

Calls for GESIS Grant applications are published twice per year, in spring and autumn. The first round of applications was published in March 2017. Altogether, 42 researchers and infrastructure representatives applied out of which six were awarded a GESIS Grant. The second call was published in September 2018: out of 21 applications 7 researchers were selected for a GESIS Grant.

2.2 20 Years EUROLAB

"From Vision to a Global Research Community" was the theme of the 20 Years-EUROLAB anniversary celebration held on May 18, 2017 at GESIS, Cologne. With its humble beginnings marked by the arrival of its first guest researchers in spring 1997, EUROLAB developed into an established institution, not only providing to European and later international researchers with access to research data, individual work spaces, but also the opportunity to connect to other like-minded researchers. Since its establishment in 1996, EUROLAB hosted 413 researchers from more than 40 countries around the world for more than 7128 working days.

Since its foundation, the field of activities of EUROLAB has been adjusted to the changing needs of GESIS within the drive for internationalization: between 1997 and 2010 EUROLAB was funded by three different European Commission programs. In 2007, EUROLAB became part of the data archive as an integral part of GESIS. Since 2011, EUROLAB grants have been awarded every six months, enabling guest researchers to spend one month at EUROLAB. In the same year, the first of four EUROLAB authors' conferences was held, where experts from all over the world were invited to discuss socially relevant topics. In October 2016, EUROLAB became part of the newly established department *Knowledge Transfer*. Since then, it also functions as the Gateway for research stays at GESIS. In addition, the GESIS Grant program, a new grant program, started in 2017, allowing representatives of research and infrastructure institutions to work jointly on projects with GESIS employees for a period of up to three months.

Reflecting on its 20 years history, invited guests discussed the most recent developments along with EUROLAB's future tasks and challenges. To that regard, Ekkehard Mochmann, founder of EUROLAB, conveyed the need for access to comparative data for social scientists and the importance of the role of EUROLAB for the benefit of the scientific community. Afterwards, Ingvill C. Mochmann presented the recent developments of EUROLAB, such as the implementation of EUROLAB authors' conferences and data on EUROLAB guest researchers since 1997. Antonio Alaminos from the University of Alicante, who at the time was a guest researcher, and Nataliya Reshetova, visiting scholar funded by a Leibniz-DAAD research fellow scheme, presented their experiences at EUROLAB and acknowledged the importance of EUROLAB for their career. Moreover, Jacques Thomassen gave an insight into the importance of EUROLAB from the point of view of the EUROLAB grants selection committee. Lastly, Angela Schindler-Daniels from the 'Kooperationsstelle EU der Wissenschaftsorganisationen', Birgit Klüsener from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Christof Wolf, President of GESIS, discussed the future of EUROLAB and the mobility of researchers and research collaborations in times of globalization.



Figure 2: From left to right: Jacques Thomassen, Ekkehard Mochmann, Ingvill C. Mochmann, Nataliya Reshetova, Antonio Alaminos Chica, Birgit Klüsener, Angela Schindler-Daniels, Christof Wolf

3 Visiting Researchers at GESIS in 2017

This chapter will first present a general overview of the guest researchers who worked at GESIS during 2017. Next, each subchapter will give a more detailed insight into the different guest researcher groups who were hosted in Mannheim or Cologne: GESIS Invitees (3.1.), GESIS Research Grants (3.2.), Self-funded visitors (3.3.), and other guest researchers (3.4).

In 2017, 42 guest researchers visited GESIS: 3 Presidential Invitations, 18 Departmental Invitations, 12 EUROLAB Grants, 2 GESIS Grant holders, and 7 self-funded guest researchers as shown in figure 3.1.

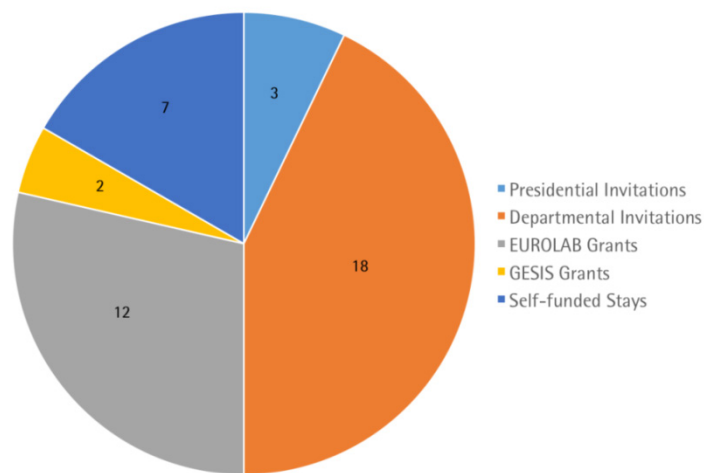


Figure 3.1. Guest Researchers Mannheim or Cologne by Funding Scheme (n=42)

Figure 3.2 indicates the diversity of the academic positions taking into consideration the status and academic level of the research visitors. Overall, 8 PhD students, 10 Postdocs, 16 Professors, 5 Graduates, and 1 Master student conducted research at GESIS in 2017.

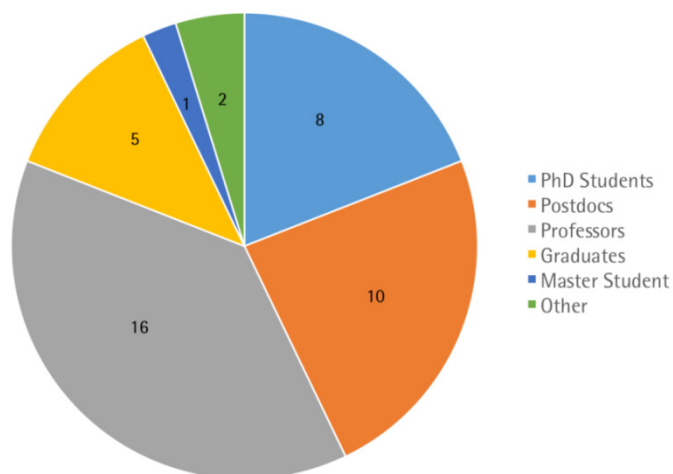


Figure 3.2. Academic Positions held by Research Visitors (n=42)

Regarding the gender distribution, 23 men and 19 women were hosted by GESIS.

Figure 3.3 illustrates the number of days researchers spent at GESIS by incorporating information on the funding source and the country of his/her home institution. Altogether, researchers worked at GESIS for a total of 708 access days. GESIS hosted guest researchers from 16 different countries; the three most prominent countries with respect to the number of access days were Spain (mostly self-funded stays), Germany, and the USA.

Presidential Invitees from universities in the USA and Denmark used GESIS facilities for a period of 16 days. Researchers who visited GESIS by departmental invitation accessed GESIS facilities for 124 days coming from research facilities in Germany, Spain, USA, UK, Korea, Singapore, the Netherlands, Turkey and Austria. EUROLAB Grant holders worked at GESIS for 213 days and at the time were based at universities in the United States, Italy, the United Kingdom, Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Romania. GESIS Grant holders collaborated with GESIS experts on joint projects for 55 days and were affiliated with institutions located in Ireland and in China. Self-funded researchers hosted by EUROLAB came from home institutions in Spain, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Germany.

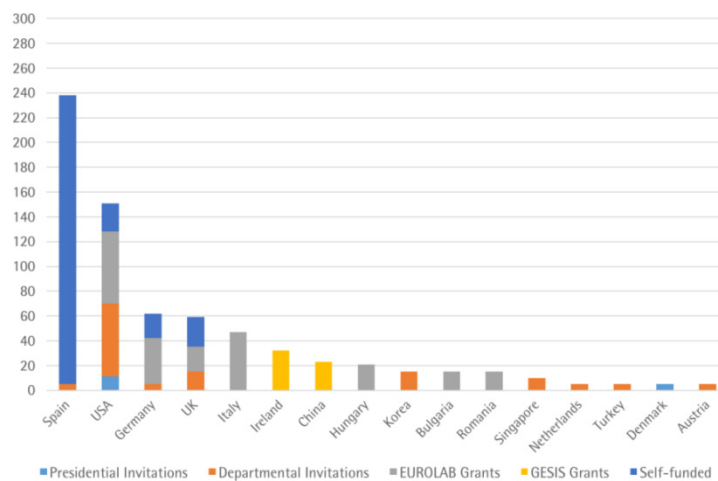


Figure 3.3. Funding of visiting researchers per country in 2017 in access days (n= 708)

Figure 3.4 illustrates the international variety of guest researchers at GESIS with respect to the country of their home institution. The overarching majority of guest researchers arrived from the United States (13). 6 guest researchers came from Great Britain and 5 from Spain.

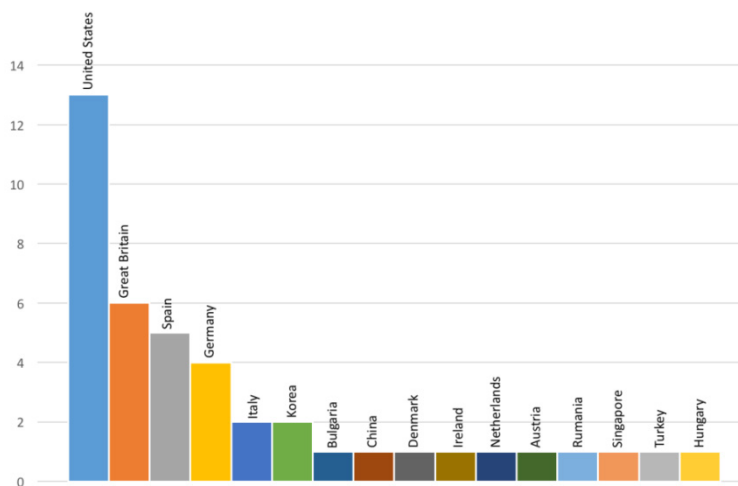


Figure 3.4. Research Visitors by Home Institution (n=42)

3.1 GESIS Invitees

GESIS regularly invites researchers to work on joint projects with GESIS staff. There are two forms of programs: the Presidential Invitations and the Department Invitations. Presidential invitations are issued by the President of GESIS in cooperation with the Board of Directors based on suggestions of the departments. Furthermore, each department invites guests for research or infrastructure related projects on the premise of a joint collaboration.

In 2017, three Presidential Invitees worked at GESIS: Jon Krosnick, Stanford University, visited GESIS from March 27 to April 2 to collaborate with Henning Silber (SDM) on a research project examining the replication of experimental results on a national and cross-national level. Pia Borlund, University of Copenhagen, worked at WTS from May 29 until June 2 in order to advance common research with their Interactive Information Retrieval (IIR) focus group in the area of IIR evaluation. Brady West, University of Michigan, collaborated with Jessica Wengrzik (SDM) on "Meta-analysis on interviewer effects" in the period of June 6 until June 13.

There were 18 departmental invitations lasting from 5 days up to 2 weeks. The overview of researchers supported by departmental invitations is given in table 3.1 below.

Table 3.1 Research Visitors invited by GESIS Departments

| Date | Name | Topic | Department |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---|------------|
| 05.03. – 10.03. | Tobias H. Stark | Ego-Centered Social Networks and Replication of Experimental Results on a National and Cross-National Level | SDM |
| 24.04. – 29.04. | Randall Thomas | Development and Testing of Optimal Rating Scales | SDM |
| 26.04. – 07.05. & 23.11. – 03.12. | Tenko Raykov | Development and Testing of Psychometric Scales | SDM |
| 02.05. – 08.05. | Gema Garcia Albacete | Political Participation of Immigrant Youth | DBG |
| 19.06. – 30.06. | Mike Cheung | Meta-Analysis | SDM |
| 10.07. – 18.07. | Seung-Eun Cha | Decade Trends of Gender Gap in Sleep Hour based on Korean Time Use Survey | DBG |
| 15.07. – 27.07. | Eun Lee | Inequality in Social Groups | CSS |
| 07.08. – 11.08. | Gabriel Olaru | Ant Colony Optimization | SDM |
| 08.10. – 15.10. | Larry Hoyle | Preparing two Expert Workshops on DDi taking place at Schloss Dagstuhl | DAS |
| 08.10. – 15.10. | Jon Johnson | Preparing two Expert Workshops on DDi | DAS |
| 08.10. – 15.10. | Wendy Thomas | Preparing two Expert Workshops on DDi | DAS |
| 06.11. – 12.11. | Ali Çarkoğlu | Social Trust | DBG |

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|-----------------|--------------------|--|-----|
| 06.11. – 12.11. | Anne Etheridge | Questions of Improving Discovery Services | DAS |
| 06.11. – 12.11. | David Kaplan | Bayesian Approaches for Social Survey Research | SDM |
| 06.11. – 12.11. | Katherine McNeil | Co-operation to Improve Discovery Services | DAS |
| 11.11. – 16.11. | Jon Krosnick | Replication of Experimental Results on a National and Cross-National Level | SDM |
| 13.11. – 24.11. | Gerard Saucier | Participate in the GESIS Expert Meeting 2017: "Advances in Scale Development: Issues of Comparability" | SDM |
| 19.11. – 03.12. | Michael Lewis-Beck | Initiate joint research; lecture GESIS Colloquium | DBG |
| 04.12. – 08.12. | Angela Wroblewski | New Approaches to Evaluation of Gender Equality Interventions | DBG |

3.2 GESIS Research Grants

The GESIS Research Grant Programs include the EUROLAB Grant scheme (since 1996) and the GESIS grant scheme (since 2017):

1. EUROLAB Grants support individual research stays at GESIS for a period of one month
2. GESIS Grants support collaboration, or the preparation of a collaboration, between GESIS employees and external researchers for a period between five working days and three months.

Both funding schemes are implemented, organized, and supervised by the EUROLAB Team. EUROLAB announced four application rounds in 2017, two per grant scheme. Applications for EUROLAB Grants are evaluated by an international selection panel committee on a competitive basis. The GESIS Grant applications are reviewed by the GESIS Board of Directors based on their compatibility with GESIS' mission, the expected output, and the quality of the application. Overall 110 researchers submitted an application for both Grant schemes. Regarding the country of home institution of the applicants, GESIS received applications from researchers from 63 countries and 5 continents. These numbers highlight the high demand for on-site access to social sciences data and support within a highly recognized research environment as well as research and experience exchange.

GESIS Grant: Out of 63 applications, 13 applicants were selected and invited to work on a joint project at GESIS for a period from one week to two months between July 2017 and December 2018. In 2017, two guest stays were realized: Martin Okolikj (University College Dublin, 09/07 to 31/08) worked with Stephen Quinlan (DBG) on (1) a research grant proposal on "Challenges for Europe" (Volkswagen Stiftung) and (2) a joint publication on "Patrimonial economic voting: a cross-national analysis of asset ownership and its impact on the vote" presented at the ECPR Annual Conference 2017. ; and Luyao Xiang (Chinese University of Hong Kong, 24/08 to 25/09) worked with Georgios Papastefanou (DBG) on the project "Socio-psychological effects of high density urban environment and its interrelationship with stress load and restoration".

Altogether, 47 researchers applied for a EUROLAB Grant to work on their individual projects based on data stored at GESIS. 12 guest researchers were funded to stay at EUROLAB, Cologne for a period of 213 access/working days as detailed in the table below.

Table 3.2 EUROLAB Grant Stays in 2017

| Date | Name | Topic |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| 03.04. – 07.04. | Philip Habel | Public Support (or Opposition) for Affirmative Action Policies in Brazil |
| 18.04. – 06.05. | Douglas Gibler | The Lingering Effects of State Development |
| 08.05. – 09.06. | Isabelle Crespi | Gender Mainstreaming Policies in Europe and Eurobarometer Data |
| 20.05. – 20.06. | Trevor Allen | Far Right Strategy and Support in the New Economic Crisis |
| 01.06. – 30.06. | Carlos Arcila | Machine Learning Approaches to Predict Acceptance of Refugees in Germany and Europe |
| 01.06. – 30.06. | Melanie Kolbe | Transnationalism and Belonging |
| 12.06. – 30.06. | Magda Giurcanu | The Emergence of New Anti-EU Parties in EP Elections: Strategic Elite Calculations and European Union Debates |
| 04.09. – 24.09. | Seo-Young Cho | Gender Differences in Social Capital in the Cyberspace |
| 04.11. – 04.12. | Judit Kalman | Gender Differences in Subjective Well-being across European Welfare States |
| 12.11. – 12.12. | David Fortunato | Government Responsiveness in Public Spending |
| 03.12. – 23.12. | Diana Petkova | Religiousness and Transculturalization of Postmodern Society |
| 04.12. – 22.12. | Ivo Bantel | Countering Terrorism in the Public Space: Tracing Threat Perceptions |

EUROLAB's visiting researchers often bring their own data sets for analysis which they combine with the data available at GESIS. Despite the growing data sources available in the WWW and enhanced possibilities to analyze these data online, researchers profit from conducting their empirical projects in a research environment that provides expert advice, technical equipment, the suitable statistical software, and training. The most popular statistical software is currently STATA. Several researchers, of course, also used SPSS. As in previous years, there is a high demand for R, open source software that is gaining ground in the social sciences. Further software used is Python, Atlas.ti, MLwiN, HLM7, R Studio, GIS. Finally, the majority of the visiting researchers worked with individual level data from international comparative surveys offered by the GESIS Data Archive. The most frequently used comparative surveys are the Eurobarometer, the International Social Survey Program (ISSP), the European Values Study (EVS), the European Election Studies (EES) and the Flashbarometer.

3.3 Self-funded Stays

GESIS also supports individual researchers and research groups, who fund their own research stays, e.g. during sabbaticals or research fellowships. Self-funded guest researchers tend to stay for longer periods of time as indicated in the table below.

Table 3.3 Self-funded Guest Researchers hosted by EUROLAB in 2017

| Date | Name | Topic |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 23.05.2016 – 23.05.2017 | Nataliya Reshetova | The Support for the Democratic Values in Ukraine since its Independence till Nowadays |
| 01.12.2016 – 31.05.2017 | Antonio Alaminos Chica | The West-East Divide in Europe. Exploring Social Change and the Political Expectations of European Societies |
| 19.12. 2016 – 20.01. 2017 | Antonio Alaminos Fernández | Symbols of the European Identity |
| 03.04. – 28.04. | Nicole Kapelle | The Gendered Association between Union Dissolution and Savings |
| 13.04. – 24.04. | Paloma Alaminos | Punitive Punishment and its Relationship with Populist Movements and Attitudes towards Foreign Refugees |
| 02.05. – 02.06. | Vivian Hiu-Tung So | Cross-National Comparisons on Environmental Behaviors using ISSP Environment |
| 20.06. – 20.07. | Kirill Zhirkov | Growing Diversity and the Future of Social Democracy in Europe: The "Americanization" of European Politics? |

3.4 Other Guests

Further GESIS guests regularly visit teams or staff members, for example to obtain access to official data or data that are sensitive from a data protection viewpoint, or to work with GESIS employees who are experts on social science metadata standards. Frequently, researchers are interested in working at one of the five Researcher Data Centers (RDC): Allbus, Elections, German Microdata Lab, International Survey Programmes, and PIAAC. Also, the [German Microdata Lab](#) (GML) and the [Secure Data Center](#) (SDC) often host guest researchers. SDC offers access to disclosive data sets by hosting a safe room for on-site access. Research visits at GML and SDC as well as research visits fewer than five working days are not documented in this report.

3.5 Presentations by GESIS guest researchers

Researchers visiting GESIS have the opportunity to present their projects to receive comments and feedback on their work. These presentations are advertised to GESIS staff to take part in the discussion. The different formats for presentations include colloquia organized by GESIS departments and Bown-bag-session organized by EUROLAB. Since 2017, the brown-bag meeting sessions take place during lunch time and allow detailed and fruitful discussions. In addition, the GESIS presentation series introduces results from final papers and research projects and are usually live streamed to Mannheim/Cologne. The following table provides information on the presentations of all guest researchers who stayed at GESIS for five consecutive days or longer.

Table 3.5 Presentations by Guest Researchers

| Date | Name | Topic |
|--------|--------------------|---|
| 08.03. | Tobias Stark | Collecting Data of Whole and Ego-Centered Networks |
| 30.03. | Jon Krosnick | Are Elections in America Unfair? Exploring the Impact of Candidate Name Order |
| 07.04. | Philip Habel | Assessing Public Support (or Opposition) to Affirmative Action Policies in Brazil: A List Experiment Approach among both a National and University Sample |
| 29.05. | Isabella Crespi | Gender mainstreaming policies in Europe and Eurobarometer data: preliminary results |
| 29.05. | Vivian Hiu-Tung So | Cross-National Comparisons on Pro Environmental Behaviors – A Multilevel Modelling Approach |
| 12.06. | Brady West | New Directions for Extending Research on Interviewer Effects in Surveys |
| 26.06. | Carlos Arcila | Cities for Refugees: Machine Learning Approaches to Predict Social Acceptance of Asylum Seekers in Europe |
| 26.06. | Melanie Kolbe | Transnationalism and Belonging: The Case of Transnational Identities Among Turks in Europe |
| 28.06. | Magda Giurcanu | The Emergence of New Anti-EU Parties in European Parliament (EP) Elections: Strategic Elite Calculations and European Union Debates |
| 18.09. | Seo-Young Cho | Gender Differences in Social Capital in the Cyberspace |
| 10.10. | David Kaplan | A Brief Introduction to Bayesian Statistics for Social Survey Analysis |
| 06.11. | Jon Krosnick | Challenges Impeding Comparability of Measurement Across Countries: Findings from an International Project Documenting Response Effects |
| 15.11. | Gerard Saucier | Cross-Cultural Comparability for Personality, Moral Traits, and Moral Viewpoints |
| 29.11. | Judit Kalman | Age and Gender Differences in Effects of Education and Labour Market Status on Subjective Well-Being across European Welfare Regimes |
| 30.11. | Michael Lewis-Beck | Patrimony and the Vote (Turnout and Choice): A Cross-Country Assessment |
| 04.12. | David Fortunato | Congruence, Responsiveness, and Government Spending |
| 19.12. | Diana Petkova | Religiousness and Transculturalization of Post-modern Society |

3.6 Publications

Publications by visiting researchers and/or visiting researchers in cooperation with GESIS staff published in 2017:

Raykov, Tenko, George A. Marcoulides, M. Harrison, and Natalja Menold. 2017. "Multiple-Component Measurement Instruments in Heterogeneous Populations: Is There a Single Coefficient Alpha?" *Educational and Psychological Measurement*. doi: [dx.doi.org/10.1177/0013164417733305](https://doi.org/10.1177/0013164417733305).

Alaminos Fernández, Antonio F. and Martínez-Villar, Miriam. 2017. "¿Son los clásicos Disney un buen recurso para trabajar la Inclusión Educativa?". Universidad de Alicante. *Departamento de Sociología II*. doi: 10045/74067.

Acha Guerte, Beatriz. 2017. "Nuevos Partidos de Ultraderecha en Europa Occidental: El Caso de los Republikaner Alemanes Baden-Württemberg". Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. doi: 10486/681653.

4 Assessment of EUROLAB by Visiting Researchers

Since 2017, EUROLAB monitors all guest researchers' stays at GESIS, both in Cologne and Mannheim. This required the adaptation of the evaluation scheme with 2017 presenting a year of transition. In 2017, only EUROLAB Grant holders (research stays being organized in Cologne) filled out an evaluation survey complemented by a report. This online survey is being up-dated and implemented for all visiting researchers from 2018 onwards. Apart from the online survey, all guest researchers are asked to prepare a report after completion at their stay at GESIS. These reports provide for a more general feedback as illustrated by anonymized quotes in the following chapter. Subsequently, we present the results from the online survey filled out by the EUROLAB grant holders.

4.1 Voices of Visiting Researchers

The grant-holders commented on, for example,

the progress of their project:

"All in all, my visit to GESIS has been proven fruitful in developing my project and useful contact."

"The visit at EUROLAB was great. Not only manage to work on my project, but also get familiar with other dataset that are also archived in EUROLAB"

staff-support, cooperation, and the working environment:

"Great team and great work."

"The EUROLAB staff created an extremely supportive and encouraging environment to carry out my own research project."

"The support was excellent (...) I was also able to arrange meetings with the CSES coordination team (at GESIS Mannheim) and appreciated the ability to attend seminars at GESIS Cologne, GESIS Mannheim, and the University of Cologne."

"I particularly thank the members of EUROLAB (...) for offering me this opportunity and cooperating with me."

opportunities to present and share ideas (e.g. Brown-Bag meetings):

"I managed to consult with some GESIS staff about my research or on data and methodological issues (although unfortunately the most competent one had left GESIS by the time I visited), got feedback on my work at a seminar where I presented and received access to a GESIS methodological workshop taking place, for which I am grateful."

"I particularly enjoyed connecting with and learning about my fellow lab users' research."

"I was very pleased with my visit at EUROLAB. I've had the opportunity of meeting scholars interested in similar questions, discussing my research, and setting up new research projects."

"At my presentation, mainly the EUROLAB members attended and I would have appreciated an opportunity to connect with or even find out about people in my area at GESIS."

aspects that could be improved:

"Give grant-holders a more structured overview of who is working in GESIS and on/with what, enabling them to get in touch with people of help."

4.2 Results from the EUROLAB survey

The results of this survey are based on the responses of visiting researchers hosted at EUROLAB in Cologne. The survey covers, among others, the guest researchers' satisfaction with services offered by EUROLAB, the most frequently used services during their research stay, and how they had heard about EUROLAB. Thus far, 80 researchers have completed the questionnaire in total and 17 in 2017. The following graphs and numbers present the results from the online survey in 2017.

Figure 4.1 presents the relevance of the services to guest researchers by its frequency of usage, which may be an indication for understanding the main motivation of guest researchers to work at GESIS. Most scholars who visited EUROLAB in 2017 used the opportunity to access data as well as meet with GESIS experts in order to discuss their projects. In addition, guests frequently used access to statistical software and the library. Joint research projects were conducted by about a third of all visitors. Finally, some of the visitors also used the opportunity to attend GESIS training seminars.

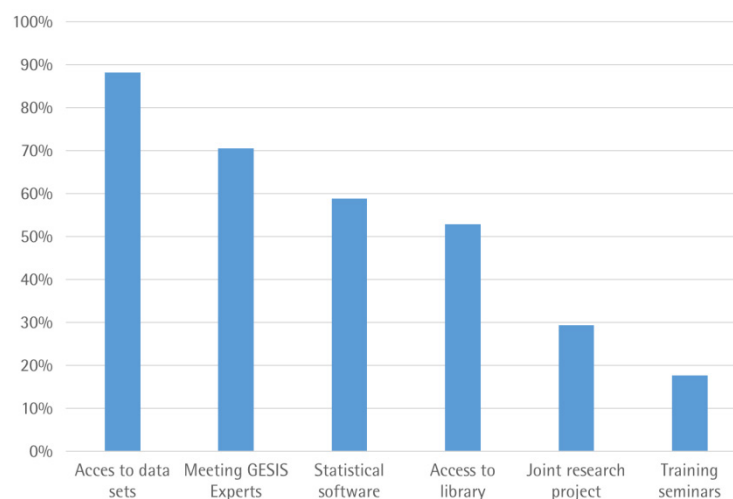


Figure 4.1. Kinds of Services used in % (n=17); multiple choices possible

Figure 4.2 provides information regarding the overall level of appreciation of the visiting researchers as well as the level of satisfaction for each service provided by EUROLAB.

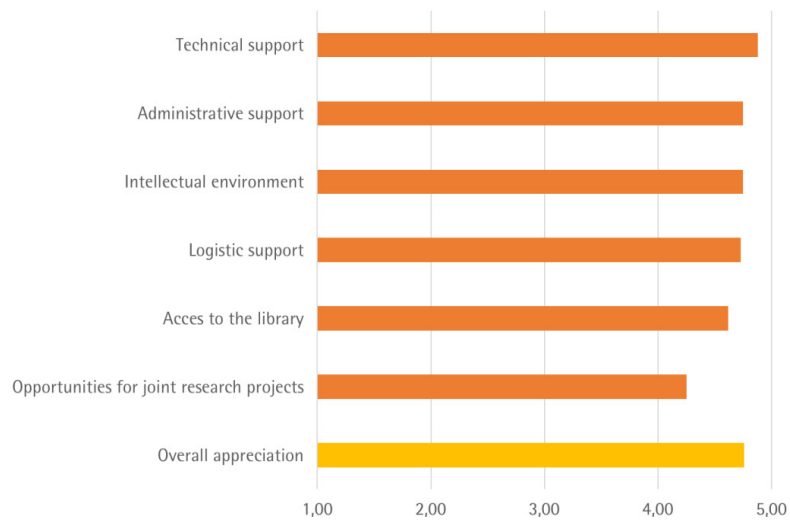


Figure 4.2. Satisfaction with EUROLAB Services (n=17); mean values from scales with 1= very poor to 5= very good

At all levels, EUROLAB was evaluated as very good which is reflected also in the high overall appreciation of the research visit (Figure 4.2). This value of 4.8 also reflects the average overall appreciation since EUROLAB guests have been evaluating their research visit (2012).

There are different sources from which visitors hear about research opportunities at GESIS, as Figure 4.3 demonstrates.

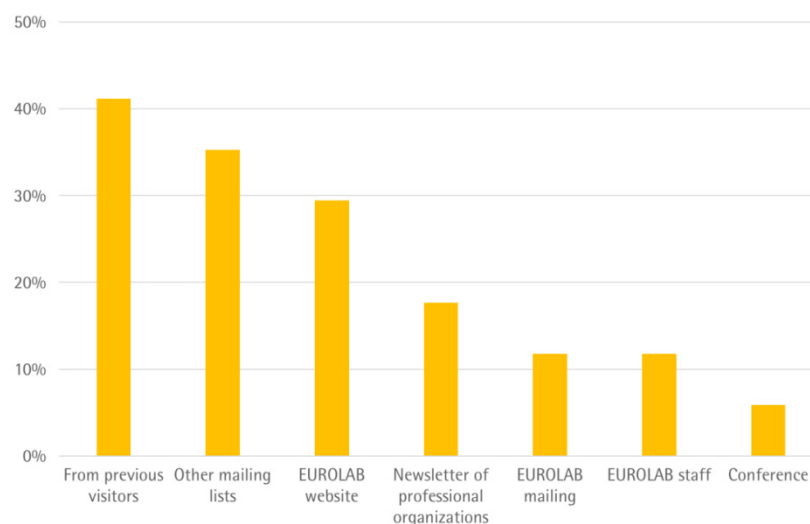


Figure 4.3. How did the visitors learn about the EUROLAB? (n=17); multiple choices possible

The most mentioned sources are previous visitors who spread their experiences at EUROLAB at their home institutions and among their academic networks and marketing (Call for applications, information from mailing lists, GESIS homepage). Contact between EUROLAB staff and researchers usually through participation at conferences and workshops, also plays an important role. Yet, more and more researchers receive information about GESIS grants from newsletters of professional organizations or from other mailing lists in comparison to 2016.

5 EUROLAB Staff

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

Ingvill C. Mochmann leads the EUROLAB team. Her research focuses on interdisciplinary, international and intersectoral research in the field of democracy and minority rights, children born of war, party systems and electoral behavior, life style research, intercultural management, comparative social research, mixed methods, participatory research and research on hidden populations.



At EUROLAB she supports visiting researchers and organizes authors' conferences and is involved in research project acquisition and management, organizational development incl. elaboration of strategies, network and capacity building as well as knowledge transfer.



Postdoctoral researcher: Dr. Roula Nezi

Roula Nezi's research interests are in the area of public opinion, with a primary interest in political attitudes, political representation, and political accountability. She is also interested in political methodology, including comparative analysis and survey design. She has conducted research in many comparative European projects on political representation, political behaviour, and political elites. Her research has been published among other at the Journal of European Social Policy, Electoral Studies, Acta Politica and at the Journal of Legislative Studies. She is currently leading a project examining the support for authoritarian beliefs among young cohorts in Europe.

At EUROLAB she is the main contact person for the EUROLAB grants and for self-funded research stays. She offers onsite support to visiting researchers and organises the Brown-Bag meetings.

Researcher, PhD Candidate: Heidi Schulze, M.A.

Heidi Schulze's research interests are located at the intersection of political & digital communication, digital propaganda, public opinion research, and media effects research, as well as at the application of computational methods and digital trace data analyses to study political behavior in online environments.



At EUROLAB, she functions as deputy head and is the main contact person for the GESIS Grant funding scheme. In addition, since April 2017, Heidi is PhD Representative for GESIS Cologne. As such she is the contact persons for all PhD Students at GESIS, organizing several events for Doctoral students and representing GESIS within the Leibniz PhD Network.



Administrative support: Jasmin Arenz

Jasmin Arenz started her apprenticeship as management assistant in the communications office at GESIS in 2003. Based on her qualifications she moved to the finance department of GESIS. Since November 2016, she supports the administrative and specifically the financial tasks of the EUROLAB.

Administrative support: Carina Behling

Carina Behling joined GESIS in 2008 and successfully completed her training as management assistant in office communication in 2011 as part of the administration team. She is responsible for travel expenses, department guests, and international Presidential Invitations. Also, she is a member of the reception staff in Mannheim.

**Administrative support: Monika Graf**

Monika Graf was employed as a foreign language secretary in the Social Indicators department from 2005 to 2011 and worked as a project assistant in the European Social Survey team of the Survey Design and Methodology department from 2011 to 2017. Since November 2017, she has been supporting the administrative tasks of the EUROLAB Team and is also responsible for the GESIS Grants in Mannheim.

Student Research Assistant: Andrea Meckel, B.Sc.

Andrea Meckel supported the EUROLAB team from 2012 to December 2017 as student assistant with any upcoming tasks such as literature search, design of graphics, search, preparation and data analysis, as well as conference organization. Starting February 2018, she joined the ERC Starting Grant project "SOCIALBOND" as doctoral researcher.

**Student Research Assistant: Christoph Piske**

Christoph Piske started working at GESIS in July 2016 as part of a cooperation project with the University of Cologne on an international comparative study on Children Born of War. In June 2017, he joined EUROLAB as a student assistant.

Student Research Assistant: Munir Adi, B.A.

Munir Adi has been working at EUROLAB as a student assistant since May 2015. He supports all practical EUROLAB activities, in particular activities related to data search, data protection, web design and development, as well as the organization of research events and conferences.

