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# 1    Introduction

Research Gateway EUROLAB is a research lab at GESIS that welcomes visiting researchers and research groups who work in one of GESIS' research fields, often in collaboration with GESIS experts. Established in 1996, 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 in October 2016, Research Gateway EUROLAB became part of the newly established GESIS department *Knowledge Transfer* which was renamed to *Knowledge Exchange and Outreach* in 2021.[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 research visits at GESIS. By providing all information on GESIS' research stays in one place, Research Gateway EUROLAB optimizes synergies between various visiting programs and serves as a network node between visiting researchers and GESIS staff. In the last 25 years, EUROLAB hosted 574 researchers from more than 40 countries around the world for almost 12,000 working days.

Apart from the programs offered and administered directly by the Research Gateway EUROLAB – EUROLAB Grants, GESIS Grants, as well as externally funded research stays – visiting researchers may visit GESIS through departmental invitations. EUROLAB Grants allow visiting researchers to pursue their research projects based on data stored at the GESIS Data Archive. GESIS Grants support joint research or infrastructure projects between GESIS staff and visiting researchers.

In 2020 and 2021, the major challenge for the work in the Research Gateway EUROLAB has been the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the quick shut down of all public life and travel in March 2020, the immediate tasks focused on supporting on-site visiting researchers who needed to get out of Germany as quickly as possible, followed by the need of national and international researchers who for various reasons were "stranded" in Germany and were in need of an academic affiliation to continue their work. Planned research visits had to be rescheduled and have been so several times due to the insecure developments, the opening of societies followed by renewed lockdowns. Accordingly, access regulations for visiting researchers had to be reconsidered and rewritten taking into account the various national, European, and international entry restrictions and regulations. Nevertheless, we are happy to say that in many cases we were able to maintain a certain continuity for researchers even though on-site work at GESIS has been limited over the past two years. To facilitate communication and networking both between EUROLAB staff and visiting researchers, as well as between the visiting researchers and between visiting researchers and GESIS colleagues, a virtual channel in Microsoft Teams was established as a test in the fall of 2020. Although certainly not the best way to connect to people, the virtual research visits have turned out to work very well; measures like a

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[1]    In addition, GESIS is organized along six scientific departments that conduct research and offer research-based services on a wide range of empirical social research: Computational Social Science (CSS), Data Services for the Social Sciences (DSS), Data and Research on Society (DRS), Survey Data Curation (SDC), Knowledge Technologies for the Social Sciences (KTS), Survey Design and Methodology (SDM).

weekly Jour Fixe, brown-bag meetings, virtual coffee breaks etc. have at least turned out to be a viable alternative in these difficult times and are likely to be continued also in the future.

This report gives an overview of the EUROLAB's activities, including visiting programs and research stays in 2020 and 2021 that lasted at least five working days. Chapter 2 offers an overview of all visiting researchers at GESIS in 2020 and 2021. Chapter 3 presents an assessment by the visiting researchers with regard to the services offered. Chapter 4 highlights other EUROLAB activities in 2020 and 2021 followed by a brief outlook in chapter 5. Finally, Chapter 6 gives an introduction to the EUROLAB staff and its activities.

# 2    Visiting Researchers at GESIS in 2020 and 2021

This chapter will first present a general overview of the visiting researchers who worked at GESIS during 2020 and 2021. Next, each subchapter will give a more detailed insight into the different groups of visiting researchers in Mannheim or Cologne: Departmental Invitations (2.1), GESIS Research Grants (2.2), and externally funded visiting researchers (2.3).

Due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, many research visits had to be postponed or cancelled altogether. Only a limited number of Departmental Invitations was authorized in 2020 and 2021 and no GESIS Research Grant calls were published for 2021. In total, GESIS thus hosted only 28 visiting researchers in 2020 and 2021, most of which were externally funded. Three of these were funded by the German Science Foundation (DFG), three more won a German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) grant, and one visited GESIS on a Fulbright scholarship. Others visited using funds from their home institution or private means. Apart from the 19 externally funded visiting researchers, there were three Departmental Invitations, two EUROLAB Grant holders, and four GESIS Grant holders in 2020 and 2021 (Figure 2.1). 13 of these research visits could be realized on-site, whereas four others had to be conducted fully remotely. The remaining eleven research visits took place in a hybrid fashion, with visiting researchers working remotely for some segments of their research stay and being present on-site in Cologne or Mannheim whenever the pandemic situation allowed for it.
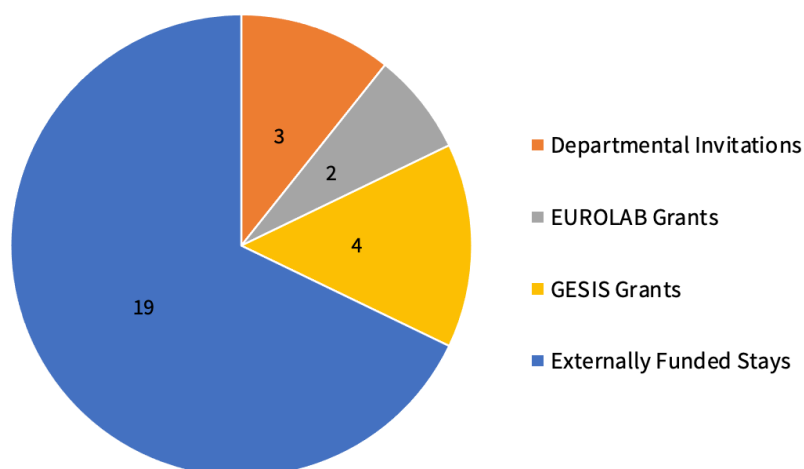


*Figure 2.1: Funding Schemes of Visiting Researchers 2020 & 2021 (n=28)*

Figure 2.2 shows the diversity of visiting researchers with regard to their academic status and positions. Overall, twelve PhD students, five postdocs, eight professors, one master's student, and two professionals spent time at GESIS in 2020 and 2021.
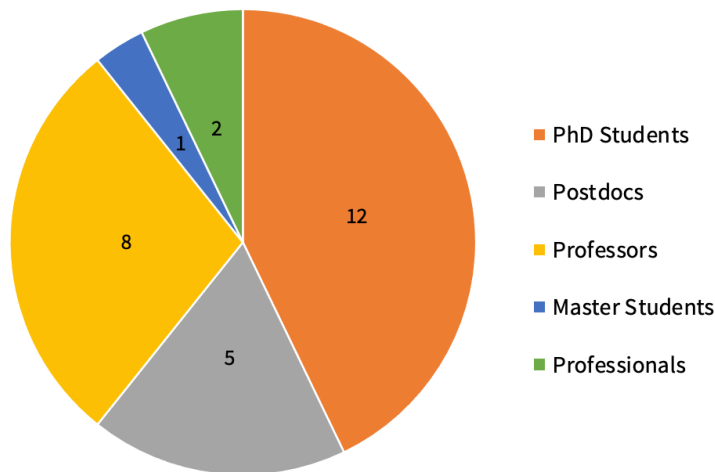


*Figure 2.2: Academic Status and Positions of Visiting Researchers in 2020 & 2021 (n=28)*

A look at the gender ratio reveals a stark imbalance, with almost twice as many male than female visiting researchers in 2020 and 2021 (Figure 2.3). This imbalance was particularly pronounced among the externally funded research visits, for which – unlike for the EUROLAB and GESIS Grants – GESIS does not implement any gender balance measures. We further suspect that the COVID-19 pandemic has generally had a more severe impact on women, and we received more COVID-related cancellations from female visiting researchers than from male ones. To improve gender equality among visiting researchers, we have introduced special financial support that allows GESIS Research Grant holders to bring their families starting from the 2022 grant cycle.
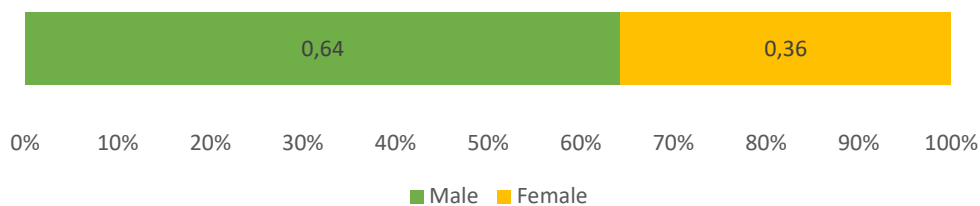


*Figure 2.3: Gender Ratio of Visiting Researchers in 2020 & 2021*

Figure 2.4 illustrates the country of the home institution of the visiting researchers. Over the 2020-2021 period, GESIS hosted researchers from eleven different countries. Most researchers came from institutions located in the USA and Germany, two each came from Japan and Brazil, and the remaining seven had institutional backgrounds in Austria, Czechia, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Ukraine, and Uganda.
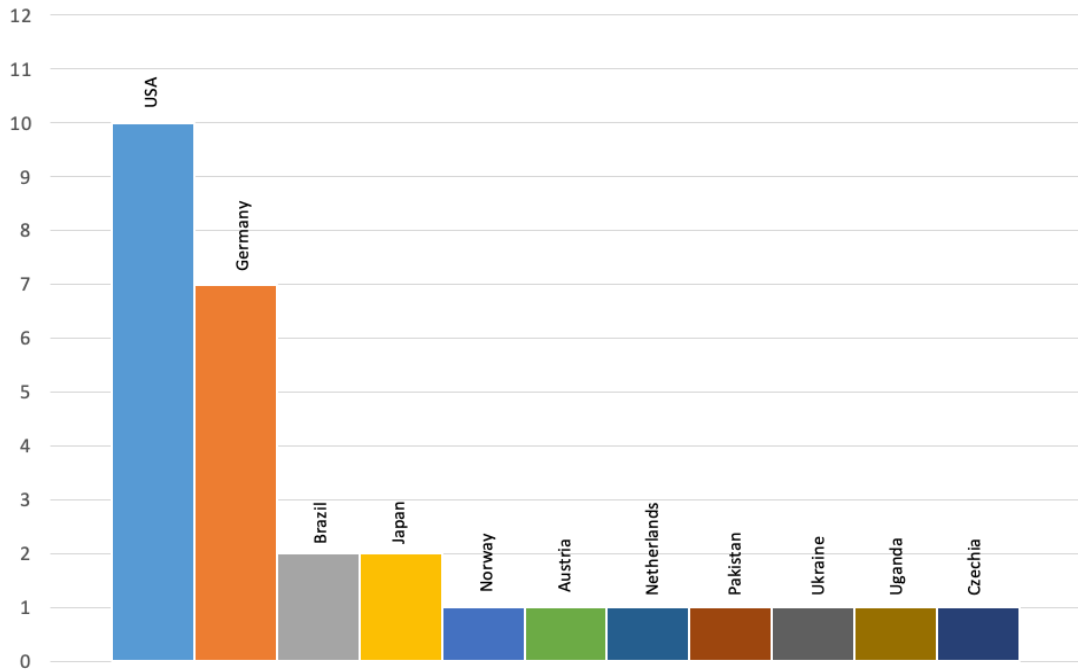


*Figure 2.4: Visiting Researchers by Country of Home Institution 2020 & 2021 (n=28)*

In general, there is no specification regarding the duration of a research stay, so the individual visits differed greatly in their length. Accordingly, some visiting researchers stayed for only a few days, while other research visits lasted an entire year. Figure 2.5 shows the duration of research stays by funding and country for 2020 and 2021. In total, GESIS hosted visiting researchers for 2,186 working days. By far the longest periods were conducted by researchers who brought their own funding. In contrast, the stays which were funded by GESIS through a EUROLAB or GESIS Grant or a departmental invitation had a shorter length, mostly around 20 days.
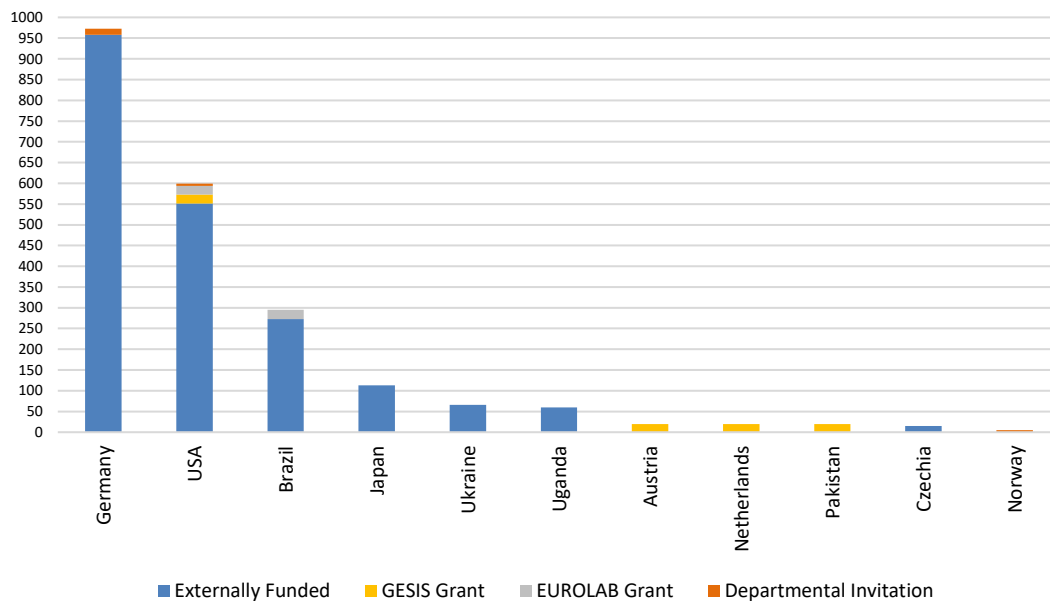
*Figure 2.5: Funding of Visiting Researcher per Country of Home Institution in Access Days 2020 & 2021 (n=2,186)*

## 2.1    Departmental Invitations

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and organizational restructuring processes, departmental invitations were restricted during 2020 and 2021. The following overview (Table 2.1) lists all three invitees.

*Table 2.1: Visiting Researchers Invited by GESIS Departments 2020 & 2021*

| Date | Name | Topic | Department |
|---|---|---|---|
| 07.09.20-25.09.20 | Nico Stehr (Zeppelin University, Germany) | Knowledge Society 2.0 | KEO |
| 11.09.21-19.09.21 | Arofan Gregory | DDI Cross Domain Integration Model for FAIR Data Sharing across Discipline and Domain Boundaries | DSS |
| 11.09.21-19.09.21 | Hilde Orten (Norwegian Centre for Research Data, Norway) | DDI Cross Domain Integration Model for FAIR Data Sharing across Discipline and Domain Boundaries | DSS |

## 2.2 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 one month to work with data from the GESIS Data Archive.
2. GESIS Grants support collaboration, or preparatory work for research projects of GESIS employees and external researchers for a period between five working days and three months.

However, as already mentioned, no new calls for applications were published in 2020, so that GESIS only hosted the successful candidates from the 2019 application round – with a number of research visits having to be postponed even beyond 2021. Table 2.2 lists all those who visited GESIS on either a EUROLAB Grant or a GESIS Grant in 2020 and 2021.

*Table 2.2: Research Grant Stays 2020 & 2021*

| Date | Name | Topic | Grant scheme |
|------|------|-------|--------------|
| 01.12.19-31.01.20 | Ai Rene Ong (University of Michigan, USA) | Systematic Review of Cross-cultural Response Styles | GESIS Grant |
| 01.02.20-03.03.20 | Felicia Picanco (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) | Work and Family Balance in Comparative Perspective | EUROLAB Grant |
| 06.02.20-05.03.20 | Julius Lagodny (Cornell University, USA) | Location and Self-Selection: Political Participation of Immigrant-Origin Citizens in Germany | EUROLAB Grant |
| 10.02.20-06.03.20 | Julian Aichholzer (Universität Wien, Österreich) | Measuring the Big Five Personality Traits in Politicians | GESIS Grant |
| 16.02.20-14.03.20 | Angelica Maineri (Tilburg University, Netherlands) | Mode Effects in the Measurement of Values | GESIS Grant |
| 05.10.20-31.10.20 | Mujtaba Ali Isani (Habib University, Pakistan) | Predictors of Muslim Immigrant Trust in Europe | EUROLAB Grant |

## 2.3 Externally Funded Research Visits

GESIS also supports individual researchers and research groups who fund their research stays through external means, e.g., during sabbaticals or research fellowships. Externally funded visiting researchers tend to stay for more extended periods, as evidenced in Table 2.3 below.

*Table 2.3: Externally Funded Visiting Researchers 2020 & 2021*

| Date | Name | Topic |
|------|------|-------|
| 01.04.19-25.03.20 | Masayuki Kanai (Senshu University, Japan) | Institutional Context of the Effect of Social Capital on Subjective Wellbeing: Comparison between Europe and East Asia |
| 07.10.19-16.03.20 | Sara Konoe (Kansai University, Japan) | The Politics of Integration: Unbalanced Development of the European Financial and Monetary System |
| 21.01.20-30.09.20 | Yiqing Hua (Cornell Tech, USA) | Investigating Editing and Citation Behaviors in Wikipedia |
| 27.01.20-25.05.20 | Maurice Jakesch (Cornell Tech, USA) | Text Summarization and the Influence of Artificial Intelligence |
| 01.09.20-31.01.21 | Thomas Tichelbäcker (Princeton University, USA) | Changing Minds Online: The Case of the European Election 2019 |
| 01.12.20-30.06.21 | Philipp David Darius (Hertie School of Governance, USA) | Strategic Political Communication on Twitter before and after the German Federal Election in 2017 |
| 15.12.20-20.06.22 | Victor Garcia Miranda (Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil) | Analysis of Social Data and Impacts on Welfare Provision in Public Policy: What are the Best Variables for a Contemporary Modeling? |
| 01.01.21-31.12.21 | Khulan Bayarkhuu (Zeppelin Universität Friedrichshafen, Germany) | Netzwerke, Paradigmen und Karrieren im akademischen Feld |
| 01.01.21-31.12.22 | Jonas Volle (Zeppelin Universität Friedrichshafen, Germany) | Netzwerke, Paradigmen und Karrieren im akademischen Feld |
| 01.01.21-30.09.21 | Julian Dressler (Zeppelin Universität Friedrichshafen, Germany) | Netzwerke, Paradigmen und Karrieren im akademischen Feld |
| 30.08.21-09.10.21 | Achim Goerres (University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany) | POLITSOLID |
| 01.09.21-30.06.22 | Allison Tyler (University of Michigan School of Information, USA) | Protection vs. Access: Data Reuse in the Post-GDPR European Union |
| 10.09.21-10.12.21 | Nataliya Reshetova (Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukraine | Political Trust and Democratic Performance during Zelensky Presidency in Ukraine |

| Date | Name | Topic |
|------|------|-------|
| 13.09.21-01.10.21 | Radka Hanzlová (Charles University, Czech Republic) | MARVEL – Measuring Adults' Real Values, Emotions and Life Goals Across Cultures |
| 16.09.21-31.10.21 | Ilya Zaslavsky (University of California San Diego, USA) | "Linguistic Landscapes (LL) Research" and "Integration of SuAVE into GESIS Data Management Infrastructure" |
| 01.10.21-27.12.21 | Onur Bakiner (Seattle University, USA) | Just Numbers: Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights |
| 11.10.21-31.10.22 | Norman Mukasa (Muteesa Royal University, Uganda) | African Children Born of War and Wartime Rape: Identity and Associated Risks. |
| 22.11.21-26.11.21 | Stephen Downie (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA) | A Method to Create New Access Points to HathiTrust and Beyond |
| 01.12.21-30.06.22 | Heidi Schulze (LMU Munich Department of Media and Communication, Germany) | The Prevalence of Conspiracy Narratives on Telegram and Its Influence on German Voters |

## 2.4 Other Researchers Hosted by GESIS

In addition to the Departmental Invitees, GESIS Research Grant holders, and externally funded visiting researchers, external researchers regularly visit GESIS teams or staff members. For example, they profit from obtaining access to census data or data that are sensitive from a data protection viewpoint. They also work with GESIS employees who are experts on social science metadata standards. Frequently, researchers are interested in working at one of the five Research Data Centers (RDC): ALLBUS, Elections, German Microdata Lab (GML), International Survey Programme, and PIAAC. Besides, the Secure Data Center (SDC) often hosts visiting researchers. SDC offers access to disclosive data by hosting a safe room for on-site access. Research visits at SDC which are carried out in cooperation with the Research Gateway EUROLAB are documented in this annual report; other research visits at SDC, as well as researchers hosted by GML and visits fewer than five working days, are not recorded here.

## 2.5 Presentations by Visiting Researchers at GESIS

Researchers visiting GESIS have the opportunity to present their projects to receive feedback on their work and to engage in discussions with scientific peers. These presentations are advertised to GESIS staff who are invited to be part of the scientific audience. The different formats for presentations include colloquia organized by GESIS departments and brown-bag sessions held by EUROLAB. Since 2017, the brown-bag meeting sessions take place during lunchtime and allow detailed and fruitful discussions. Furthermore, the GESIS Lecture Series gives visiting researchers the

opportunity to present their projects and findings. During pandemic times, presentations were held online. The following Table 2.4 provides information on the presentations of visiting researchers who stayed at GESIS for five consecutive days or longer.

*Table 2.4: Presentations by Visiting Researchers at GESIS 2020 & 2021*

| Date | Name | Topic |
|------|------|-------|
| 13.02.2020 | Julius Lagodny | Neighborhoods and Self-Selection: Political Participation of Immigrant-Origin Citizens in Germany |
| 13.02.2020 | Sara Konoe | The Politics of Integration: Unbalanced Development of European Financial and Monetary System |
| 27.02.2020 | Felícia Piçanco | Work and Family Balance in Comparative Perspective: What Can You Say about Developing Countries? |
| 27.02.2020 | Masayuki Kanai | Patterns and Drivers of Change in Happiness Level over the Life Course in Japan |
| 09.11.2020 | Mujtaba Isani | Trust in Domestic Political Institutions among European Muslims: The Significance of Discrimination |
| 04.02.2021 | Philipp David Darius | Strategic Social Media Use in Political Campaigning: An Individual level Analysis Linking Candidate Surveys with Facebook and Twitter Communication |
| 04.02.2021 | Thomas Tichelbäcker | The Political Integration of Internal Migrants: The Case of Expellees in post-WWII Germany |
| 07.10.2021 | Ilya Zavlavsky | Recent Applications of SuAVE: From Analysis of GESIS Surveys, to Machine Learning with Image Collections, to Modeling of COVID-19 Transmission. |
| 18.11.2021 | Onur Bakiner | What Do People Talk About When They Talk About Artificial Intelligence Ethics? An Exploration of Academic Scholarship and Twitter Users |
| 18.11.2021 | Jonas Volle, Khulan Bayarkhuu, Andreas Schmitz | Networks, Paradigms and Careers in the Academic Field: Sociology in Germany and the United States |

## 2.6   Publications

The list below shows publications by visiting researchers as single authors or in cooperation with GESIS staff from 2020 and 2021. It illustrates the broad range of research fields from the social sciences that researchers explored while working at GESIS.

> ➢ Cha, S.-E., and G. Papastefanou. 2020. "Understanding the Time Pressure of Working Parents: How Parents' Childcare Time Impacts the Diurnal Organization of Activities and the Sense of Feeling Rushed." *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*. 51: 110-130. 10.3138/jcfs.51.1.006.

> ➢ Konoe, S. 2020. Japan's Diplomacy at the G7 and G20: Supporting Global Economic Governance. *Strategic Japan Working Paper*. Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).

> ➢ Konoe, S. 2020. *Politics of Financial Integration: Unbalanced Development of the European Financial and Monetary System* (in Japanese). Iwanami Shoten.

> ➢ Quinlan, S., and M. Okolikj. 2020 "Exploring the Neglected Dimension of the Economic Vote: A Global Analysis of the Positional Economics Thesis." *European Political Science Review* 12 (2): 219-237.

## 3   Assessment by Visiting Researchers

Since 2017, Research Gateway EUROLAB monitors all visiting researchers' stays at GESIS, both in Cologne and Mannheim. To ensure and further improve the quality of our services, Research Gateway EUROLAB adopted an updated evaluation scheme in 2018. All visiting researchers who stayed at GESIS for at least five working days received an invitation to complete a post-stay online survey. In addition to the online survey, visiting researchers prepared a report after the end of their stay at GESIS. These reports provide very insightful feedback, as illustrated by anonymized quotes below. Due to the low number of visiting researchers, we will not report the quantitative results of the online survey for the years 2020 and 2021.

In their reports and post-stay survey, researchers commented on, for example, the progress of their research projects and the support provided by GESIS staff. The following paragraphs cite some of these comments.

**The progress of their research projects:**

> ➢ My project on neighborhood effects on voting among citizens with a migrant background has seen great improvements during the last four weeks.
> ➢ Our main goal was to push forward the draft of an EVS data brief describing the EVS mixed mode to be sent to the European Sociological Review. This project has started two years ago as a cooperation of six country teams involved in the EVS mixed mode, but the progress has been slow. During my stay at GESIS, we achieved the goal: the first full draft is almost completed, we only miss one section which requires input from other partners.
> ➢ On the side, I have also worked on a paper for my PhD dissertation and prepared an extended abstract that has been submitted to a conference.

➢ During my stay at GESIS, I collected two sets of data on the topic: First, the text of 159 academic articles on AI ethics, written in four different disciplines (medicine, law, engineering and business), and second, on Twitter debates about AI ethics.

➢ I processed and published one additional EVS survey (EVS Ukraine 2017) retrieved from the GESIS archive; rresented a webinar on SuAVE, its capabilities and applications; explored the possibility of publishing surveys in SuAVE using notebooks.gesis.org; collaborated with my GESIS hosts on additional SuAVE applications; demonstrated SuAVE in a series of meetings with GESIS researchers

**The support provided by GESIS staff:**

➢ In terms of access & support I am very grateful for Marlene Mauk and Kathrin Busch from EUROLAB; Jara Kampmann, and Bruno Hopp from the SDC; and Pascal Siegers, and Anne Stroppe from the National Survey team. All of them were incredibly helpful and supportive concerning all my questions and concerns. Without them I would not have been able to conclude my analysis.

➢ My research stay at GESIS was very productive and I received excellent support by my local colleagues. I also received valuable feedback through the GESIS Seminar Series and the internal Kolloquium.

➢ Everyone in the department has been friendly and supportive during my stay, making the work environment very pleasant.

➢ The welcome package contained useful information on Gesis and on the city in general, and having a meeting with Monika at the beginning of the stay was very helpful as I knew who was the person to turn to for any issues I experienced.

➢ I thought the Teams Channel and the virtual coffee hours were a really good idea. It was really nice to chat and have an exchange to at least substitute to some kind office bonds!

➢ The promised elements of support (office space, Internet and library access) were delivered without problem. In addition, weekly Thursday meetings were extremely helpful in terms of sorting out organizational difficulties. Finally, colleagues have been very generous with their time to communicate with me and direct me to other people and resources.

**(Planned) Publications and further projects started at GESIS:**

➢ The resulting paper will be presented in conferences and hopefully published in a top-ranked peer-reviewed journal.

➢ A first publication is planned which will present the scale development process conducted during the GESIS research stay.

➢ The first dataset has been used to write a research paper that is currently circulated as a journal manuscript. The second dataset is currently analyzed before submission for publication in a social-science or communications journal.

➢ Exposing GESIS archive in schema.org for indexing by Google/Bing; integrating spatial and behavioral survey data, and "linked survey documents"; joint training in survey data analysis and in spatial data science.

**The opportunity to give presentations and share results:**

➢ Presenting my work early on in the process at the EUROLAB brownbag was good for initial feedback.

**Data(sets) and services used:**

➢ Being able to use the local-level data and identifiers of Kreise in the ALLBUS has been very helpful.

➢ I used the library to search for older surveys on attitudes towards the welfare state and was supported by Reiner Mauer is making the most of the archive.

**Challenges and suggestions for improvements:**

➢ One of the biggest difficulties was my own inexperience of working in a secure data center. […] The merging process took much more time than originally planned. […] Another challenge was that working on three data sets at the same time was probably too much given the merging challenges.

➢ I have two suggestions. The first is to open grants for one, two or three months. For some candidate's project and academic careers, a month is not enough to work with the data and share their work with GESIS researchers. The second is to have two brown bags meeting: one in the first week to present our projects to the GESIS team and the other in the last week to present all the research results during the stay period.

➢ Of course the corona pandemic presents a unique situation which makes it difficult to socialize and meet in-person.

➢ On a personal level, the outbreak of the COVID19 disease has made me very anxious and this has had repercussions on my health, which forced me to work from home on the last days of my stay. This has been a pity for me, because I really enjoyed the work environment at the office and would have liked to better exploit my last days there for networking and exchange of ideas.

➢ I realized that there some informal meetings which are really interesting and cool to attend: For instance, a meeting of the PhD students at GESIS to present a paper or idea. Since it's harder to get the information about these meetings via office talks, I wondered whether there are opportunities to provide information about such meetings for future virtual guest researchers.

➢ The main challenge was the ongoing Covid-19 situation, which led most professional networking events to be carried out remotely. Thus, much of the consultations I needed were done via email or remotely. Other than that, I had a productive and enjoyable time at GESIS.

**Praise:**

➢ I think EUROLAB and SDC are doing a great job to provide and prepare guest researchers at GESIS in Cologne.

➢ I need to say that my support started before my stay. My stay was so productive because the GESIS team took care of all the details: a good place to stay and an excellent school for my daughter. During my stay, the excellent support provided me with the structure to work and introduced me to the GESIS researchers. This allowed me to work hard and focused.

➢ The support has been outstanding.

➢ Given the pandemic-related constraints on work schedules, I was very pleased by the support I received from my GESIS hosts and the EUROLAB staff. Thank you very much for answering all my questions, helping me settle in Cologne, and assisting throughout my entire visit!

# 4    Other Activities by Research Gateway EUROLAB

In addition to supporting visiting researchers, the Research Gateway EUROLAB regularly organizes authors' conferences and engages in capacity building and networking around the world. The aim is to reach out to target groups who may be interested in GESIS services and competences of GESIS staff and to initiate new and deepen existing collaborations of relevance to the social sciences. Some of the activities EUROLAB staff engaged in 2020 and 2021 are briefly summarized below.

Originally planned for January 2021, the 2nd International Summer School in Uganda (ISSU) had to be postponed several times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is now scheduled to take place in Masaka, Uganda, from 3-14 October 2022. The ISSU aims to enhance the skills for collecting, processing, archiving, and analyzing data in East Africa and to bring together researchers from Germany, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. The capacity-building project, which is managed by Marlene Mauk, was initiated by former visiting researcher Norman Mukasa and Simone Haasler (Head of Knowledge Exchange and Outreach) and is funded by the VW Foundation. An additional project module, coordinated by Munir Adi and with Ingvill C. Mochmann and Marlene Mauk as scientific advisors, will develop blended learning materials for use in social science methods education at the university level in Uganda and other East African countries.

Ingvill C. Mochmann co-organized several virtual sessions of the Research Data Alliance (RDA) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2020 and 2021. With the start of the pandemic, the RDA community also quickly gathered to provide recommendations on data sharing on COVID-19. How the RDA community experiences mobilizing international and interdisciplinary cooperation in global health emergencies was published in 2021 in the article "Radical collaboration during a global health emergency: development of the RDA COVID-19 data sharing recommendations and guidelines", co-authored by Ingvill C. Mochmann. Ingvill also spoke at an RDA webinar on "Challenges of Data Sharing in International Research Collaboration" in September 2021. Furthermore, she was appointed to the OECD international expert group on digital skills for data intensive science. The report was published July 2020: https://www.oecd.org/publications/building-digital-work-force-capacity-and-skills-for-data-intensive-science-e08aa3bb-en.htm.

In June 2021, the ERC Consolidator Grant "Innocent Children or Security Threats? European Children Born of War" (EuroWARCHILD) started. Ingvill C. Mochmann is one of the principal investigators of the project and has a position as Professor II at the Center for Gender Studies at the University of Oslo until 2026.

Finally, Ingvill C. Mochmann is part of the project "Eine Uni – ein Buch: Unsichtbare Frauen – Gender Data Gap" funded by the Stifterverband. She held the keynote lecture at the kickoff event in September 2021 on the topic "The Gender Data Gap: why it matters".

# 5    Outlook

For the year 2022, the Research Gateway EUROLAB is looking forward to returning to pre-pandemic mode and to welcoming and engaging with visiting researchers mostly in person again. Since a large number of research visits originally scheduled for 2020 and 2021 had to be postponed, 2022 is shaping up to be a very busy year for Research Gateway EUROLAB. We expect visiting researcher from all over the world, some of which will make use of the new family support and bring their children and spouses.

# 6 Research Gateway EUROLAB Staff

**Head of Research Gateway EUROLAB: Prof. Dr. Ingvill C. Mochmann**

Ingvill Constanze Mochmann is head of the Team Research Gateway EURO-LAB. She supports visiting researchers and is involved in research project acquisition and management, organizational development including elaboration of strategies, network and capacity building as well as knowledge transfer. She is professor II at the University of Oslo and honorary professor at the CBS International Business School. She was elected member of the GESIS Institute Council from 2019-2021.

Ingvill's research focuses on interdisciplinary, international, and intersectoral research in the field of democracy and minority rights, children born of war, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), comparative social research, mixed methods, participatory research, and research on hidden populations. Further information can be found here.

**Postdoctoral researcher: Dr. Marlene Mauk**

Marlene Mauk is postdoctoral researcher at Research Gateway EUROLAB. She coordinates the EUROLAB Grant funding scheme and is the main contact person for externally funded research visits. In addition, Marlene serves as the scientific coordinator of the GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science and organizes the International Summer School in Uganda (ISSU). During the summer term 2021, she acted as interim professor for "Empirical Methods of Social Research" at University of Münster. Since 2021, she is serving as elected postdoc representative at GESIS.

Marlene's research interests are in the field of political culture. She is particularly interested in the comparison of citizens' attitudes towards the political system between democracies and autocracies. Other research interests include political value orientations, (sources of) political trust, and issues of cross-country comparability. Further information can be found here.

**Administrative support: Monika Graf**

Monika Graf is an administrative coordinator at Research Gateway EUROLAB, Mannheim. She supports financial, organizational, and practical activities related to research visits in Mannheim. She is also responsible for event organization at the Department Knowledge Exchange and Outreach. Furthermore, in cooperation with Team Finance, she oversees the budget for the visiting researchers programs. In 2021, Monika was elected to serve as equal opportunities officer at GESIS.

Monika is an examined European secretary in English, French, and Spanish. She has been working at GESIS since 2005 and has previously held positions as foreign language secretary in Team Social Indicators (DBG) and as project assistant in Team European Social Survey (SDM).

**Administrative support: Munir Adi**

Munir Adi started working at Research Gateway EUROLAB as a student assistant in May 2015. Since February 2021, he is the administrative coordinator for Research Gateway EUROLAB in Cologne.

Munir 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. Furthermore, Munir acts as the Project Coordinator for the International Summer School in Uganda (ISSU), particularly helping to develop a digital, blended learning training toolkit.

**Administrative support: Jasmin Arenz**



Jasmin Arenz is an administrative coordinator at Research Gateway EUROLAB, Cologne. She supports financial, organizational, and practical activities related to research visits in Cologne. Jasmin has been working at GESIS since 2003, when she started her apprenticeship as a management assistant in office communication. She has previously worked at Team Finance in the Administration Department. Jasmin left GESIS to join another position in the end of 2020.