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Preface

Dear members of the economics department,

We are pleased to present the fifth newsletter of the Economics Department and to inform you about the latest developments and activities of our members.

In this issue, we would like to highlight the many events that took place at the department in the winter semester 24/25. For example, the new DFG research unit **Labour market transformation: Scarcity, Mismatch, and Policy** started with a kick-off workshop and the new Research Training Group **EQUALFIN - Finance and Inequality in Times of Polycrisis** with a welcome event for the new doctoral students.

Furthermore, it should not go unmentioned that the study of economics at the institute is now also prominently presented in the media. As part of the format "alpha Uni: Orientation for Studies & Career", ARD produced a report in which it accompanies our student Daniel Dietrich for a few days in his everyday life as a student (media library: <https://lmy.de/lqjKA>).

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the creation of this newsletter. We would especially like to thank **Isabella Winter** for her valuable support and commitment. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Anna Bievetski**, who has worked hard to produce the first four newsletters and is now leaving our department, but will remain with the university in another capacity.

As always, we look forward to your feedback. Feel free to write to us at econnl@wiwiss.fu-berlin.de to let us know what you think or to make suggestions for future newsletters.

We hope you enjoy reading our fifth newsletter!

Best regards,

Jan Marcus and Peter Mohr

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Persons

New employees

Birgit Algermissen has been a team assistant at the Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender and the Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics, since 01.01.2025.

Cordula Arlinghaus, team assistant at the Chair of Finance, has been supporting the Chair of Microeconomics since April 2025.

From April 2025, **Marc Bachmeier** will be working at the Chair of Applied Statistics in the project "Labor market effects of school time reductions" of the DFG Research Unit "Labor market transformation: Scarcity, Mismatch, and Policy". He is not a new face at the FU, as he was previously employed at the Chair of Applied Statistics and the Chair of International Finance.



Mingzhao Dai has been working as a research assistant at the Junior Professorship of Microeconomics since October 2024 as part of the DFG project "The Design of Verifiable Information under Competition". Mingzhao holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Wuhan University and a master's degree in economics from the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing. He has been a doctoral student at the Berlin School of Economics since 2023. His research interests lie in the field of microeconomic theory, especially in information economics.

Darius Deparade and **Lennart Jarmolinski**, research assistants at the Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics, will also support the Chair of Microeconomics in teaching from the summer semester 2025.

Dominika Erdmann, team assistant at the Chair of Macroeconomics, has been supporting the DFG research group "Labor market transformation: Scarcity, Mismatch, and Policy" since April 2025.



Koray Kasirka has been a research assistant and doctoral candidate at the Chair of Public Finance since April 2025. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Economics at the University of Göttingen and obtained his Master's degree at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich in 2025. During his studies, he gained research experience at the Ifo Institute in the Center for Macroeconomics. His research interests lie in the field of social inequality and quantitative text analysis in economics.



Isidora Knežević has been working as a research associate in the DFG project "The Long Shadow of Deportations (DEPCON)" at the Institute for Latin American Studies, under the direction of Christian Ambrosius, since February 2025. Previously, Isidora was part of the project "Transnational Perspectives on Migration and Integration" (TRANSMIT) at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB). She holds an M.Sc. in Economics from Humboldt University Berlin and an MBA from Duquesne University, PA, USA. Her research focuses on the intersection of economic development and migration.

Freya Rubel has been a doctoral student in the Economics Department at the JFKI since October 2024. Previously, she completed a Master's degree in Public Policy and Development at the Paris School of Economics and a Bachelor's degree in Sustainability Economics at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg.



Martin Middelanis has been working as a research assistant at the Chair of Latin American Economics since March 2025. Previously, he completed his doctorate at the FU with Barbara Fritz in the interdisciplinary International Research Training Group "Temporalities of the Future in Latin America" on the topic "The 2003-2013 Commodity Boom and its Impact on the Productive Structure and Social Policies in Latin America". He completed his Master's degree in Plural Economics at the University of Siegen in 2021. His research interests lie in the areas of structural change, commodity economics, inequality and ecological economics, with a regional focus on Latin America.

Mia Teschner has been working as a research assistant at the S-Professorship for Empirical Economic Research as part of the DFG research group "Labor market transformation: Scarcity, Mismatch, and Policy" since January 2025. She has been a doctoral candidate at the Berlin School of Economics since 2022. Previously, she completed a Master's degree in Economics at the FU Berlin and a Bachelor's degree in Politics and Economics at the University of Potsdam.



Resignations

Anna Bievetski supported the Chair of Empirical Economic Research and Gender and the Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics, as a team assistant. She has been working in Department I 32- Human Resources since January 2025.

Boryslav Brekhov has left the Chair of Microeconomics on March 31, 2025 to take up a postdoc at the FernUniversität in Hagen.

Ekaterina Gorbunova has left the Chair of Microeconomics after successfully completing her doctorate on March 31, 2025.

Lisa Hanzl was employed at the Chair of Applied Statistics and the Statistical Consulting Unit fu:stat until March 31, 2025. She moved to the University of Potsdam on April 1, 2025, where she will work as a postdoc at the Chair of Empirical Economic Research.

Helmut Lütkepohl

Helmut Lütkepohl retired from his long-standing role as a professor at Freie Universität on December 31, 2024. He had been working at the Economics Department since 2012, during which time he played a key role in shaping the academic life of our department through lectures, seminars and lively discussions.

From 2012 to 2016, he held the Bundesbank Professorship for "Methods of Empirical Economic Research" at our department and also headed the Graduate Center of DIW Berlin during this time. He then worked as a visiting professor at our department. Earlier stages of his impressive academic career have taken him to the European University Institute in Florence, the Humboldt University of Berlin, the Universities of Kiel and Hamburg and as Visiting Assistant Professor to the University of California, San Diego. As an internationally recognized econometrician, Helmut Lütkepohl is known worldwide for his numerous publications, his many years of service on the editorial boards of leading journals such as *Econometric Theory*, *Journal of Econometrics* or *Journal of Applied Econometrics* and, in particular, for his textbooks on (multiple) time series analysis.



He always remained approachable and engaged in discussions with junior researchers - be it on summer canoe trips with doctoral students (even if his boat capsized once) or at research lectures, to which he liked to appear with the printed working paper so that he could also discuss precise questions about the last footnote.

Dear Helmut, we would like to thank you for your commitment and your long-standing association with our department, wish you all the best for the future and hope to see you regularly in our research seminar!

Prizes and awards

Andreas Asseyer received the Research Award VWL 2024 for the publication "Certification Design with Common Values" in the journal *Econometrica*.

Peter Haan (S-Professor for Empirical Economic Research), was selected by the Tagesspiegel as one of the "100 most important minds in Berlin science 2024", who made a big difference in Berlin research this year.

The prizes for the best final theses in the field of Monetary Macroeconomics were awarded for the eighth time. The prizes were presented at the graduation ceremony on 13.12.2024 by Claus Tigges, President of the Head Office of the Deutsche Bundesbank in Berlin and Brandenburg, and **Dieter Nautz** (Chair of Econometrics). Outstanding academic work at various qualification levels was honoured. In the dissertation category, **Ben Alexander Schumann** received the award for the best contributions for his work "Four Essays in Macroeconomics" and **Fabian Seyrich** for his dissertation "Five Essays in Macroeconomics". In the Master's thesis category, **Jan Linzenich** was awarded for his analysis "International Transmission of US Shocks During the Great Depression: The US-Canadian Case" and **Florian Stammwitz** for his work "Macroprudential Policy and the Macroeconomy: Evidence from the Euro Area". In the bachelor thesis category, the prizes went to **Christoph Johannes Müller** for his study "Exploring the Efficacy of Random Forest Models in Forecasting German Inflation" and to **Kim Isabel Wendtorf** for her thesis "Quantile Regression and Inequality".

Tina Wang receives the efas Young Award 2024 Researcher for her **bachelor thesis "Educational Inequality and the Introduction of Birthright Citizenship in Germany: Evidence from the German Microcensus"**, which she wrote in the summer semester 2024 at the Chair of Empirical Economics and Gender. The award ceremony took place on December 6, 2024 as part of the efas annual conference, where Ms. Wang also presented her work.



Kim Isabel Wendtorf was awarded the prize for gender-related theses for her bachelor's thesis entitled "**Quantile regression and inequality**", which was supervised by Jan Marcus. The prizewinner examines quantile regression as a robust alternative to the OLS method for analyzing income inequality in the USA. She shows that a university degree is particularly advantageous in high income quantiles, while women earn less than men in all quantiles, especially at the income margins. The prize was awarded by Dean

Natalia Kliwer and Women's and Gender Equality Officer Gerke Schlickmann at a meeting of the Faculty Council on February 12, 2025.

Completed doctorates

Christopher Bruns, Fiscal Citizenship in Heterogenous Societies, 07.11.2024, Reviewers: Mohr, P., Fochmann, M.

Johannes Seebauer, Shocks and the Labor Market: Five Empirical Essays in Economics, 19.11.2024, referees: Schröder, C., Kritikos, A. S., Marcus, J.

Rick Glaubitz, Essays on Inequality and the Labor Market, 29.11.2024, Reviewer: Schröder, C., Corneo, G.

Martin Middelanis, The 2003-2013 Commodity Boom and its Impact on the Productive Structure and Social Policies in Latin America, 09.01.2025, Reviewed by: Fritz, B., Flechtner, S., Santos Silva, M.

Virginia Sondergeld, Women in management: Essays in Gender and Labor Economics, 31.01.2025, Reviewers: Haan, P., Wrohlich, K.

Ekaterina Gorbunova, Essays in Information Economics, 12.02.2025, Reviewers: Asseyer, A., Mohr, P.

Luisa Hammer, Economic Essays on the Dynamics of Life: Immigration, work, partnership and family, 12.02.2025, referees: Danzer, N., Stella, L.

Events

BeNA Winter Workshop 2024



On December 6, 2024, the **BeNA Winter Workshop** took place at the FU Berlin. The event, organized by Timo Haller and **Lukas Fink** (Chair of Applied Statistics), offered doctoral students the opportunity to present and discuss their current projects. In addition to exciting presentations, there were keynotes by Han Ye (University of Mannheim) and Jean-

Victor Alipour (LMU Munich).

Workshop "The Economics of Overcrowding"

The workshop took place on **February 17 and 18, 2025** at the John F. Kennedy Institute. It was organized by **Max Steinhardt** (Chair of Economic Policy and History of North America) and Sebastian Kohl and sponsored by the Hans Böckler Foundation. In this two-day event, researchers from the fields of economics and sociology discussed their latest research findings on the topic of overcrowding.



Workshop "Immigration and Refugee Inflows: The Impact on Host Country Economies"



The workshop, funded by the Thyssen Foundation, dealt with three central topics: the impact of immigration on innovation and entrepreneurship, the fiscal effects of immigration and the interplay between populism, xenophobia and migration. The keynote speech was given by Anna Maria Mayda. The workshop took place on March 6 and 7, 2025 in Berlin, and was organized by **Max Steinhardt** (Professorship for Economic Policy and History of North America) and Christopher Prömel (Professorship for Economic Policy and History of North America).

Kick-off event for the new DFG research group "Labour market transformation: Scarcity, Mismatch, and Policy"

On March 24, 2025, the first workshop of the DFG research group "Labour market transformation: Scarcity, Mismatch, and Policy" (FOR 5675) took place at the Humboldt University of Berlin. **Peter Haan** is the spokesperson of the research group and was the organizer of this event. Other members of the research group from the FU Berlin are **Natalia Danzer, Jan Marcus, and Max Steinhardt**.

"Inaugural lecture" by Anja Prummer



A special highlight of the past winter semester was the "inaugural lecture" by **Anja Prummer** (Chair of Microeconomics) as part of the Research Seminar in Economics (RSE), which was opened by the Dean **Natalia Kliewer** and the Managing Director of the Institute of Economics, **Peter Mohr**. Special thanks also go to Anja Schöttner from HU Berlin, who accompanied the lecture with a pointed discussion. The event provided an excellent opportunity to get to know the broad spectrum of Anja Prummer's research and to enter into a professional exchange.

Closing ceremony 2024



The graduation ceremony of the School of Business and Economics took place on December 13, 2024. The graduates received their Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral certificates in a festive setting. The event was opened by inspiring keynote speeches by former students and current graduates and was accompanied by atmospheric musical contributions.

The highlight of the ceremony was the ceremonial presentation of certificates by Dean **Natalia Kliewer**, Dean of Research **Jochen Bigus** and Dean of Studies **Gregory Jackson**, before the evening came to a convivial close with a joint champagne reception. We would like to congratulate all graduates and wish them all the best for the future!

BSoE Schumpeter Seminar

The BSoE Schumpeter Macro Seminar in the winter semester 2024/25 was organized by **Britta Gehrke** (Chair of Macroeconomics) and **Alexander Kriwoluzky** (S-Professorship of Empirical Macroeconomics and Fiscal and Monetary Policy), among others. It included presentations by:

- Giovanni Ricco (Warwick)
- Omar Rachedi (Esade)
- Alexander Ludwig (EUI)

Lecture series on the welfare state

In the winter semester 2024/25, a series of lectures on current topics of the German welfare state such as the unconditional basic income, basic security, pension policy and the education system took place as part of the master's course **Großbaustelle Sozialstaat**. In addition to lectures by the two FU professors, **Ronnie Schöb** (Chair of Finance) and **Giacomo Corneo** (Chair of Public Finance), Georg Cremer as former Secretary General of the German Caritas Association, Martin Werding as a member of the Council of Experts, Irene Vorholz from the German Association of Districts, Andreas Peichl as Head of the ifo Center for Macroeconomics and Surveys, Katharina Spieß as Director of the Federal Institute for Population Research and Ludger Wößmann as Director of the ifo Center for the Economics of Education at the FU.

Seminar for Public Finance and Political Economy XI.

As part of the seminar, which took place on January 30 and 31, 2025 in Berlin, participants from the Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, the Free University of Berlin and the Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg presented current research projects.

EQUALFIN doctoral program :

Welcoming the first cohort of doctoral students at the first research colloquium

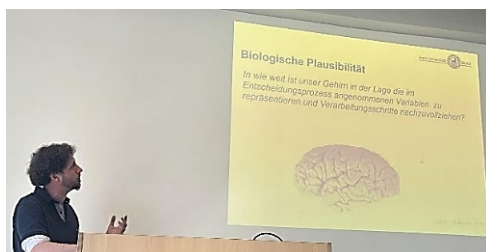


From February 7 to 11, the doctoral program "EQUALFIN: Finance and Inequality in Times of Polycrisis" hosted its first research colloquium and welcomed the first cohort of doctoral students funded by the Hans Böckler Foundation. The event was organized by the EQUALFIN board, consisting of **Barbara Fritz** (Chair of Economics of Latin America), Heike Joebges (HTW Berlin) and **Peter Mohr** (Chair of Behavioural Economics, esp. Neuroeconomics).

Girls' Day 2025

Economics - isn't it all about numbers, taxes and money...? The participants of Girls' Day 2025 at the Department of Economics were able to learn that economics deals with topics that influence the everyday lives of consumers and thus also of pupils. At the beginning, the schoolgirls were given an introduction to the basics of economics by **Winnie Coleman** (Chair of Econometrics), who talked about her own experiences studying economics.

Sebastian Garcia-Torres and **Freya Rubel** from the Economics Department of the John F. Kennedy Institute (JFK) discussed issues relating to gender roles, sustainability and migration with the students - topics that are also dealt with in the context of economic research. The JFK team then provided insights into a current research project that is investigating the connection between women in political leadership positions and school closures during the Covid-19 pandemic.



After a short break, during which the students were given pretzels, fruit and sweets, **Peter Mohr** (Chair of Behavioural Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics) gave a lecture on behavioural economics. Using small experiments, the students learned in a playful way that human decisions are often subject to bias - and are therefore less rational than the classic assumption of "homo oeconomicus" would suggest.

Girls' Day was rounded off with an exciting tour of the economics library. The team of decentralized women's representatives would like to thank everyone involved for their commitment!



BeWell Meeting 2025

The 6th Annual Conference on **Berlin Network of Well Being Research (BeWell)** took place on February 24 and 25, 2025, organized by the Chair of International Finance (**Ronnie Schöb**) at Freie Universität Berlin. The keynote speech was given by Andrew Clark (Paris School of Economics), who provided surprising insights into his research on *return-to-office mandates in the Italian public sector and their relationship with well-being*. The conference was characterized by contributions from various disciplines and topics such as well-being over the life course, worries, stress, abilities, well-being at work, income, and the interplay between societal and individual well-being.

Third-party funded projects

DFG Research Group "Labor market transformation: Scarcity, Mismatch, and Policy"

Under the leadership of **Peter Haan** (S-Professorship for Empirical Economic Research), the DFG Research Unit brings together interdisciplinary expertise to investigate key challenges in the areas of labour supply, human capital formation and labour market integration in Germany and beyond. The project duration is from 01/2025 to 12/2028 and the funding amount of the research group is about 3.9 million €. The following sub-projects with FU participation illustrate the empirical and policy-relevant research approach of the group. Further information on the research group can be found at <https://www.wiwiss.fu-berlin.de/forschung/laborscarcity/index.html>.

Jan Marcus (Chair of Applied Statistics) is working on a sub-project together with Shushan Margaryan and Thomas Siedler from the University of Potsdam on the effects of educational policy interventions on educational and labour market outcomes. Three different measures are being investigated: First, shortening the duration of high school by one year, which potentially increases labour supply and influences the extent of skill mismatches. Secondly, a randomized controlled trial (RCT) is being evaluated in which pupils receive e-readers to improve their reading skills. Another RCT examines the use of audio books to improve reading skills. The interventions are analysed with regard to their effects on reading skills, academic performance, career aspirations and the fit between skills and labour market requirements. **Britta Gehrke** (Chair of Macroeconomics) is affiliated with this project and **Marc Bachmeier** is funded as a research associate through this project.

Max Steinhardt (Chair of Economic Policy and History of North America), together with Sulin Sardoschau (HU Berlin), is working on the labour supply of migrants in another sub-project. The sub-project examines how immigration and integration policies can contribute to the sustainable securing of labour supply. Firstly, a historical natural experiment - the recruitment program for guest workers - is used to analyse how the presence of foreign workers has influenced economic stability and resilience in times of crisis. Secondly, the sub-project focuses on the labour force participation of migrants and their descendants today. Using new survey data, the influence of gender-specific norms on labour market integration will be examined in particular. **Peter Mohr** (Chair of Behavioural Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics) is an affiliated member of this sub-project.

Another sub-project deals with the causes of gender-specific inequalities in the labour market. **Natalia Danzer** (Chair of Empirical Economics and Gender Research) is working on this sub-project together with Maja Adena (WZB Berlin) and Katharina Wrohlich (DIW Berlin & University of Potsdam). The focus is on skill mismatches, task allocation within households, social norms and implicit biases. With the help of quasi-experimental approaches and survey experiments, the effects of political measures - such as parental leave regulations and the expansion of public childcare - on the development of skills, wage expectations and labour market decisions are examined. Particular attention is paid to differences in connection with parenthood and cultural norms. The aim is to use large-scale experiments to gain a better understanding of the unequal distribution of tasks and to demonstrate the potential of political measures to reduce gender-specific inequalities - particularly with regard to the shortage of skilled workers and the mismatching of qualifications.

Another sub-project, jointly led by **Peter Haan** (S-Professorship for Empirical Economic Research) together with Jonas Jessen (WZB Berlin) and Felix Weinhardt (Viadrina University Frankfurt/Oder & DIW Berlin), is investigating how the labour supply of older people can be increased. The first part analyses how the duration and amount of unemployment benefits influence labour market outcomes. The focus is on Poland, where political reforms and good data availability provide suitable conditions for empirical analysis. The second sub-project looks at health-related investments that enable older people to remain in employment for longer. Discontinuities resulting from pension reforms in Germany are used for this purpose. The third part analyses how informal care obligations towards relatives or acquaintances with health restrictions limit formal employment. In particular, it examines the extent to which the influx of foreign care workers can help to ease the burden. Mia Teschner is a research assistant in this project

Natalia Danzer: EU-HORIZON-2024-DIAMOND. Providing a digital and modular system to promote individually tailored learning programs to help improve labor market participation and transition to employment Research funding: European Union, Duration: 01.10.2024 to 31.03.2028, Funding amount: EUR 254,000.

DIAMOND aims to provide people from socially disadvantaged backgrounds with targeted support on their path to employment. Their employability is systematically strengthened through individually tailored learning programs. A central element is a tool for self-assessment, which enables participants to record their level of development and independently manage their skills development via the MOVE platform. The personalized educational offers are intended to increase sustainable integration into the labour market. Supplementary economic program evaluations and modelling also allow for a deeper understanding of the micro- and macroeconomic effects of such measures.

Nicolas Syrichas (Chair of Macroeconomics), together with Alexander Monge and Alexander Ludwig from the European University Institute, has been awarded a two-year research grant (£100,000) as part of the Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG) program funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The project examines intergenerational mobility in education and occupational status in Africa by harmonizing household data and analysing how local conditions affect children's opportunities. A quantitative model is also being developed to assess the

impact of school quality and regional barriers to mobility on the efficiency of labour markets and educational opportunities. Further information can be found at: <https://www.eui.eu/research-hub?id=on-the-geography-of-intergenerational-mobility-in-africa>

Piotr Paweł Larysz, doctoral student and research assistant at the Chair of Empirical Economics and Gender, was accepted into the current year of the Joachim Herz Foundation's "*Add-on Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Economic and Interdisciplinary Business Administration*" program in November 2024. The fellowship is aimed at young researchers who answer economic and interdisciplinary research questions and contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through research with high social relevance. As part of the fellowship, Piotr Paweł Larysz will conduct research on discrimination against non-binary people in the labour market. Further information on the foundation can be found at: www.joachim-herz-stiftung.de



News

From the department

At the election of the new members of the Faculty Council on January 14, 2025, **Britta Gehrke**, **Theocharis Grigoriadis**, **Peter Mohr** and **Dieter Nautz** were elected from the Economics Department as professorial members, **Winnie Coleman** and **Cara Nadler** from the group of academic staff, and **Alina Meiner** from the group of students and doctoral candidates.

From the department's Board of Directors

At its constituent meeting on 16.04.2025, the Faculty Council elected the following professorial members of the Dean's Office: **Jochen Bigus** as Dean, **Natalia Kliewer** as Dean of Research and **Gregory Jackson** as Dean of Studies.

Gerke Schlickmann-Ringsgwandl was (re)elected as the decentralized Women's and Equal Opportunities Officer and **Catalina Wache** as her deputy.

From WiWiss-Mentoring

Our new YouTube presence for prospective students:

Last year, we set up our own YouTube page to provide insights into our degree programs in Business Administration and Economics at Freie Universität Berlin.

Under [@bwlundwvlfuberlin](#) you will find short videos that present our study programs, explain study content clearly and give students and lecturers a voice.

The "inFUtalk" format addresses the good reasons and advantages of starting a degree course at our department and is intended to appeal specifically to prospective students.



From the library

Since the beginning of 2025, members of Freie Universität Berlin have been able to use the Workspace for Students database, the successor to Eikon. The database provides financial data on international, listed companies as well as time series and market data. It is available to members of Freie Universität Berlin as web access, as a desktop version and as a mobile app (for iOS and Android).

Students and academics can apply for an individual account. This is done via an online form on the library's website.

Finalist training courses I and II

In order to provide students with even more targeted support and prepare them for their Bachelor's thesis, the library will be offering **two finalist training courses** at the start of the 2025 summer semester:

Finalist training I: Literature research

Finalist training II: Quoting correctly

Certificates of attendance are issued for both training courses.

Generative AI tools integrated into library training courses

From the summer semester onwards, the library will also be integrating **generative AI tools** into its courses on academic work (literature research, citation, academic writing) in order to prepare students as well as possible for the opportunities and problems of the various tools.

Alumni Talk

As part of the mentoring program in cooperation with **WiWiss Alumni**, the 3rd Alumni Talk took place on 28.01. at 4 pm in the library. Markus Ungruhe (Director Business Development at 4flow Management) spoke about "Transformative outsourcing in logistics and supply chain".

From the Berlin School of Economics (BSoE)

Theocharis Grigoriadis (Chair of Economics of Eastern Europe) and **Anja Prummer** (Chair of Microeconomics) joined the BSoE faculty on November 1, 2024.

Numerous members of the Economics Department were again involved in the selection of the new BSoE doctoral students, who will start the course phase in October 2025. It is planned that one newly admitted person will work at each of the professorships for Microeconomics (**Anja Prummer**), Macroeconomics (**Britta Gehrke**), Applied Statistics (**Jan Marcus**) and Economics of Eastern Europe (**Theocharis Grigoriadis**).

From fu:stat

fu:stat organized the following training courses in the winter semester 2024/2025:

- Statistics compact (09.12.2024 at FB WiWiss)
- Statistics basics (03.03. - 05.03.2025 at FB WiWiss)
- R basics (10.03. - 11.03.2025 at FB WiWiss)
- Python-basics (13.03. - 14.03.2025 at FB WiWiss)
- Introduction to Statistical Learning (17.03.2025 at FB WiWiss)
- Generative Artificial Intelligence (19.03.2025 at FB WiWiss)
- R-Workshop (31.03. - 01.04.2025 at the Robert Koch Institute)

The dates for the training courses at the department can be found on the website https://www.stat.fu-berlin.de/schulungen_neu/interne-start/index.html

More news

New film about studying economics at the FU Berlin:



In January 2025, we were able to welcome a film team from Bavarian Broadcasting to our department, which produced a report for the series "alpha Uni: Orientation for Studies & Career" for ARD together with our mentor and Economics student Daniel Dietrich.

The film team accompanied Daniel Dietrich for a few days in his everyday life as a student. In the report, Daniel Dietrich provides insights into the content, the opportunities and also the challenges of studying economics. The article can be found in...

of the ARD media library: <https://www.ardmediathek.de>
and on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...>

Denise Barth (Chair of Empirical Economics and Gender) spent a research stay at the Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI) at Stockholm University from February to April 2025 to further develop her research project as part of the DFG project "Gender Norms and Labor Market Outcomes".

Sebastian Garcia-Torres (John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies) received financial support from the Ernst Reuter Society in the amount of EUR 600 for the 14th Alpine Population Conference.

Britta Gehrke (Chair of Macroeconomics) was appointed to the project advisory board "Fachkräftemonitoring" of the Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.

Piotr Paweł Larysz (Chair of Empirical Economics and Gender) spent a research stay **at the Paris School of Economics (PSE)** from September 1 to October 27, 2024, spent a research stay at the Paris School of Economics (PSE) to advance a joint research project on the relationship between gender inequality and life satisfaction.

Piotr Paweł Larysz was also at the University of Warsaw for a research visit in February to work with co-authors on the DFG research project "Gender Norms and Labor Market Outcomes".

During his research semester, **Dieter Nautz** (Chair of Econometrics) was Erskine Visiting Professor at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand. He gave lectures at the Reserve Bank of New Zealand's research seminar and at the universities in Christchurch, Dunedin and Canberra.

Jan Marcus (Chair of Applied Statistics) was promoted from Research Affiliate to Research Fellow by the IZA - Institute of Labor Economics.

Simon Voss (John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies) spent a research stay at the University of Toronto with Alexander Reisenbichler from October to December 2024 at the invitation of the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy.

Publications

Refereed journals

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Outlook

Visiting professors and academics in the summer semester 2025

Visiting Professor Deutsche Bundesbank



Alexander Monge-Naranjo, Professor at the European University Institute, holds the visiting professorship of the Deutsche Bundesbank endowed professorship in the summer semester 2025. He teaches the Master's and PhD course "Education, Labor Markets and Inequality".

Professorship for Empirical Economic Research and Gender

Meltem Ince Yenilmez, Professor at Izmir Democracy University, Faculty of Business and Economics, July 1 to September 15, 2025

Research Seminar in Economics

The Research Seminar in Economics takes place on Thursdays from 12.15 to 13.30. Further information can be found [here](#).

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| 17.04.2025 | Felix Holub (WZB, Berlin Social Science Center) |
| 24.04.2025 | Karine Nyborg (University of Oslo) |
| 15.05.2025 | Andreas Ferrara (University of Pittsburgh) |
| 22.05.2025 | Michael Ehrmann (ECB, European Central Bank) |
| 05.06.2025 | Filip Matejka (CERGE-EI, Center of Economic Research and Graduate Education - Economics Institute) |
| 19.06.2025 | Zohal Hessami (Ruhr University Bochum) |
| 26.06.2025 | Alexander Monge-Naranjo (EUI, European University Institute) |
| 03.07.2025 | Gregory Gilpin (Montana State University) |
| 10.07.2025 | Andres Cesar (CEDLAS, Centro des Estudios Distributivos, Laborales y Sociales/ Universidad Nacional de La Plata) |
| 17.07.2025 | Cathrin Mohr (University of Bonn) |

Fu:stat

The training dates for the summer semester 2025 have been set:

- Statistics compact (13.06.2025, course in German)
- Statistics basics (04.08. - 06.08.2025, course in German)
- Python Basics (07.08. and 08.08.2025, taught in English)
- R basics (11.08. and 12.08.2025, course in German)
- Generative Artificial Intelligence (14.08.2025, course in German)
- Introduction to Statistical Learning (18.08.2025, taught in English)

Registrations are possible via the website: https://www.stat.fu-berlin.de/schulungen_neu/interne-start/index.html

Further dates

Britta Gehrke is in a research semester in the summer semester 2025.

On Thursday, June 05, 2025, the **career fair of the Department of Economics** will take place from 10:00-15:00.

Long Night of Science (June 28, 2025)

Ronnie Schöb (Professor of Finance) will give lectures on the topics of "Realignment of basic income support" and "Unconditional basic income". **Alexander Kriwoluzky** (S-Professorship for Empirical Macroeconomics and Fiscal and Monetary Policy) will give a lecture on "Is Bitcoin the new gold". **Peter Mohr** (Chair of Behavioral Economics, esp. Neuroeconomics) offers an interactive workshop on the topic "What influences our decisions".

On July 10 and 11, 2025, the "1st Junior Workshop on Economics of Latin America", organized by **Nathalie de la Cruz Aquino** and **Manuel Santos Silva**, will take place at the Latin America Institute.

The general meeting of the Committee for Macroeconomics in the Verein für Socialpolitik will take place on May 15-16, 2025 at DIW Berlin.

On September 30, 2025, the Berlin Replication Games will take place. The event is jointly organized by **Jan Marcus** (Professor of Applied Statistics) and the Institute for Replication. More information about the Replication Games and registration can be found here: <https://i4replication.org/games.html>.

This year's graduation ceremony will take place on December 12, 2025.

Poster session in Garystraße 21

In the summer semester 2025, the following WE2 researchers will be exhibiting their posters:

- Marc Bachmeier and Jan Marcus (Chair of Applied Statistics)
- Nathalie De La Cruz Aquino (Latin America Institute)
- Darius Deparade, Lennart Jarmolinski and Peter Mohr (Chair of Behavioral Economics, in particular Neuroeconomics)
- Seminar Team Britta Gerke (Chair of Macroeconomics)
- Carmen Marull Maita and Bettina Schorr (Latin America Institute)
- Johannes Michael Ossadnik (Chair of Macroeconomics)