

Workshop for Users of the German Socio-Economic Panel (GSOEP) and the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) September 10-12, 2009 at Cornell University

The Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell University will hold a workshop to introduce researchers to the German Socio-Economic Panel (GSOEP) and the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF). Twenty-four waves of GSOEP data are available to researchers interested in using this rich panel study. The CNEF currently includes data from six country's panel studies: the GSOEP, the British Household Panel Study (BHPS), the Canadian Survey of Income and Labour Dynamics (SLID), the Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA), the Swiss Household Panel (SHP) and the United States Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID). Data from each of these studies have been extracted and manipulated to facilitate cross-national comparative research. The resulting subset of variables from each study constitutes the Cross-National Equivalent Files.

The purpose of the workshop is to introduce and familiarize new users with the file structure and potential of the GSOEP and CNEF data. Current users will also benefit from sessions with highly trained researchers who will explain more subtle issues involved in analyses that use the GSOEP sample of residents of the former East Germany.

► **Instructional Facilities:**

The workshop will be run by Gert Wagner, Joachim Frick, Markus Grabka and Jan Goebel of the Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW) - Berlin (GSOEP and GSOEP-CNEF), Dean Lillard of Cornell University (PSID-CNEF), Ursina Kuhm of the Swiss Household Panel (SHP-CNEF), Roger Wilkins from the Household Labour and Income Dynamics in Australia (HILDA-CNEF), and representatives from Statistics Canada (SLID-CNEF) and the University of Essex (BHPS-CNEF).

► **Curriculum:**

The workshop will consist of nine sessions covering the following topics:

1. Introduction to the GSOEP file structure
2. Merging Household and Person specific files
3. Sample issues
 - Clustered sampling, Sample attrition, Sample weights and Issues when comparing residents of east and west German states
4. Cross-sectional versus longitudinal research
5. Constructing Calendar data from Spell files
6. Web-based user support
7. Introduction to the CNEF file structure
8. Linking CNEF files to their parent survey data
 - PSID, BHPS, GSOEP, HILDA and SHP
9. Procedures for accessing the SLID Equivalent file

The workshop will commence with a reception and keynote speech on the evening of September 10th. Sessions will be held throughout the day September 11th and on the morning of September 12th.

► **Costs:**

The workshop fee is \$200, which includes all instructional materials, the welcoming receptions, and lunches on September 11th and 12th. The fee also includes the cost of a copy of the Public Use Version of the GSOEP and the CNEF data, subject to the approval of a written contract for their use by the DIW, the UKDA, the HILDA Data Archive, or the Swiss Foundation for Research in Social Science.

Hotel accommodations are available at a reduced rate of \$109 per night at the Ithaca Comfort Inn Motel. Please see details below.

► **Application Dates:**

Applications for the workshop should be sent no later than August 1, 2009. Applications for scholarships should be sent no later than July 15th, 2009. Applications will be considered in the order in which they arrive. The workshop will be limited to 20 people. See below for the application. Please fill it out and return it to Cornell by mail, fax, or email at the address listed below:

► **Scholarships:**

Funds provided by Cornell University and the DIW allow us to offer partial scholarships on a competitive basis to offset transportation, hotels, and registration fees.

► **Scholarship Application:**

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must submit:

- 1 A letter stating why they are interested in coming to the workshop.
- 2 A brief description of the research they will pursue with the GSOEP and/or CNEF data
- 3 A statement attesting that funds to cover the workshop costs are not available from their university or research institute.
- 4 Graduate students or research associates should include a supporting letter from their senior advisor with their application.

► **For further information or an application, contact:**

Melody Reinecke, Department of Policy Analysis and Management, 120 MVR Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-4401, USA. Telephone: 607-255-8012, FAX: 607-255-4071, Email: GSOEP@cornell.edu or CNEF@cornell.edu.

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Conference information will also be available on the Department of Policy Analysis and Management web site. The

URL is: <http://www.human.cornell.edu/che/PAM/Research/Centers-Programs/German-Panel/2007conf.pdf>

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Requesting Scholarship: Yes _____ No _____

*** Hotel Accommodations:**

* Hotel accommodations are available at a reduced rate of \$109 per night at the Ithaca Comfort Inn Motel, which includes a full complimentary breakfast and a 6-passenger shuttle van to/from Cornell once per hour upon request.

Address: 356 Elmira Road, Ithaca NY 14850, Phone: 607-272-0100. Our reserved block of rooms is under the name "GSOEP" and reservations must be made prior to August 10, 2009.

*** You must make your own reservations directly with the Comfort Inn ***