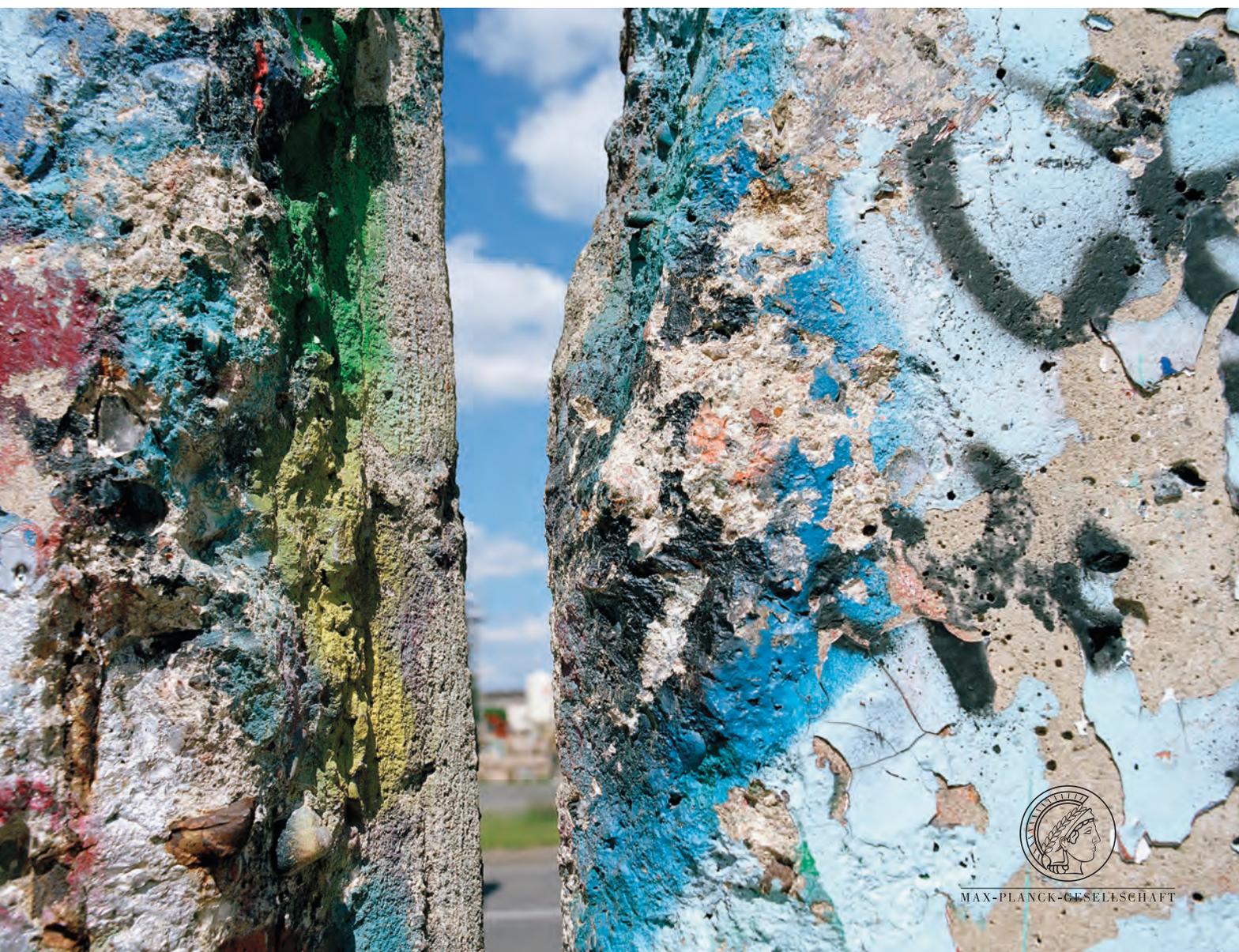


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THE YEARS 2012–2013

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) accomplished several major goals in the years 2012 and 2013, such as establishing a new research center in Paris, securing funding for its graduate program IMPRS-SPCE until 2019, and paving the way for two new independent research groups.

MaxPo is the most visible expression of the continuing internationalization of the MPIfG. The Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies in Paris connects us with the most vibrant research community in continental Europe involved in our research fields. Since we started cooperating with Sciences Po six years ago, many doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, and senior scholars from France have spent time at the MPIfG. They have taken part in our seminars and conferences, exchanging new ideas with our researchers and visitors. Our cooperation made it possible for researchers from the MPIfG to contribute in return to scholarly debates in economic sociology and political economy in France. The research group leaders at MaxPo are now developing a joint program focusing on financial markets.

While MaxPo stands out as an international project, internationalization manifests itself in many other ways at the MPIfG. The Institute thrives on communication and collaboration with scholars and practitioners around the world. In the last two years alone, MPIfG researchers had the opportunity to spend time at leading universities and research centers in Berkeley, Chicago, Zurich, Washington/DC, and New York. Our doctoral students in particular went to unexpected places to conduct field work, such as the streets of Warsaw, the diamond mines of





Sierra Leone, the Customs Department in Hong Kong, correctional centers in South Africa, and market stalls in Buenos Aires. Our days in Cologne were made richer by visiting researchers who came to the Institute for the first time, and by those who came back again to benefit from the special atmosphere and the intellectual exchange they had found here before. The word is out in San Diego, Moscow, Berkeley, Coventry, Geneva, Florence, and Stockholm that the MPIfG is a place where you can get work done and develop new ideas.

The historical dimension of social science, a concern of ours for many years, has become an even more visible part of our program with the arrival in 2012 of historian Ariane Leendertz. Currently Leendertz is starting a research group that will focus on the development of social science since the 1970s. Since we are convinced that social phenomena can only be understood and explained by looking at their historical trajectory, historical lines of inquiry are an important part of our research program. By combining approaches from history, sociology, political science, and economics the MPIfG draws on the traditions of the German Historical School, American Institutionalism, and the French Annales School.

Since I came to the Institute, I have had the pleasure of sharing the directorship with Wolfgang Streeck, who will be retiring in October 2014. Wolfgang Streeck's passion for seeking answers to questions puzzling society, his publications in a wide range of fields, and his creative management of the Institute have been vital in establishing the MPIfG as one of the world's leading research institutes in the social sciences.

Starting with the directorships of Renate Mayntz and Fritz Scharpf in the 1980s, continuing with the appointment of Wolfgang Streeck in 1995, and finally my appointment as director in 2005, the MPIfG in each of its constellations of directors has asked new questions and sought to open new research frontiers. It has taken thirty years of profound curiosity and dedication to academic excellence to bring the Institute to where it stands today. As my directorship continues, I look forward to treading new ground and meeting new challenges. For a democratic society, the knowledge generated by social scientists on issues of social and political concern, normatively and functionally, is indispensable. By continuing this work after Wolfgang Streeck's retirement, the Max Planck Society is demonstrating its commitment to conducting an important strand of basic research in the social sciences. Before Wolfgang Streeck becomes emeritus, his friends and colleagues will gather in Cologne to celebrate him and his contributions to sociology and political science.

I invite you to leaf through this report and see the questions the MPIfG has been addressing in its ongoing effort to understand the social and political foundations of modern economies and how the economy affects the governance of societies today.

Jens Beckert
Managing Director

HIGHLIGHTS

A New Franco-German Research Center

On November 29, 2012, representatives of Sciences Po in Paris welcomed their counterparts from the Max Planck Society to celebrate the opening of the Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies – MaxPo. Hervé Crès from Sciences Po’s Institut d’études politiques, Peter Gruss, president of the Max Planck Society (MPG), and Jens Beckert and Wolfgang Streeck from the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) were among those in attendance to congratulate the founding codirectors of the Center, French sociologist Marion Fourcade and German political scientist Cornelia Woll. A discussion by Fourcade, Woll, Streeck, and Philippe Steiner of the Sorbonne about moral categories in the financial crisis was the main academic event of the evening. A reception at the German Embassy to France wrapped up the festivities.

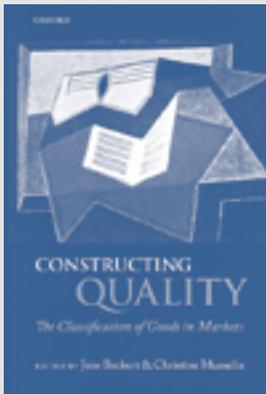
Funded equally by Sciences Po and the MPG until 2017, MaxPo provides an institutional footing for the MPIfG in France and links Sciences Po to the social sciences in Germany, giving them both more visibility as leading research institutions in Europe. It fosters cooperation between France and Germany in the social sciences by promoting the exchange of researchers and building a joint research program. The two countries have outstanding research traditions in the social sciences, and close cooperation between the best of German and French social science is key to developing a robust capacity for excellent research in Europe. In the first year of the Center’s operation, MaxPo’s research has attracted international attention well beyond France and Germany. In October 2013, Marion Fourcade returned to Berkeley and was succeeded by French sociologist Olivier Godechot, who has published on labor markets in the financial sector and the influence of the financial sector on wage inequality.

For more about MaxPo and other partners the MPIfG cooperates with, see Section 3 of this report.

Understanding the Qualification of Goods

Since coming to the Institute in 2005, Jens Beckert and his fellow researchers in the project area on the “Sociology of Markets” have investigated processes of valuation and qualification of goods in markets. Many of the projects in this area have been completed, and 2013 saw the publication of the second edited volume to emerge from this field of inquiry at the MPIfG, *Constructing Quality: The Classification of Goods in Markets* (Oxford UP). Coeditors Jens Beckert and Christine Musselin (Sciences Po) brought scholars from Europe and North America together to create this volume exploring the processes through which the quality of goods is established, how product qualities are contested, and how they change over time. Covering a broad range of markets in which quality is difficult to assess, the cases include halal food, funeral markets, wine, labor, school choice, financial products, antiques, and counterfeit goods. The book contributes to the sociology of markets and connects to the larger issue of the constitution of social order through cognitive processes of classification.

Jens Beckert is using the findings of this cluster of projects as a point of departure for his current research on fictionality in capitalist dynamics, about which he published “Imagined



Futures: Fictional Expectations in the Economy” in *Theory and Society* in 2013. His forthcoming book on *Imagined Futures* will be published by Harvard University Press in 2015.

For more about the Institute’s findings on the valuation and quality of goods, see Section 2.

Public Debate

In the summer of 2012, Wolfgang Streeck gave three lectures at the Institute for Social Research at Goethe University Frankfurt – the Adorno Lectures. The book he wrote based on the lectures, *Gekaufte Zeit: Die vertagte Krise des demokratischen Kapitalismus*, was published by Suhrkamp the following spring and attracted considerable attention from academia, the book market, and the media. The English edition, *Buying Time: The Delayed Crisis of Democratic Capitalism*, will be out in summer of 2014; Italian, Portuguese, and Swedish editions came out in 2013; five further editions in other languages are planned. The widely reviewed German edition was accompanied by a controversial debate between Wolfgang Streeck and Jürgen Habermas in the journal *Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik* in 2013.

In the fall of 2012, before *Gekaufte Zeit* was published, Wolfgang Streeck received the Public Understanding of Sociology Award from the German Sociological Association for his “outstanding achievements in promoting sociology’s public image.”

For more about the public impact of work at the MPIfG, see Section 6.

Leading Scholars Analyze Austerity

Wolfgang Streeck shares his interest in the effects of austerity on the economy and society with Armin Schäfer, senior researcher at the Institute. The two edited *Politics in the Age of Austerity* (Polity, 2013), in which Fritz W. Scharpf, Emeritus Director of the MPIfG, Colin Crouch, External Scientific Member of the Institute, Daniel Mertens, doctoral student at the Institute, and others examine the options politics has in this age dominated by markets and financial crises. Kathleen Thelen, also an External Scientific Member of the MPIfG, says of the book: “[it] offers a powerful – and sobering – picture of the dilemmas and constraints that governments face as they seek to reconcile the increasingly conflicting demands of two constituencies – voters and ‘the markets.’”



People with low incomes are turning away from politics. This is a threat to democracy, as Armin Schäfer explains in his new book *Der Verlust politischer Gleichheit* (Campus, forthcoming, fall 2014)



Philip Mader received the German Thesis Award in 2013. His dissertation, *The Political Economy of Microfinance*, will be published by Palgrave in 2014

Major Study of Voting Behavior

Armin Schäfer's research has recently focused on the impact of social inequality on voter turnout. The parliamentary elections in the fall of 2013 gave him an opportunity to empirically examine this phenomenon. With the support of the Bertelsmann Foundation, he looked at voter participation in 28 major German cities and 640 other voting districts. The study revealed that not only is voter turnout shrinking, but the range of socio-economic backgrounds from which voters come is narrowing. Because people with low incomes are turning away from politics, their impact on election outcomes is waning. The affluent, who go to the polls in proportionately greater numbers, are gaining greater influence on the political process.

Dissertation Receives National Attention

In 2013, Philip Mader, a doctoral student of the MPIfG's International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), received the Körber Foundation's German Thesis Award for his dissertation "Financialising Poverty: The Transnational Political Economy of Microfinance's Rise and Crises." Each year, the Körber Foundation recognizes three dissertations that are academically outstanding and have a significant social impact. Mader received this prestigious national award for showing in his doctoral thesis that rather than achieving their stated goal of helping the poor in developing countries to help themselves, microloans tend to exploit the poor and perpetuate poverty. Drawing on these findings and in cooperation with MPIfG Journalist in Residence Gerhard Klas, who works on related issues, Mader organized a symposium on neoliberal development policies and microfinance at the MPIfG in the summer of 2013. Mader and Klas aimed to launch a critical debate among experts from academia, development aid organizations, cooperatives, and the media. In spring of 2014, Campus published their edited volume based on the symposium, *Rendite machen und Gutes tun?* (Making Money while Doing Good?).

To find out about other awards MPIfG researchers have received and other conferences the Institute has organized, go to Section 6.

An Innovative Open Access Book

Philip Mader, who has gone on to be a research associate at the University of Basel, was part of Sigrid Quack's research group on "Institution Building across Borders" at the MPIfG. Quack, who took on a professorship in sociology at the University of Duisburg-Essen in 2013, continues as an associate researcher to supervise the doctoral students remaining in her group at the Institute. Along with the members and alumni of her group and guest bloggers, she has been publishing a blog since 2009, governancexborders.com, which led to a blog book in 2013, *Governance across Borders: Transnational Fields and Transversal Themes* (epubli). Edited by Leonhard Dobusch, Philip Mader, and Sigrid Quack, the book presents selected blog entries in thematically organized chapters and provides an introduction to each theme. It is available in print, as an e-book, and as an online full text free of charge.

For more about publications by MPIfG researchers, go to Section 5.

Research Group on Political Economy Enters a New Phase

Martin Höpner has taken his research group on the “Political Economy of European Integration” into a new phase. From 2008 until 2012, Höpner worked with doctoral students Daniel Seikel and Benjamin Werner on the tensions between judicially driven economic integration and political integration in Europe. Seikel and Werner have completed their dissertations, published them, and gone on to new positions (see “Career Moves” below). The group’s article analyzing comparative liberalization policies (in *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie*, 2011) was recognized in 2012 with the Thyssen Award for the best German social science article.

Also in 2012, Martin Höpner received the Wolfgang Kaupen Award from the Sociology of Law Section of the German Sociological Association for his article analyzing European judges from a sociological point of view (in *Berliner Journal für Soziologie*, 2011).

In the fall of 2012, two new doctoral students joined the research group, sociologist Martin Seeliger and political scientist Alexander Spielau. With them, Martin Höpner is developing a new focus on coordination problems in the eurozone.

New Independent Research Groups

In February 2014, the Institute was pleased to announce that Mark Lutter, who received his doctorate while at the MPIfG and has gone on to become a senior researcher at the Institute, is taking on the leadership of a new MPIfG independent research group on “The Transnational Sociology of Diffusion.” The group’s projects will look at factors that influence and shape the spread of innovations among individuals, networks, organizations, and societies. The diffusion of innovations refers to the spread of micro-level practices, ideas, concepts, and frames of action to meso-level and transnational macro-level structures, such as the adoption of new forms of organization, policies, techniques, cultural ideas and norms, tastes and fashions, new institutional settings, and new transnational socio-political models. The group seeks to develop an empirically informed sociological theory of diffusion.

In April 2014, the MPIfG is establishing a new independent research group on “The History of Complexity.” Led by Ariane Leendertz, the group will investigate the rise of complexity discourse since the 1960s and the role it has played both in social science and public policy.



Ariane Leendertz and Mark Lutter are leading new research groups at the MPIfG



Governance across Borders, jointly edited by Leonhard Dobusch, Philip Mader, and Sigrid Quack, presents themes discussed on the blog published by the MPIfG Research Group on Institution Building across Borders

It will also seek to develop the notion of “Economic Conceptions of the Social” (*Ökonomisierung des Sozialen*) as an analytical perspective on the response of public policy to the rise of complexity. Leendertz is a modern historian who came to the MPIfG in 2012 from the Amerika-Institut at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich. Her research interests include German and American history of the twentieth century, the history of the social sciences, and intellectual history. By charging her with setting up this group, the MPIfG is strengthening its commitment to incorporating a historical perspective into its research and promoting interdisciplinarity among historians, sociologists, and political scientists at the Institute.

International Max Planck Research School Is Thriving

The International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy continues to be a source of innovation, excitement, and pride at the MPIfG. With twelve IMPRS-SPCE doctoral students completing their doctoral thesis in 2012 and 2013, more doctoral theses were completed in this two-year period than in 2010 and 2011 (six) or 2008 and 2009 (seven). For more about the set-up of the School, the forty students it hosted in 2012 and 2013, and the wide range of topics they have been working on, see Section 4.

Since 2012, the position of academic coordinator of the IMPRS-SPCE has been combined with the newly-created position of a research coordinator at the Institute. Ursula Trappe is serving the Institute in these two capacities. The research coordinator consults with and supports the MPIfG directors and the administrative director in research management issues and in implementing their decisions.

For more about the management of the MPIfG, see Section 8.



Career Moves

The postdoctoral fellows who recently left the MPIfG are far-flung across the world, having gone on to King's College London (Alexandre Afonso), the European University Institute in Florence (Philip Balsiger), Georgia State University/USA (Carolyn Biloft), Nazarbayev University in Astana, Kazakhstan (Alima Bissenova), Cornell University/USA (Todd Arthur Bridges), Collegio Carlo Alberto in Turin, Italy (Josef Hien), Columbia Law School in New York (Jongchul Kim), the University of Washington in Seattle (Carolin D. Lange), the University of Northern British Columbia in Canada (Matias E. Margulis), and the University of Bonn (Damien Krichewsky). Graduates of the IMPRS-SPCE who left the Institute in 2012 and 2013, some of whom had postdoctoral wrap-up contracts at the MPIfG, went on to the University of Cologne (Sarah Berens), the consulting firm Mercer in Munich (Philipp Gerlach), Boğaziçi University in Istanbul (İpek Göçmen), PricewaterhouseCoopers in Düsseldorf (Andreas Kammer), Koç University in Istanbul (Azer Kiliç), the University of Basel (Philip Mader), Humboldt University in Berlin (Liviu Măntescu), the Hans Böckler Foundation in Düsseldorf (Daniel Seikel), and the University of Bremen (Benjamin Werner).

The senior researchers who left the Institute in 2012 and 2013 have positions at German universities. Sigrid Quack, at the MPIfG from 2007 to 2013, is now Professor of Sociology with a focus on Comparative Sociology at the University of Duisburg-Essen. Sascha Münnich, at the MPIfG from 2005 to 2013, is a Junior Professor for Comparative Sociology at the University of Göttingen. Tobias ten Brink, at the MPIfG from 2009 to 2012, is a research fellow at the Institute for Political Science at Goethe University Frankfurt.

For more about the MPIfG's researchers, see Section 7.



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PROJECT AREAS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

THE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Since its foundation in 1985, the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies has gone through three program periods, each concerned with the governance of contemporary societies from a different perspective. Shifts in the program have reflected the results of research and theorizing, as well as real-world changes in economic and political organization that led to new research questions.

The first program, from 1986 to 1995, featured historically and internationally comparative studies of the interaction between political-administrative intervention and societal self-organization in selected sectors “close to the state” (*staatsnahe Sektoren*). Special attention was paid to health care systems, organized research and science, and large technical infrastructures, in particular telecommunications. The objective was to develop a realistic, practically useful social science-based theory of the governance of modern societies by an interventionist state in cooperation with an organized society.

The second period, from 1996 to 2005, responded to the growing importance of markets and competition even in sectors that had formerly been protected and controlled by state authority. Telecommunications, for instance, which until the mid-1990s had been a state monopoly, was privatized and deregulated. That markets played a growing role in the 1990s may in part have been due to changes in ideologies and in public perceptions of reality. But it was also a result of new constraints on the regulative capacities of the nation-state caused by internationalization, including European integration, and international regime competition. Subsequently, newly developing forms of multi-level governance and the consequences of economic liberalization for states and governments became main subjects of research at the MPIfG.

Today, the continuing shift from state regulation to market-driven forms of social order requires paying even more attention to the working of the economy and its interaction with the polity and other societal subsystems. Thus current research investigates the social, cultural, and political preconditions for the operation of markets, which have become dominant institutions governing production and distribution. Projects explore how markets and business organizations are embedded in historical, institutional, political, and cultural frameworks, as well as the social and political processes that shape economic relations over time. Rather than a prescriptive theory of state intervention, the objective is an empirically based understanding of the social and political foundations, or the “constitution,” of modern economies and of the interrelations between social, political, and economic action.

That the economy has become the main subject of interest at a research institute devoted to *Gesellschaftsforschung* – i.e., “the study of societies” – reflects the ongoing transformation of the postwar socio-economic order of “embedded liberalism.” As long as this order was intact, modern capitalism was amenable to supportive political intervention with respect to both economic efficiency and social peace. Today it appears that the capitalist economy has largely



emancipated itself from the tutelage of politics and the state, and has in turn begun to impose its terms on the political system. In the midst of a historical process of worldwide liberalization, it seems that now more than ever, and certainly more than in the postwar period, capitalist markets determine the conditions under which other social spheres operate. The financial and economic crisis that has been unraveling since 2008 reflects this development. In particular, the bailout policies demonstrate the extent to which the state has become the hostage of the markets rather than reestablishing political control over the economy.

Understanding the operation of the economy thus becomes a precondition for understanding other areas of social life, including politics and the state, which seem to be increasingly driven by what presents itself as a self-driven process of market expansion. Political economy in particular can no longer afford to treat the economy as a neutral entity separate from society operating under distinct and invariable “laws” of cause and effect, to be strategically utilized by policy-makers for the common good. As the economy ceases to function as a machine for the creation of material well-being, it becomes imperative for political-economic theory to crack open its “black box” and re-include its inner workings in the world of social action, much in the manner of classical political economy before the disciplinary peace settlement between sociology on the one hand and economics on the other.

Thus, although the current program moves the economy to the center of the Institute’s research agenda, this does not mean that work at the MPIfG will replicate economics as an academic discipline. Unlike standard neo-classical economics, and in an attempt to return to some of the roots of sociological and economic theory, projects at the MPIfG study the contemporary capitalist economy *as a historical social order* with real actors in unique historical contexts. Doing so requires a revival of traditions of *economic sociology and political economy as theories of society*. While recovery of *a social theory of the economy* cannot at present be more than a program, previous and ongoing research suggests several directions in which to go:

1. A theory of the economy as a social order needs to be based on empirical-historical rather than theoretically stylized actor preferences. In other words, it requires a theory of action that is capable of understanding preference formation as shaped by the identities and interest perceptions of actors in historical social contexts. This is a categorically different approach from theories of “rational choice,” even though instrumental rationality may in specific contexts be a pragmatically useful assumption or a correct empirical observation, just as rational-egoistic utility maximization may be and indeed is a powerful, socially sanctioned actor disposition in specific circumstances and social contexts. In dealing with empirical preferences, the inevitable limitations on the cognitive and predictive capacities of human actors must be taken seriously, in the sense that they must be treated as essential rather than ephemeral elements of human action. To endogenize actor preferences and overcome the manifold limitations of rational choice modeling (“homo oeconomicus”), research at the MPIfG looks to

sociological theories of action and cultural evolution, as opposed to psychological-naturalistic approaches that assume preferences and behavior to be “hard-wired” products of natural, i.e. evolutionary-biological history.

2. Explaining how the economy functions in society requires an *empirical-analytical* rather than a functionalist and efficiency-theoretical, prescriptive approach. Unlike most of contemporary economics, a theory of the social and political constitution of the economy cannot be content with analyzing economic processes in terms of the extent to which they maximize, or fail to maximize, the “efficient” use of resources. Instead it must try to understand how actors in specific social contexts define economic efficiency and how and why they act, or do not act, in its pursuit. This makes it necessary to include in the analysis cultural frames and meanings attached to economics and the economy, paying attention to their evolution over time.

3. A central subject of any social theory of the economy must be the social preconditions needed for *markets* to become stable arenas of social interaction in production and exchange. These include but are not limited to firmly enshrined property rights, reliable legal protection, especially from predatory government, and non-confiscatory regimes of taxation. Generally for market exchange to take place, actors need to be able to form stable expectations regarding the outcomes of risky decisions. At the same time, stable conditions on competitive markets are continuously undermined by actors trying to secure better outcomes for themselves by changing the rules of the game in their favor. Research and theory have identified three coordination problems faced by market actors: the value problem; the problem of competition; and the problem of cooperation. Typically these are studied from a micro perspective, looking at economic exchange from the viewpoint of actors, while explaining the solutions found with reference to the social macrostructures in which actors are embedded, which include institutions, social networks, and cognitive framings. From the perspective of society as a whole, the latter also limit the reach of markets and commodification, protecting zones of social stability from the volatility of self-regulating relative prices, which typically takes place in conflict with the progress of market expansion.

4. A social theory of the economy recognizes that societies and social structures cannot ultimately be explained as results of economic rationalization, nor can they be entirely reorganized in the service of economic efficiency. Even in contemporary capitalism, efficient



allocation of resources is only one social value among others, with some of which it is in continuous and irresolvable conflict. For example, pressures to “economize” may violate interests in the predictability of social relations and the stability of social structures, subjecting social life to a degree of volatility that sections of society may, for various and again potentially conflicting reasons, find unacceptable. Expanding markets may therefore, and typically do, cause deep divisions in societies about what limits to set to the commodification of labor, capital, nature, and other “fictitious commodities.” Such divisions, in turn, may give rise to social countermovements to marketization, trying to exempt specific spheres of social life from economic rationalization. “Market struggles” of this sort are typically fought as political conflicts over redistributive policies, the nature and extent of the modern welfare state, or the proper role of political democracy in relation to a capitalist economy. Their fundamental significance for modern societies derives from the fact that utility-maximizing rational-economic action as a variant of social action seems to depend on the presence of social relations and institutions that are based on trust, reciprocity, equity, and the like – institutions, in other words, that also support and contain economic action. This raises the possibility that rational-egoistic economic action may undermine social conditions that it requires for its continued viability – and that, paradoxically and unintentionally, social countermovements against market expansion may ensure that rational utility maximization, where it is socially licensed, remains socially and technically viable. Economic sociology and political economy need to develop a sufficiently complex conceptual toolkit to enable themselves to tackle these central issues of contemporary sociology and political economy.

5. A social theory of the economy must not conceive of its object in the abstract, but rather in the concrete *historical forms* that it takes. The predominant form today is *modern capitalism*. The themes this points to include the processes of “globalization” and liberalization and the way they transform the postwar political-economic order, in Europe and beyond, as well as rapid technological change, including change in the needs and rewards for different kinds of work skills. While research at the MPIfG has made important contributions to the study of the “varieties of capitalism,” it must be equally concerned with the commonalities of capitalism, i.e., the common evolutionary trends to which national capitalist economies are currently subject.



6. Studying “the economy” as a social order in the historical form of modern capitalism suggests an *institutionalist approach* that investigates the structure and development of the collectively sanctioned social norms that govern economic action as a category of social action. Institutional analysis has a long and well-established tradition at the MPIfG, where it was always assumed that “institutions matter,” as both constraints and opportunities. Institutionalism at the MPIfG is not efficiency-theoretical (neither in the prescriptive nor in the functionalist sense) but *empirical-analytical*. Unlike standard neo-classical economics or rational choice political economy, which explain economic action and economic institutions as the outcome of pressures for, or in relation to ideal conditions of, maximal “efficiency,” research at the MPIfG draws on the interests and objectives of real actors acting on and within social institutions.

7. Economic sociology and political economy at the MPIfG share the growing discontent of advanced contemporary economics with the discipline’s established rational actor models (“homo oeconomicus”). Unlike behavioral economics, however, and in competition with the biological naturalism that it offers as an alternative, research at the MPIfG proposes to invest in *a theory of social action* as the most promising approach to a deeper understanding and an improved theorization of the economy as a socially and politically constituted system of action. This does not mean that research and theory at the MPIfG will be ignorant of important new developments under way at some of the frontiers of economics as a discipline. In particular, close attention will be paid to efforts to give disequilibrium and change the prominent place they deserve; to the work of economic historians recognizing and trying to account for the stability over time of “inefficient” institutional arrangements; to attempts to come to terms with temporality and periodicity in economic processes and economic development; to evolutionary economics of a Schumpeterian or another kind; to efforts to account for (“endogenize”) actor preferences, instead of treating them as given or unproblematic; and to economic theories that take uncertainty seriously and recognize the significance of the openness of the future for economic action.

8. Institutional social and political analysis deals with both *formal and informal institutions*. *Political economy* studies the origin, change, operation, interaction, and effects of the formal political and legal institutions that govern economic action in modern societies. *Economic sociology*, by contrast, also looks at informal institutions, social networks, and cultural frames that regulate economic action without necessarily being part of the political-legal complex. That distinction, however, is far from categoric. Moreover, the way the different types of social macrostructures interact in the real world is of great systematic interest, given that political institutions, like social ones, are embedded in cultural contexts and social networks, while the latter are often profoundly shaped by political and legal intervention. Working side by side at the MPIfG, economic sociology and political economy have a unique opportunity to overcome their respective traditional (self-)limitations: whereas economic sociology often underestimates the role of political-legal institutions in economic life, political economy sometimes overlooks the cultural and “moral” dimension of the economy.

9. An important issue that is often neglected in political economy while being central to economic sociology is *the cultural and moral dimension* of economic social action. For example, economic growth depends on expanding demand, which in turn depends on needs created and stabilized by social processes of preference formation. In advanced capitalist economies in particular, continuing accumulation depends on cultural mechanisms that devalue existing

levels of need satisfaction and create demand for new, “improved” means of consumption. Generally, economic and social policies are shaped by ideas and public discourses whose significance for political economy is as yet only incompletely understood. Furthermore, debates in advanced capitalist countries on the appropriate market behavior of firms and individuals and the legitimate purposes of social policies are saturated with competing conceptions of fairness and “social justice” that exercise effective but still largely unexplored influence on the operation of the economy.

10. Institutionalism at the MPIfG, especially in the political economy tradition, has increasingly tended to be *historical institutionalism*. Historical institutionalism recognizes the importance of historical legacies for the “paths” along which institutions and social orders change. It also allows for the possibility of the principles governing economic life differing between historical periods (“periodicity”). Many of the research projects at the Institute today assume a dynamic perspective, studying political-economic institutions in historical context and explaining them not by their implied efficiency effects, but as moments in processes of – endogenous or exogenous – *institutional change*. In fact, institutional change has become one of the MPIfG’s core subjects of empirical study and theory-building. Understanding it has turned out to be essential for studies at the micro-level of the emergence of stable exchange structures. At the same time, taking account of how markets are integrated in patterns of social action appears indispensable for understanding the operation of the macroeconomy and the functioning of the society as a whole.

11. Studying the contemporary capitalist economy as a society and a polity can only be done in *international and transnational perspective*. The defining element in contemporary capitalist development is the rapid and universal expansion of markets across national borders. As the capitalist economy finally turns into a world system, regulatory institutions and embedding social structures follow only slowly. While this offers market actors an unprecedented wealth of new strategic options, institution-building across borders has become a fundamental concern in national societies trying to adjust to the constraints and opportunities inherent in a new and powerful wave of economic internationalization and “globalization.” Even more than in the past, research at the MPIfG on institution-building and institutional change must consider the evolving relationship between international market expansion and a social order that is still largely national.

In sum, research at the MPIfG in its third program period undertakes to explain economic structures and processes with reference to the social and institutional structures in which economic action is embedded. It proceeds on the assumption that not only social but also economic phenomena cannot be adequately accounted for in terms of general theories of “rational choice,” but must be related to historically specific social, cultural, and political contexts. Ultimately this would seem to require a micro-foundation of institutional analysis in a theory of social action that considers not just the constraints and opportunities offered by social institutions, but also the cultural meanings actors assign to social structures and to themselves (“action-based institutionalism”). By recognizing the historical and cultural embeddedness of economic action, research at the MPIfG tries to explain contemporary phenomena by reviving traditions of classical sociology and political economy that treated economic action as social action, and economic relations as social relations, to be analyzed in the same way and by the same means as any other social phenomena.

Current Research Projects in April 2014

Sociology of Markets

Fundamentals

How Are Markets Possible?

The Future in Economic Action

Fictionality and Capitalist Dynamics

Economic Forecasting and Uncertainty in the Economy

The Emergence of Markets

“Winner-Take-All” Markets in the Creative Industries

Market Formation and Social Movements

Creation of Value in Markets

The Production of Cultural Meaning and Price Formation on Wine Markets

The Politics of Quality

The Role of Intermediaries in Market Valuation

Systems of Evaluation for High Potentials

Illegal Markets

The Structure of Illegal Markets

Illegal Markets under Crisis Conditions

Financial Crime

Wealth and Social Inequality

What Explains Rising Wealth Inequalities?

Forbes 400: The Super Rich in the United States

Poverty and the Financial Crisis

Impact of the Financial Crisis on Child Poverty

Institutional Change in Contemporary Capitalism

Theory of Capitalism

The Fiscal Crisis of the State in Contemporary Capitalism

The Political Economy of the Funeral Market

The Political Economy of Private Indebtedness

Capitalist Development and the Market for Corporate Control

Public Debt and Public Policy

Taxation and Welfare-Finance Nexus

Industrial Relations and Welfare States

Social Conditions and Consequences of Flexible Labor Markets

Does Business Need Social Policy?

Business Support for Social Partnership

Class Power, the State, and Policy Change

Institution Building for Skill Formation in the Philippines

Democratic Theory

Democracy in an Age of Liberalization

Research Group on the Political Economy of European Integration

The Dynamics of “Integration through Law”

Wage Setting in the Eurozone

Preference Formation among European Trade Unions

The Political Economy of Exchange Rate Adjustments

Economic and Social Integration in Europe

Research Group on Transnational Diffusion of Innovation

The group is starting up in the spring of 2014

Research Group on the History of Complexity

The group is starting up in the spring of 2014

Research Group on Institution Building across Borders

Trajectories of Transnational Governance

Global–Local Interaction in Cross-Border Governance

Elites on Trial

Land Disputes in South America

Environmental Programs in Catholic Orders

Patent Systems

International Financial Reporting Standards in Africa

Governance of Global Structures

Globalization and Governance

Normative Foundations and Limits of Political Legitimacy

Theories and Methods

Social Science and the Practice of Politics

Social “Complexity”

Technical Advice for Projects at the Institute

Interest Formation in Virtual Groups

IMPRS-SPCE Doctoral Program: Dissertation Projects

Uncertainties and Their Effects on Fertility Behavior

Illegal Markets in Post-Conflict Societies

Economic Competition in Renewable Energy Transitions

Institutional Colonial Legacy in Colombia

Fertility Behavior in Regional Social Contexts

The Microfoundation of Financialization

Political Economy of Budget Surpluses

The Illegal Market in Rhinoceros Horn

Lobbying for Financial Reforms

Moral Foundations of Housing Markets

Developmental Regimes in Latin America and Eastern Europe

Household Debt in the Age of Permanent Austerity

The Political Economy of Sociotechnical Change

Status and Exploration in the German Book Market

The Working Day of Taxi Drivers in Warsaw

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTE'S PROJECT PORTFOLIO

The Institute's project portfolio has seen gradual change in 2012 and 2013. Research projects are based on the research program developed in 2007. In the directors' research areas, "Sociology of Markets" and "Institutional Change in Contemporary Capitalism," several projects were completed and others started during the period covered by this report. Since Professor Streeck will retire in the fall of 2014, he has begun to phase out a number of projects in his cluster. Martin Höpner's group, "Political Economy of European Integration," has also completed several projects and welcomed two new doctoral students in 2012. Having taken on a full professorship at the University of Duisburg-Essen in fall of 2013, Sigrid Quack will be continuing to supervise ongoing doctoral projects in her group on transnational governance in an associate capacity.

In spring of 2014, the Max Planck Society appointed two MPIfG researchers to head up new independent research groups. In his group on "Transnational Diffusion of Innovation," sociologist Mark Lutter will focus on understanding diffusion processes in a variety of social and economic settings. In her group on "The History of Complexity," modern historian Ariane Leendertz will investigate the development of the concept of complexity in the social sciences since the 1970s and its relation to historical development. Leendertz's appointment is funded by the Max Planck Society's Minerva Program, which promotes women as research group leaders. Each of these groups will welcome its first round of doctoral students in the summer of 2014.

Project Area "Sociology of Markets"

Research in the project area directed by Jens Beckert continues to focus on the analysis of markets. Many of the projects have proceeded from theoretical insights about coordination problems in markets.

Since 2005, projects investigating processes of valuation and qualification of goods in markets have been a major focus. Many have been completed, and some are still ongoing. In 2012–2013, Philip Gerlach defended his thesis on how the qualification of engineers is assessed



Jens Beckert (center) with the research fellows, postdocs, and doctoral students who are currently exploring the sociology of markets.



The worldwide market for rhino horn and La Salada market in Buenos Aires were the subject of presentations by Annette Hübschle-Finch and Matías Dewey at the MPIfG Annual Colloquium 2013; Jens Beckert moderated. Right: An internal seminar of the “Sociology of Markets” group

in hiring processes in the French and German automobile industry, and André Vereta Nahoum defended his on the commercial use of indigenous knowledge of the Yawanawa people in Brazil by an American cosmetics company. Postdoctoral researchers brought interesting perspectives into this subcluster as well, with Alima Bissenova working on housing prices in Kazakhstan, Philip Balsinger on how social movements affect valuation in the market for ethical fashion, and Sidonie Naulin on the role of intermediaries in the assessment of qualities of consumer goods. Some recent projects have continued to look at price formation in the wine market. Betsy Carter is doing this from a new angle in her postdoctoral project, investigating the impact of political regulation on price formation in the French and Italian wine market.

The common thread between these projects is that they examine how actors in markets evaluate the quality of goods and assess their value even though their quality is uncertain and only becomes collectively established when the market process unfolds. Results have highlighted the crucial role of institutions, cultural templates, narratives, and market intermediaries in assessing value and the significant role of skillful actors who are able to define or revise perceptions of value. In several of the markets investigated, imaginaries evoked by a good and often communicated through stories were shown to have a great impact on its valuation.

This research yielded not only several dissertations and many journal articles, but also led to two edited volumes. The first, *The Worth of Goods: Valuation and Pricing in the Economy*, edited by Jens Beckert and Patrik Aspers (Oxford UP, 2011), has already been frequently cited in the literature. It was followed in 2013 by *Constructing Quality: The Classification of Goods in Markets* (also Oxford UP), edited by Beckert and Christine Musselin, which includes many chapters resulting from projects conducted at the MPIfG. All of these publications reflect substantial, internationally recognized advances in the field of valuation, contributing conceptually and empirically to a topic that is hotly debated in economic sociology. Understanding processes of valuation is an important cornerstone of a sociological theory of economic action. Jens Beckert entered this field of research very early on, in 2005, which has allowed him and his fellow researchers to contribute to the shaping of the research agenda internationally. The research projects on the valuation of goods have repeatedly found that imaginaries of the future are significant when actors are preparing to make investment or purchasing decisions. Jens Beckert is systematically exploring this insight in a book to be finished in 2014, *Imagined*

Futures: Fictional Expectations and Capitalist Dynamics (Harvard UP). In the book, Beckert studies the role representations of the future play in economic decision making. Investigating the use of money and credit, investment processes, innovation, and consumer demand, he argues that decisions in economic settings can only be understood by taking actors' "fictional expectations" regarding outcomes into account. Because the future is open and uncertain, expectations must necessarily be fictional in the sense that they cannot be empirical representations of a future present. On another level, the book aims both to encourage fellow economic sociologists to open up to the role of the future in economic decision making, and to connect the field with other (sub-)disciplines seeking to explain the dynamics of the capitalist system, especially political economy. The political dimension of expectations is of particular interest to Beckert. Competition in the economy can often be understood as an attempt to influence the expectations of other market actors. *Imagined Futures* will provide a conceptual framework from which new research projects in the cluster can emerge.

A further strand of research during the last two years has continued to be the investigation of processes of market formation. Two projects stand out. Simone Schiller-Merkens focuses on the role of category formation in the emergence of new markets. Her empirical field is the market for "ethical fashion," i.e., garment manufacturers that use categories of social and ecological responsibility to market their products. She concentrates on the diffusion of such categories from social movements to the garment market. The second project in this field is Mark Lutter's investigation of winner-take-all markets, which draws on data from the Internet Movie Database (IMDb). Lutter is examining the career patterns of actors, directors, and producers in the film industry. He is seeking to understand the mechanisms leading to winner-take-all markets and explain what motivates people to enter such markets despite the great likelihood that they will not be successful. Mark Lutter's research also contributes to strengthening the connection between economic sociology and social stratification research.

Stratification processes are also the subject of a new research project started in 2013 by Philipp Korom. Connecting to Jens Beckert's research on inheritance, Korom investigates the mechanisms underlying increasing wealth inequality in all Western countries. Korom's research aims to identify trends in wealth distribution and find the explanatory variables for them. Empirically, he is using existing databases on wealth and historical tax data.

A further field within the research area has been built around the investigation of illegality in markets. Largely neglected within economic sociology to date, illegal practices in markets have a substantial impact on economy and society. By expanding our knowledge about how aspects of illegality impact on the operation of markets, we can better understand an important empirical phenomenon and also gain insights into how legal markets operate. Concentrating on illegal markets will enable us to contribute to the development of an innovative new research field within economic sociology. Before beginning our own empirical work in this field, we conducted a comprehensive literature review to acquaint ourselves with the current state of research (Wehinger 2012) and published a theoretical article identifying promising research questions relating to illegal markets (Beckert/Wehinger 2013). Four researchers are currently involved in projects on illegal markets. Matías Dewey is writing a book on the largest informal garment market in South America, La Salada, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires. Theoretically he is especially interested in the correlation between the emergence of illegal markets and profound economic crises. Two dissertation projects are close to completion. Annette Hübschle-Finch uses illegal trade in rhino horn in Southern Africa to examine a market for products illegally obtained from endangered species protected under CITES, an international trade agreement for the protection of wildlife. Nina Engwicht is wrapping up her



Simone Schiller-Merkens



Philipp Korom



Matías Dewey is studying La Salada, the largest informal garment market in South America. Below: Private security personnel he interviewed during his fieldwork





Helen Callaghan



Thomas Paster



Armin Schäfer



Tobias ten Brink

project on the operation of illegal markets in weak states emerging from civil wars. Her empirical research site is the illegal diamond market in post-civil war Sierra Leone. Finally, Arjan Reurink is preparing a literature review on illegality in financial markets, which may form the basis for future empirical projects focusing on illegal activities within this market setting. Jens Beckert coordinates this research field with Renate Mayntz.

The research area on the sociology of markets continues to have a strong theoretical bent. Questions about the operation of markets are connected to a variety of issues in social theory, such as theories of action. The topic of classification, investigated in the projects on valuation, has long been of interest to sociologists from Durkheim and Mauss to Bourdieu and Foucault. The findings from our research on valuation and on the transmission of wealth through inheritance led us to take a closer theoretical look at the role of imaginaries and “fictional expectations” in decision making and capitalist dynamics, as described above. Insights we gain into how assessments of the future affect social interaction have the potential to explain social phenomena far beyond the economic issues upon which the research area’s work has concentrated.

On the doctoral level, Irene Troy, in addition to Gerlach and Vereta Nahoum mentioned above, defended her thesis on patent transactions at Utrecht University in 2012 after having been supervised by Beckert until 2010. On the postdoctoral level, Sascha Münnich accepted the position of assistant professor (*Juniorprofessor*) at the University of Göttingen in 2013.

Project Area “Institutional Change in Contemporary Capitalism”

This area is directed by Wolfgang Streeck, who will be retiring from his directorship in October 2014. Current projects are being wound up, and no new projects are undertaken. In 2012 and 2013, general themes of research in the project area were the fiscal and financial crisis, the liberalization of national economies, and the restructuring of the postwar democratic nation-state. Special attention was given to the transformation of the “German model” of capitalism, democracy, and the welfare state. Research aimed at providing insight into the causes, forms, and mechanisms of change in political-economic institutions, and into the capacity of national politics to shape social relations under conditions of advancing internationalization. Many projects were internationally comparative, and increasingly a diachronic, historical perspective was adopted.

A number of projects ended in the period covered by this report. Tobias ten Brink’s study on “China’s Variety of Capitalism from a Transnational Perspective” produced a host of publications and earned him his habilitation. Helen Callaghan published widely out of her two projects, “European Integration and the Clash of Capitalisms” and “Insiders, Outsiders, and the Politics of Corporate Governance.” The Working Group on “Theories of Institutional Change,” run by Wolfgang Streeck with Kathleen Thelen (External Scientific Member of the Institute and Professor of Political Science at the MIT), was also wound up. Remaining members of the cluster’s core research group are Helen Callaghan, Thomas Paster and Armin Schäfer, whose research at the MPIfG will continue until the end of 2014.

Current research in the spring of 2014 includes Wolfgang Streeck’s multiyear endeavor, started well before the global financial crisis, to understand the slow unfolding of a fiscal crisis of the democratic state in advanced capitalist countries, as well as the policies adopted to alleviate its consequences. Three doctoral students, Lukas Haffert, Philip Mehrkens, and Daniel Mertens, have been working on related issues; they will receive their degrees this summer. The project has close links to Armin Schäfer’s work on democracy under political-economic



Thomas Paster, Helen Callaghan, and Armin Schäfer are investigating “Institutional Change in Contemporary Capitalism” with the postdocs and doctoral students in Wolfgang Streeck’s project area

liberalization. Another subject that Wolfgang Streeck is pursuing is labor market flexibility and its connection with family structures and fertility as it affects government social policy. Here, too, three doctoral students (Annina Aßmann, Barbara Fulda, and Sara Weckemann) are involved, working on different but related aspects of the issue. Helen Callaghan is working on corporate governance and financial markets in the context of European multilevel politics and policy, an issue also dealt with by Armin Schäfer and Martin Höpner in their work. Finally, Thomas Paster is studying the influence of business interests in politics.

In 2013, two doctoral students attached to the cluster and supervised by Wolfgang Streeck received their degrees: Azer Kiliç, with a dissertation on “Identity, Interest, and Politics: The Rise of Kurdish Associational Activism and the Contestation of the State in Turkey,” and Philip Mehrstens (“Public Debt and Public Policy: On the Transformation of the Swedish Political Economy”). A number of books appeared in 2012 and 2013, documenting the results of major research projects in the cluster. Marius Busemeyer and Christine Trampusch edited a volume on *The Political Economy of Collective Skill Formation* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012). Thomas Paster published *The Role of Business in the Development of the Welfare State and Labor Markets in Germany: Containing Social Reforms* (London: Routledge, 2012). Tobias ten Brink and Dominik Akyel published their theses, on Chinese capitalism and the commercialization of the funeral market in Germany, respectively, in the MPIfG series at Campus (2013). Armin Schäfer and Wolfgang Streeck edited *Politics in the Age of Austerity*, a collective volume that includes important contributions from prominent sociologists and political scientists (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2013). Wolfgang Streeck published *Gekaufte Zeit: Die vertagte Krise des demokratischen Kapitalismus* (Suhrkamp, 2013), which has been translated into Italian, Portuguese, and English, and will ultimately appear in ten more languages.

Work in the project area has been recognized by awards and fellowships. İpek Göçmen won first place in the LSE Contemporary Turkish Studies Doctoral Dissertation Competition for her thesis on “The Politics of Religiously Motivated Welfare Provision.” Helen Callaghan (2012) and Armin Schäfer (2013), respectively, won the prize for the best article by an MPIfG



In 2013–2014, Wolfgang Streeck was Theodor Heuss Professor at the New School for Social Research in New York

researcher published in a refereed scholarly journal in the preceding year. The prize is awarded by the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies. Azer Kiliç received a two-year postdoctoral fellowship grant (2013–2015) for her research project “Civil society organizations in conflict situations: The Turkish-Kurdish case” from the AXA Research Fund in Paris. Josef Hien, who came to the MPIfG for a one-year postdoctoral research stay, received an A.SK Fellowship from the A.SK Academic Prize Foundation, in cooperation with the WZB Berlin Social Science Center. Finally, Wolfgang Streeck was awarded the Honorary Medal of the Università degli Studi di Verona and received the “Public Understanding of Sociology Award” from the German Sociological Association for achievements in promoting sociology’s public image. In the academic year 2013/14, Streeck was the Theodor Heuss Professor at the Political Science Department of the New School for Social Research in New York.

In line with custom and practice at the Max Planck Society, Wolfgang Streeck will continue to work at the Institute beyond his retirement. He will have an office and research assistance, occasionally offer seminars, and supervise a small number of dissertations. As in recent years, he will pursue projects to refine received theories of capitalism and better understand social and institutional change. Specific subjects will include the fiscal crisis, the evolution of monetary regimes under contemporary capitalism, and the interaction between markets and family structures. In addition to contributing to the development of historical-institutionalist political economy, he will continue to write on European integration and on the role of the social sciences in politics and policy-making.

Research Group on the Political Economy of European Integration

The research group led by Martin Höpner analyzes European integration from a comparative political economy perspective. Heterogeneity within the European Union (EU) has increased with each round of enlargement. The EU is made up of countries with widely differing models of capitalism. In particular, EU members differ with regard to their productivity levels, welfare states, industrial relations regimes, and corporate governance arrangements. The research group analyzes how this political-economic heterogeneity shapes European integration. In particular, the group focuses on three integration dynamics: politically achieved harmonization in fields such as social and labor policy (“positive integration”), politically and judicially driven market integration (“negative integration”), and monetary integration.

The group was launched in July 2008. In its first phase until 2012, the main focus of the group was on the tensions between judicially driven economic integration and political integration. Over the last decade, often surprisingly, the European Commission and the European Court of Justice have identified an increasingly wide range of member state regulations as obstacles to the Common Market and to the EU’s competition regime. This radicalization of common market integration has targeted fields such as company law, public banking, labor dispute law, and tax law. The projects have analyzed the underlying political and judicial dynamics of this form of integration.

At the end of this phase, in 2012, two doctoral students finished their dissertations and went on to other positions. Benjamin Werner, now at the University of Bremen, analyzed the European Court of Justice’s case law in the field of corporate governance, and Daniel Seikel, now at the Economic and Social Science Institute in Düsseldorf (the research institute of the Hans Böckler Stiftung, the foundation of German trade unions), studied the European

challenges to German public banking. Revised versions of their dissertations were published in the MPIfG Campus book series and in journals such as the *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, and *Leviathan*.

In this phase, Martin Höpner's work focused on the European Court of Justice as an institution in the European political system, on the impact of its jurisprudence on European integration and disintegration, and on implications for integration theory. His articles, some of them co-authored with Armin Schäfer of the MPIfG, appeared in *International Organization*, *West European Politics*, *Europarecht*, *Der moderne Staat*, and other journals. From October 2011 to August 2012, postdoctoral fellow Alexandre Afonso joined the group as well. He worked on social concertation in times of austerity (with current articles in *Socio-Economic Review* and *Governance* as well as a book with Amsterdam University Press) and has since moved on to King's College, London. In 2012, Martin Höpner completed a project in which he and Achim Goerres from the University of Duisburg-Essen analyzed large firms' donations to political parties in Germany. The results are forthcoming in *Socio-Economic Review*. A summary of findings from the first research phase of the group is forthcoming as an MPIfG Discussion Paper. Höpner is also continuing his project on the European Commission's use of *Eurobarometer* polls, about which one article has been published in *Leviathan* (an English version is under review).

The group received two awards in 2012. Höpner, Seikel, Werner, and former postdoctoral fellow Alexander Petring received the 2012 Thyssen Award for the best German social science article for their analysis of comparative liberalization policies, published in 2011 in the *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie and Sozialpsychologie*. Höpner received the Wolfgang Kaupen Prize, awarded by the Section for the Sociology of Law of the German Sociological Association, for his article analyzing European judges from a sociological point of view, published in the *Berliner Journal für Soziologie* in 2011.

In 2012, the group entered its second research phase, which will focus on coordination problems in the eurozone. The group is now made up of Martin Höpner and two doctoral students, Martin Seeliger and Alexander Spielau, who both arrived at the Institute in October 2012 and are now in the second year of the doctoral program. Martin Seeliger is a sociologist who analyzes preference formation among European trade unions, especially in fields such as wage coordination and the European free movement of services. Alexander Spielau, a political scientist, examines the determinants and consequences of internal and external exchange



The independent Research Group on the Political Economy of European Integration, led by Martin Höpner (center), has entered a new research phase with Martin Seeliger and Alexander Spielau

rate revaluations quantitatively and qualitatively, comparing exchange rate changes in France and Germany. Martin Höpner, besides continuing his work on European judicial integration, is analyzing the impact of heterogeneous industrial relations arrangements on wage setting within the eurozone. First results have been published in *MPIfG Discussion Paper 13/5* and in *Der moderne Staat*. Aidan Regan joined the group as a postdoctoral fellow in October 2013 and worked on austerity measures in the Eurozone. He moved on to the Dublin European Institute in January 2014.

Research Group on Institution Building across Borders

Since 2007, the research of the group directed by Sigrid Quack has examined an array of transnational governance institutions that, in the absence of a world state, seek to address problems of economic, social, and environmental coordination in a globalized world. Projects start from the pragmatist assumption that transnational institution building is driven by historically contingent processes of social mobilization and contestation rather than by functional requirements alone, resulting in “living” institutional settlements that have structuring effects while remaining malleable in nature.



Sigrid Quack (2nd from r.), Head of the independent Research Group on Institution Building across Borders, with doctoral students Jiska Gojowczyk, Solomon George Zori, and Markus Lang

In 2012 and 2013, the group focused on wrapping up ongoing research, bringing a first generation of dissertations to a close, and synthesizing research findings from the first cluster of projects. A new cluster is now examining how different actor groups mobilize local, national, and transnational institutions when confronted with conflicts over institutional rules.

Two book projects build on the group’s comparative longitudinal case studies of different governance fields. Sigrid Quack published a theoretical framework for a planned book on “Governance Trajectories” in an article entitled “Regime Complexity and Expertise in Transnational Governance: Strategizing in the Face of Regulatory Uncertainty” in the *Oñati Socio-*

Legal Series in 2013. Together with Olga Malets, she also presented drafts from a book in progress on the “Recursivity of Governance” at an author workshop at the MPIfG in the same year. In addition, members of the group have published journal articles and chapters in edited volumes to be found elsewhere in this report.

In order to exchange research results with a broader academic community, the group welcomed several international scholars at the MPIfG in 2013 and is organizing two panels at international conferences in 2014. Matias Margulis, Assistant Professor of International Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia, studied the transnational governance of land grabbing while at the MPIfG. Carolyn Bilotto, Assistant Professor of Global History at Georgia State University, explored the politics and economies of scale in the League of Nations’ experimental efforts at governance. Kristen Hopewell, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of British Columbia, had a stipend from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to research the role of major emerging economies in global economic governance at the WTO. Terry Halliday, Research Professor at the American Bar Foundation, participated in a two-day workshop to discuss ongoing research projects. Sigrid Quack and Marie-Laure Djelic co-organized a joint MPIfG-ESSEC doctoral workshop on new research avenues in transnational governance in Paris. Philip Mader and journalist Gerhard Klas organized an expert conference on “Neoliberal Development Policy and Microfinance,” which has led to a volume edited by Mader and Klas (Campus, 2014), *Rendite machen und Gutes tun? Mikrokredite und die Folgen neoliberaler Entwicklungspolitik*.

A first cohort of doctoral fellows concluded their projects and entered the academic labor market successfully in 2012 and 2013. Philip Mader was awarded the Max Planck Society’s Otto Hahn Medal in 2013 for outstanding scholarly achievement and the 2013 German Thesis Award in Social Sciences by the Körber Foundation for his dissertation, which will be published by Palgrave in 2014 as *The Political Economy of Microfinance: Financialising Poverty*. After having been a postdoc in the research group in 2012 and 2013, Mader is now a research associate at the University of Basel. Liviu Mantescu, who defended in 2012, is a postdoc at Humboldt University in Berlin. Sabrina Zajak, whose thesis is entitled “In the Shadow of the Dragon: Transnational Labor Activism between State and Private Politics,” is now a junior professor at the University of Bochum.

The group’s current doctoral projects examine how different actor groups actively use, interpret, and mobilize multi-layered sets of local, national, and transnational institutions. While theoretically striving for a better understanding of the “living” nature of transnational institutions, these projects also seek methodological sophistication by combining qualitative and quantitative methods whenever possible. In his project on the role of American, German, and European patent lawyers, patent examiners, and information specialists in establishing self-regulating private ordering solutions, Markus Lang combines qualitative historical document analysis and quantitative analysis of contemporary patent data. Solomon Zori is studying the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards in African countries, combining in-depth case studies of reforms of accounting standards in West African countries with a qualitative comparative analysis of adoption in all African countries. Based on content analysis of documents and multi-site ethnographies, Jiska Gojowczyk is investigating how members of Catholic orders in various contexts assess their practices in light of global environmental programs promoted by their organizations. Ana Carolina Alfinito Vieira, who is analyzing action repertoires of different social groups involved in land disputes in Brazil to understand how they mobilize multi-level institutions, builds on document analysis, expert interviews, and embedded case studies of disputed territories in the Amazon region.



In 2013, MPIfG Journalist in Residence Gerhard Klas and MPIfG researcher Philip Mader (far right) brought experts from academia, development aid organizations, cooperatives, and the media together for a symposium that evaluated the microfinance industry from the viewpoint of the global politics of developmental aid and the ongoing crisis in capitalism

Current, former, and affiliated members of the group continue to publish the research blog “Governance across Borders,” now in its sixth year (governancexborders.wordpress.com). Along with guest bloggers, they published 114 posts in 2012–2013. In 2013, the number of visitors, coming from a broad range of countries such as the US, India, Germany, the UK, and Canada, rose to over 40,000 for the first time. Highlights from the first five years of blogging have been published in *Governance across Borders: Transnational Fields and Transversal Themes*, edited by Leonhard Dobusch, Philip Mader, and Sigrid Quack. By making selected, thematically grouped articles from the blog available to audiences who prefer to access information from conventional books or e-books, this open-access publication contributes to the dissemination of academic findings to a broader public.

Sigrid Quack, who was appointed Professor of Sociology at the University Duisburg-Essen in October 2013, remains an Associate Research Group Leader at the MPIfG and continues to supervise ongoing doctoral projects.

COMPLETED PROJECTS 2012–2013

Completed Projects at a Glance*

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Constructing Quality: The Classification of Goods in the Economy

CSR, Global Governance, and the Evolution of Business–Society Relationships

Evaluating Candidates in the Labor Market: The Recruitment and Career Development of Engineers in the French and German Automotive Industry

How Social Movements Affect Markets

Markets for Counterfeit Consumer Goods

Selling “Cultures”: The Traffic of Cultural Representations from the Brazilian Amazon

The Expectations of Paternalism: The Boom, the Bust, and the Mediating State in an Authoritarian Context

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The Copyright Dispute: How New Transnational Actors and Standards Challenge Established International Control Regimes

The Transnational Governance of Land Grabbing

Transnational Politics of Professional Expertise: Convergence in International Accounting Standard Setting?

When Transnational Governance Hits the Ground: Conflicts between the European Natura 2000 Regulation and Community-based Institutions for Managing Natural Resources

Research Group on Economic Patriotism

Bank Bailouts in the United States and Europe

The Transformation of Financial Institutions: Between Market Liberalization and Tightened Regulation

Knowledge and Innovation

The Impact of Modern Information and Communication Technologies on Governability and Governing Capacity

Theories and Methods

Theory of Institutional Change

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Deutsch-Französische Hochschule (Franco-German University)

International PhD Exchange Program

Workshops and research stays | Grant 2011–2013

The Deutsch-Französische Hochschule (Université franco-allemande), which promotes cooperation between France and Germany on university education and research, enables students and lecturers to travel between the two countries. The grant covers expenses for joint doctoral seminars at the IMPRS-SPCE in Cologne and Sciences Po in Paris and doctoral students' research stays at their respective partner institution. In 2013, it supported a workshop on "Transnational Governance" and a block seminar on the "Sociology of Markets" in Paris.

Oxford University Press

Editorship of Socio-Economic Review

Editorial services and editorial team's travel expenses
Grant 2010–2012

Three members of the MPIfG were on the editorial team of Socio-Economic Review (SER): Wolfgang Streeck as Chief Editor (2010–2012), Jens Beckert as Editor (2010), and Jürgen Feick as Managing Editor (2010–2012). The grant covered Jürgen Feick's SER-related travel, meetings of the editorial team, graphic design, and student editorial assistants who are native speakers of English.

Max Planck Society (MPG)

The Max Planck Society awards a variety of competitive research grants. In 2012 and 2013, the MPIfG benefited from programs devoted to training young researchers at International Max Planck Research Schools and conducting innovative research programs at International Max Planck Centers.

IMPRS-SPCE

28 doctoral students in 2012–2013
Grant 2007–2013 [and 2013–2019]

The International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) is the joint international PhD program founded in 2007 by the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Cologne. Based on a rigorous evaluation in 2012, the MPG approved the continuation of the IMPRS-SPCE from 2013–2019 and increased the School's funding.

MaxPo

Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies (MaxPo) | Grant 2012–2017

Founded in 2012 by Sciences Po Paris and the MPIfG, MaxPo contributes to realizing the European Research Area. Building on the outstanding research traditions France and Germany have in the social sciences, researchers at MaxPo investigate how individuals, organizations, and nation-states are coping with the new forms of economic and social instability that have developed in Western societies as a result of policy shifts, the expansion of markets, technological advances, and cultural changes.

HABILITATION

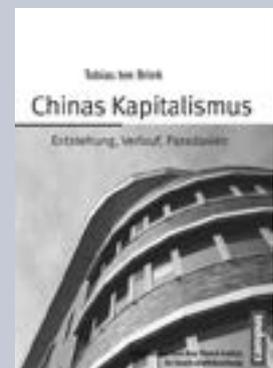
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RESEARCH COOPERATION

COOPERATION WITH RESEARCHERS OUTSIDE THE INSTITUTE

The MPIfG is part of a worldwide network of institutions and scholars in the social sciences. Its research is supported by a wealth of collaborative efforts including joint writing, editing, conference organization, teaching, and participation in professional associations (see also “The Institute in the Scientific Community” in Section 6). Its intellectual debate thrives on the scholarly exchange of ideas between the researchers and their colleagues in Germany and around the world.

Local Partnership



Christine Trampusch of the Cologne Center for Comparative Politics holds the *Brückenprofessur* connecting the University of Cologne with the MPIfG

Jens Beckert and Wolfgang Streeck are both members of the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Cologne and teach courses there. During the period covered by the report, Sigrid Quack and Martin Höpner were adjunct professors (*Außerplanmäßige Professoren*) in the same faculty and taught there as well. MPIfG researchers Lothar Krempel, Ariane Leendertz, Mark Lutter, Sascha Münnich, Thomas Paster, Tobias ten Brink, and Frank Wehinger also taught at the University of Cologne.

The Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences (WiSo-Fakultät) at the University of Cologne is the MPIfG’s local partner for the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE; see Section 4). Four members of the department, Carsten Burhop, Mark Ebers, André Kaiser, and Christine Trampusch, are faculty members of the IMPRS-SPCE. Holding the Chair of International Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology, a *Brückenprofessur* or liaison chair to the MPIfG, Christine Trampusch particularly enhances the institute’s collaboration with the university. She and André Kaiser, Chair of Comparative Politics at the University of Cologne, jointly run the Cologne Center for Comparative Politics (CCCP), which focuses on comparative political institutions and comparative political economy. Martin Höpner, head of an MPIfG research group, joined the CCCP as adjunct professor in 2012; three IMPRS-SPCE doctoral students are members of the CCCP team.

Cooperation within Germany

Researchers at the MPIfG are active in their fields’ professional associations. Most of the sociologists at the institute are members of the German Sociological Association (*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie, DGS*). Jens Beckert was a member of the Executive Board of the DGS Economic Sociology Section from 2006–2012, Sascha Münnich joined the board in 2013, and Lothar Krempel has been on the Steering Committee of the DGS Social Networks Section since



2011. Several MPIfG researchers attend the DGS's biennial congresses and have presented their work to the scientific community there. MPIfG researchers are also involved in the German Political Science Association (*Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft, DVPW*), giving presentations at the triennial congresses and leading sections and working groups. Martin Höpner was co-chair of the section on Political Economy from 2006–2012, and Armin Schäfer joined that section's board in 2012. Sascha Münnich has been co-chair of the working group on Comparative Research on the Welfare State since 2009.

MPIfG researchers make valuable contacts when teaching at universities. Transporting the institute's research into the university classroom is also an effective recruitment tool for the IMPRS-SPCE. In 2012 and 2013, MPIfG researchers taught not only in Cologne, but at universities in Aachen, Bochum, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Lüneburg, and Mittweida as well.

The MPIfG and the Cologne Institute for Economic Research (IW), a private-sector think tank, have continued their joint conference series. Experts from business, academia, and politics gathered to discuss the impact of the finance and debt crises on democracy in 2012 and the effects of inheritance on intergenerational equality in Germany in 2013.

International Cooperation

Partner Institutions

The MPIfG cooperates with several research institutes abroad, including

- Sciences Po in Paris and its affiliated institutes, such as the Centre d'études européennes (CEE), the Centre de sociologie des organisations (CSO), and the Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies (MaxPo), which is run jointly by Sciences Po and MPIfG
- CEPREMAP (Centre pour la recherche économique et ses applications) in Paris
- Center for European Studies and Department of Sociology at Harvard University
- Institute for Policy Research and Departments of Sociology and Political Science at Northwestern University in Evanston
- Graduate School in Political, Economic and Social Sciences at the Università degli Studi di Milano
- European University Institute (EUI) in Florence
- Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies (AIAS)
- Department of Political Science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Sociology Department and Department of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley.

The MPIfG has cooperation agreements with Columbia University, the European University Institute, Sciences Po, and Northwestern University to promote student exchange at the IMPRS-SPCE. MPIfG doctoral students benefit greatly from stays abroad at the institute's partner institutions and other universities. Nineteen of the institute's doctoral students and junior researchers had extended stays at universities outside Germany in 2012 and 2013, gaining international experience and showing academics at these institutions what kind of work comes out of the MPIfG.

Sciences Po – MaxPo



Since 2005 the MPIfG has cooperated increasingly intensively with Sciences Po, the leading social science university in France. Sciences Po's interdisciplinary and internationally oriented research centers are specialized in political science, sociology, economics, history, and law. Sciences Po is one of the international partner institutions of the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE). Cooperation includes a joint doctoral program (*cotutelle*), a summer school for doctoral students, an international exchange program for doctoral students and researchers, and joint seminars and workshops at regular intervals.

Many years of collaboration in research and teaching between the MPIfG in Cologne and Sciences Po in Paris culminated in the opening of the Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies (MaxPo) at Sciences Po in October 2012. In jointly founding the Center, the MPIfG and Sciences Po took a major step toward working together even more closely. MaxPo investigates the impact of increasing liberalization, technological advances, and cultural change on industrialized Western societies. Funded in equal parts by the Max Planck Society and Sciences Po, the Center is a unique innovation in Franco-German collaboration in the social sciences and reflects the Max Planck Society's aim to put its operations on an increasingly international footing.

Sociologist Marion Fourcade and political scientist Cornelia Woll were the founding co-directors of MaxPo. Along with a small group of internationally recruited junior researchers, they laid the basis for examining profound transformations in the industrialized world and analyzing how individuals, families, organizations, and societal subsystems are coping with increasing instability. In October 2013, economic sociologist Olivier Godechot succeeded Marion Fourcade as co-director at the center. At MaxPo, he is setting up a research group on financialization in modern societies. The MaxPo co-directors are research associates at the MPIfG and affiliated members of the faculty of the IMPRS-SPCE.



Olivier Godechot and Cornelia Woll are the codirectors of MaxPo

Collaboration with Scholars around the World

The majority of visiting researchers at the MPIfG come from abroad. Interaction with them leads to formal and informal research cooperation and makes opportunities for MPIfG researchers to do research and study abroad. In 2012 and 2013, visiting researchers came from Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States (see "The Research Community within the Institute"). Each year the MPIfG invites a distinguished scholar in the field of political science, economics, or sociology to spend three to six months at the



FOUNDING AND MISSION

The Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies (MaxPo) was jointly established in Paris by Sciences Po and the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in 2012.

MaxPo's research concentrates on investigating how individuals, organizations, and nation-states are coping with the new forms of instability that have developed in Western societies during the last forty years as a result of liberalization policies, technological changes, and major cultural shifts. It aims to develop empirical and analytical accounts of these shifts and explores their impact on social, political, and economic relations.

France and Germany have outstanding research traditions in the social sciences. The founding of MaxPo is an important step toward continuing and connecting these traditions. Bringing together the best of what German and French social science have to offer can enhance Europe's capacity for original research in this field and contribute to strengthening the European Research Area.

MaxPo Joint Council

Jens Beckett
Professor of Sociology,
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Patrick Le Galès
CNRS Research Professor,
Centre d'études européennes

Christine Musselin
Dean of Research, Sciences Po

Wolfgang Streeck
Professor of Sociology,
Director at the MPIfG

ORGANIZATION

MaxPo is made up of two research groups directed by Olivier Godechot and Cornelia Woll, who each develop a five-year research program for themselves and up to three doctoral students. As codirectors of the Center, Godechot and Woll cooperate closely, taking turns managing the Center's relations with Sciences Po and the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, consulting closely with the Center's Joint Council, and reporting to its Advisory and Evaluation Committee.

A Joint Council made up of directors from the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and Sciences Po oversees the operation of MaxPo. The Council advises the research group leaders regularly regarding the choice of research projects, recruitment of research staff, and the activities at the Center.

Senior Scholars are long-term visiting researchers at the Center who contribute to its research program with their own research, organize workshops, teach in the cotutelle doctoral program, and participate in supervising doctoral students. Leading scholars from around the world and researchers from the MPIfG and other Max Planck institutes also come to MaxPo as visiting researchers for shorter periods.

MaxPo Directors

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Hervé Crès of the Institut d'études politiques welcomed the audience at the MaxPo opening in Paris. The reception afterwards was hosted by the German Ambassador to France, Susanne Wasum-Rainer

institute as a Scholar in Residence. Scholars in Residence pursue a particular research project that complements research conducted at the MPIfG and give three public lectures during their stays. In 2012 the institute welcomed Scholar in Residence Arndt Sorge, Honorary Professor at the University of Potsdam, Germany. A sociologist working in the field of business, management and organization studies, he presented his findings on “Paradoxical Patterns of Internationalization” in his lecture series. Using the example of aircraft manufacturing and civil aviation, Sorge showed how widely diverging resources and regulatory capacities at the local level and a high degree of standardization at the international level can influence and even reinforce each other. In 2013, Patrick Le Galès, CNRS director of research at the Centre d’études européennes at Sciences Po in Paris, addressed “Governing mobile societies” in his Scholar in Residence lectures on the transnationalization of the European middle classes, the ways European societies are being governed, and the challenges of governing the metropolis.

Extended stays in France and the United States gave the institute’s directors the opportunity to conduct research, work on book manuscripts, and teach. Jens Beckert spent nine months at the Institut d’études avancées in Paris, and Wolfgang Streeck is the Theodor Heuss Professor in Politics at the New School for Social Research in New York for the 2013–2014 academic year. Senior researcher Mark Lutter had an extended stay at ETH Zurich in fall of 2012, where he conducted research and gave a course about the diffusion of innovations.

A book published in 2013 on the classification of goods in the economy reflects the close relationship between the MPIfG and Sciences Po. Jens Beckert and Christine Musselin, director of the Centre de sociologie des organisations (until 2013) and Dean of Research at Sciences Po, collaborated on the edited volume *Constructing Quality* (Oxford UP 2013). MPIfG researcher Sigrid Quack and Paul Lagneau-Ymonet, professor at the Université Paris-Dauphine and a visiting researcher at the MPIfG in 2009 and 2010, completed a joint project on the convergence of international accounting standards and how they can be reformed in the wake of the financial crisis.

MPIfG researchers contribute to numerous international professional associations, in particular the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE). Helen Callaghan and Cornelia Woll are on the SASE Executive Council, and Fritz W. Scharpf and Wolfgang Streeck are SASE Honorary Fellows. From 2007 to 2012, the institute’s directors were editors of *Socio-Economic Review*, a journal founded by SASE in 2001. Wolfgang Streeck was chief editor, and Jürgen Feick was the managing editor. Jens Beckert and Sigrid Quack have taken on responsibility as Council Members in their sections of the American Sociological Association (Economic Sociology and Global and Transnational Sociology, respectively). Beckert has been a



Christine Musselin
of Sciences Po
collaborated with Jens
Beckert on *Constructing
Quality*, published by
OUP in 2013



Arndt Sorge
and Patrick Le Galès
were the Institute’s
Scholars in Residence
in 2012 and 2013

co-editor of the *European Journal of Sociology* since 2010 and a member of the Editorial Board of the *European Electronic Newsletter* since 1999. In 2012 Wolfgang Streeck became a member of the International Advisory Board of the Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute and a member of the Research Council of the European University Institute. In 2013, Mark Lutter joined the Editorial Board of *Sociology*, a journal of the British Sociological Association, as an associate member.

The Institute has two External Scientific Members, Colin Crouch and Kathleen Thelen, who each have numerous connections to Germany. Kathleen Thelen, Ford Professor of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge and External Scientific Member since 2005, received the Max Planck Research Award for International Cooperation in 2003, which supported her involvement in MPIfG projects on institutional complementarity, on continuity and discontinuity in institutional analysis, and on changes in the German vocational training system in comparative perspective. In 2012, she completed an MPIfG project with Wolfgang Streeck on the theory of institutional change. A book Thelen is publishing in spring of 2014, *Varieties of Liberalization and the New Politics of Social Solidarity* (Cambridge UP), brings together many of the themes she has been examining over the last decade. It looks at contemporary changes in labor market institutions in the United States, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and the Netherlands, focusing on developments in industrial relations, vocational education and training, and labor market policy. The book offers new insights into how liberal capitalism and coordinated capitalism affect today's social fabric. Kathleen Thelen is a Senior Research Fellow at the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies in Washington/DC and President of the Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. She is on the Advisory Board of the Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin (*Wissenschaftskolleg*). A member of the Board of Trustees of WZB Berlin Social Science Center, she was a visiting researcher in the Center's research unit on "Global Governance" in 2013. In 2014 and 2015, she will be a Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in Delmenhorst (*Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg*), working with Stephan Leibfried and Frank Nullmeier of the University of Bremen.

Colin Crouch, emeritus professor of the Warwick Business School at the University of Warwick and External Scientific Member since 1997, conducted several joint projects with MPIfG researchers over the course of two decades, culminating in a number of joint publications. He has received wide acclaim for his books *Post-Democracy* (Polity, 2004) and *The Strange Non-Death of Neoliberalism* (Polity, 2011). The German edition of the latter, *Das befremdliche Überleben des Neoliberalismus* (Suhrkamp, 2011), was awarded The Political Book Award of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in 2012, which goes annually to "a new book that gets to the heart of issues currently being debated in society and politics and addresses them in a way a wide readership can understand." In his latest book, *Making Capitalism Fit for Society* (Polity, 2013), Crouch argues that the acceptance of capitalism and the market does not require us to accept the full neoliberal agenda of unrestrained markets, insecurity in our working lives, and neglect of the environment and of public services. The interest in his recent books has made Colin Crouch a sought-after interviewee and commentator for the German media on topics such as democracy in Germany and Europe and the future of capitalism. Crouch is Vice-President for Social Sciences of the British Academy for the Humanities, and Social Sciences and Expert consultant to the Directorate for Public Governance and Territorial Development of the OECD.



Colin Crouch and Kathleen Thelen are External Scientific Members of the MPIfG

LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR RESEARCH AND STUDY

Jens Beckert

Research: Imagined futures – fictional expectations in the economy, Institut d'études avancées de Paris, France, October 2012–June 2013

Matías Dewey

Fieldwork: Crisis as opportunity – illegal markets under crisis conditions, La Salada Market, Buenos Aires, Argentina, March–September 2013

Nina Engwicht

Fieldwork: Illegal markets in post-conflict societies, Freetown, Koidu, Zimmi and Kabela, Sierra Leone, February–June 2013

Research/study: Illegal markets in post-conflict societies, Buffett Center, Northwestern University, Evanston, USA, November–December 2013

Timur Ergen

Research/study: Economic competition in renewable energy transitions, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA, August 2012–January 2013

Barbara Fulda

Research/study: Fertility behavior in regional contexts, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, February–July 2012

Fieldwork: Fertility behavior in regional social contexts, rural districts of Fürth and Waldshut, Germany, October–December 2012

Felipe González

Fieldwork: The microfoundation of financialization, Santiago de Chile, Chile, April–July 2013

Stéphane Guittet

Research/study: The transformation of financial institutions, Department of Sociology and Department of Political Science, Columbia University, New York, USA, September 2011–September 2013

Lukas Haffert

Research/study: Political economy of budget surpluses, BMW Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University, Washington/DC, USA, September–November 2012

Research: Political economy of budget surpluses, International Monetary Fund, Washington/DC, USA, December 2012–January 2013

Martin Höpner

Research: The political-economic heterogeneity of the EU, Research Unit on Position Formation in the EU Commission, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, Germany, March–May 2012

Annette Hübschle-Finch

Fieldwork: The illegal market in rhinoceros horn, South Africa, Namibia, Swaziland, Mozambique, Hong Kong, Vietnam, October 2012–November 2013

Till Martin Kaesbach

Research/study: The regulation of European securities markets after the financial crisis, University of California, Berkeley, USA, September–December 2012

Lisa Kastner

Research: Financial regulation in the EU and the US, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES), The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington/DC, USA, September 2013

Azer Kiliç

Research/study: Ethnicity, class, politics – the Kurdish issue in Turkey, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York, USA, November 2011–March 2012

Sebastian Kohl

Research/study (cotutelle student): Moral foundations of housing markets, Sciences Po, Paris, France, February 2011–January 2012

Damien Krichewsky

Fieldwork: The development of green markets by environmental aid – environmental credit lines and pollution abatement in Egypt, Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt, February 2013



MPIfG researchers spent time at the University of Lausanne, Harvard, WZB Berlin Social Science Center ...

Mark Lutter

Research/teaching: Winner-take-all markets; sociology of diffusion, Chair of Sociology, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, September–November 2012

Research: Winner-take-all markets, Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies, Sciences Po, Paris, France, October–December 2013

Aldo Madariaga

Research/study: Developmental regimes in Latin America and Eastern Europe, Sussex European Institute, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK, April–June 2013

Fieldwork: Developmental regimes in Latin America and Eastern Europe, Warsaw and Krakow, Poland, October 2013, and Tallinn, Estonia, November 2013

Philip Mehrrens

Research/study: The fiscal crisis of the state – Swedish insights, Department of Political Science, University of California–Berkeley, USA, January–May 2012

Daniel Mertens

Research/study: Household debt in the age of permanent austerity, Northwestern University, Evanston, USA, January–December 2012

Isabella Reichert

Research/study: Market status and competitive dynamics of the German book publishing industry, Columbia Business School, Columbia University, New York, USA, September–December 2013

Fritz W. Scharpf

Research: Political legitimacy in a non-optimal currency area, Research Group (Kolleg-Forschungsgruppe, KFG) on The Transformative Power of Europe, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, April–July 2013

Marcin Serafin

Fieldwork: The working day of taxi drivers in Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland, November 2012–March 2013 and May–June 2013

Wolfgang Streeck

Research/teaching: Theodor Heuss Professorship, Seminars on the capitalist and social scientific theories of money, Political Science Department, The New School for Social Research, New York, USA, August 2013–May 2014

Christian Tribowski

Research/study: Integrating spheres and uncertainties in international adoption, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York, USA, August 2013–April 2014

André Vereta Nahoum

Research/study: Selling “Cultures,” Center for Culture, Organizations and Politics, University of California–Berkeley, USA, September 2011–March 2012

Cornelia Woll

Research: Politics of bank bailouts in Europe and the United States after the financial crisis, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA, October 2011–June 2012

Solomon George Zori

Fieldwork: Diffusion of international financial reporting standards in Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Côte d’Ivoire, and Benin, December 2012–May 2013



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GRADUATE TRAINING

INTERNATIONAL MAX PLANCK RESEARCH SCHOOL ON THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CONSTITUTION OF THE ECONOMY (IMPRS-SPCE)

A graduate program in the field of economic sociology, political economy, organizational studies, and economic history, the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) explores social and political foundations of the modern economy. Founded jointly by the MPIfG and the University of Cologne in 2007, the IMPRS-SPCE offers a rigorous curriculum to a small group of doctoral students from all over the world. The students benefit from being part of a cohesive group and from the close ties between the Institute and the university, reflected by the Liaison Chair connecting the two institutions. Cooperation with international partners promotes intellectual exchange between the students and experienced academics from many countries. The School's curriculum is the subject of continuous review by the faculty members, ensuring that opportunities for its improvement are detected and addressed and that it reflects developments in the School's major research fields. The Institute's research program is enriched by the innovative topics the students choose to investigate. Based on a positive evaluation by the Max Planck Society in 2011, the IMPRS-SPCE will receive funding to continue its doctoral program until 2019.

Organization



Ursula Trappe has been the IMPRS-SPCE coordinator since 2012

The IMPRS-SPCE faculty members are Jens Beckert and Wolfgang Streeck (MPIfG directors), Martin Höpner (MPIfG research group leader and associate professor), and Christine Trampusch, Mark Ebers, and André Kaiser (professors of Political Economy, Organization Studies, and Political Science, respectively, in the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne). The affiliated faculty members of the IMPRS-SPCE are Cornelia Woll (Director at MaxPo, Paris) and the former IMPRS-SPCE faculty members Carsten Burhop (Professor of Economic and Social History at the University of Vienna since 2013) and Sigrid Quack (Professor of Sociology at the University of Duisburg-Essen). Mark Lutter, MPIfG research group leader since February 2014, is now an affiliated faculty member and will begin supervising IMPRS-SPCE doctoral students in the fall of 2014.

The faculty members constitute the Council of the IMPRS-SPCE, which decides on the structure of the program and the curriculum and selects the new students. A doctoral spokesperson is invited to attend the Council's meetings, which take place twice a year. The Council and the School are chaired by the MPIfG's managing director, currently Jens Beckert. The School's administrative coordinator, Jürgen Lautwein, and its academic coordinator, Ursula Trappe, support the faculty to ensure that the School is run smoothly. In 2012, Ursula Trappe



took on the newly created position of Research Coordinator at the MPIfG which includes the Academic Coordination of the IMPRS-SPCE .

International exchange at the School is based on formal cooperation agreements with Northwestern University, Columbia University, the European University Institute, and Sciences Po as well as informal cooperation with the University of California–Berkeley and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

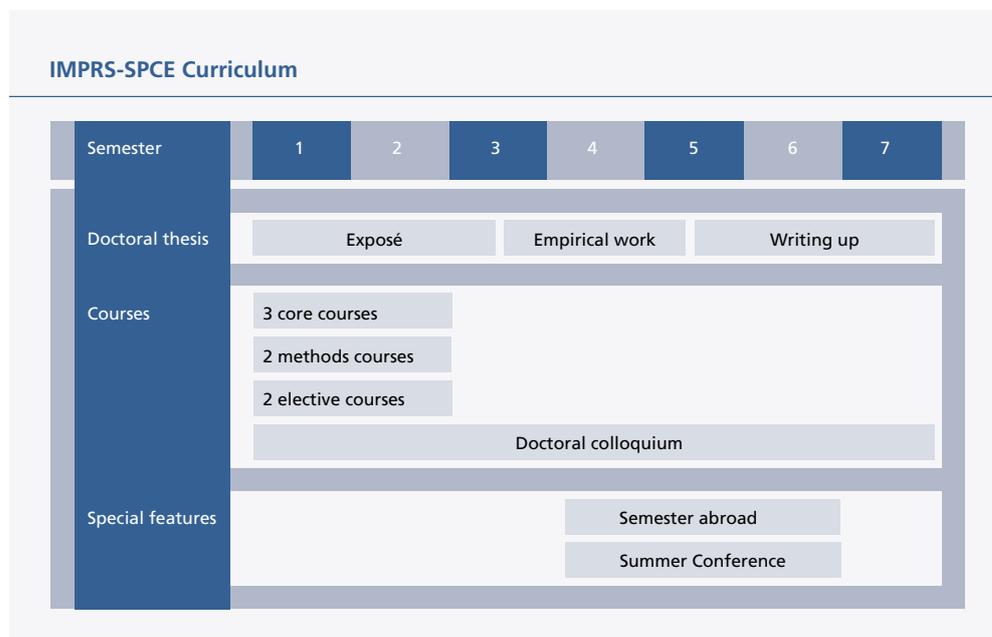
Admissions

The IMPRS-SPCE admits up to seven doctoral students per year, who are recruited through an open international application process. Applicants submit their CV, a research statement, letters of recommendation, and examples of their written work to the selection committee, which invites candidates to a personal interview. Video conferences are used for interviews with candidates outside of Europe. In 2013, the regular funding period for doctoral students was extended by three months, so that scholarships can now be awarded for a total of three and a half years. The IMPRS-SPCE program is divided into two phases. Students are first awarded a stipend for fifteen months, during which they are expected to participate in coursework and write a first-year paper outlining their dissertation topic and a research plan. If their prospectus is approved by the IMPRS-SPCE faculty, their fellowship is extended for two years and three months, during which they are expected to conduct the empirical research for their dissertation and write their thesis.

One of the IMPRS-SPCE faculty members serves as principal advisor for each doctoral student. A committee is formed at the end of the first year consisting of the advisor and two senior researchers, who can be from universities, other research institutes, or from the MPIfG. Committees meet about twice a year to discuss the student's research progress and offer advice on specific problems.

Curriculum

A regular curriculum of coursework and systematic exposure to an international research environment are key elements of the IMPRS-SPCE program. In the first phase of the program there is a strong emphasis on improving methodological skills and deepening knowledge in economic sociology and political economy. Three core courses are complemented by two methods courses and two elective courses. The electives offered by the IMPRS-SPCE faculty and MPIfG researchers include Research Design in Comparative Social Research (Kaiser), Logic of Social Inquiry (Quack, Callaghan), Sociology of Markets (Beckert), Comparative



Political Economy (Höpner), Comparative Political Institutions (Kaiser), Social Network Analysis (Krempel), Applied Regression Analysis for Social Scientists (Lutter), Complex Organizations (Quack and Ebers), Foundations of Institutional Theory (Streeck), and Case Study Methods in Comparative Political Economy (Trampusch). A workshop on interviewing methods is also part of the program. Further training in specialized research methods that students need to conduct their projects is provided by external institutions. At the end of their first year, students take specialized short courses offered by the ECPR Summer Schools in Essex and Ljubljana, the GESIS-Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, or comparable institutions. Students present their work in a biweekly colloquium currently held by the two directors and Martin Höpner. They also participate in all the other intellectual activities of the Institute, including lectures and conferences. In 2011, a mentoring program was introduced in order to help new doctoral students to get settled at the Institute and in Cologne. Pairing up each student with a more senior research fellow ensures that students have a personal contact from the very beginning of their studies at the IMPRS-SPCE to whom they can address such questions as how to plan a research project or how to handle challenges that occur during the research process. Intensive informal exchange between doctoral and postdoctoral researchers is another valuable asset of the academic life at the MPIfG.

Training in general academic skills also enhances the doctoral students’ learning experience. Workshops on academic English writing, online research, and specialized computer programs such as Endnote, MAXQDA, and Lexis-Nexis have worked well, as have courses on presentation and debate techniques, scholarly publishing, and the review process of academic journals. International students are encouraged to take a course in German as a foreign language.

International Exchange

International student exchange is a core element of the IMPRS-SPCE. During the second or third year of their enrollment, students have a four-month research stay at one of the School’s international partner institutions. While continuing to work on their doctoral research, they



The IMPRS-SPCE doctoral students in February 2014

may also participate in graduate seminars at the host institution. The international character of the training program is enhanced when doctoral students from the partner institutions come to the MPIfG for stays lasting three to six months. Partner institutions take turns organizing an annual Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society, where doctoral students present their work and receive comments from senior faculty and other leading international scholars in their fields. In 2012, the seventh summer conference, organized by Northwestern University, looked at “Politics, Power and Institutions.” In 2013, the eighth summer conference, organized by the European University Institute, asked the question “Economics and Democracy: Are They Still Compatible?” The next summer conferences will be held by Columbia University (2014), Sciences Po (2015), and the MPIfG (2016).

The international character of the doctoral program is reinforced by systematic recruitment of non-German students, a feature encouraged and required by IMPRS regulations. Of the 29 students enrolled in the IMPRS-SPCE at the MPIfG and the University at the beginning of 2014, eight have an international background. This is below the 50 percent called for in the IMPRS guidelines and reflects the specific situation of the social sciences. The Council has discussed possible ways to reach and attract more of the highly talented international students it would like to recruit. One solution that has already been implemented is to substantially expand the database of institutions outside Germany that receive the annual call for applications.

Doctoral Research Projects

Research at the School investigates the complex linkages between economic and social action. Just as politics and social life are affected by economic power and pressure to maximize economic efficiency, economic action is embedded in and indeed presupposes an infrastructure of social institutions and political decisions. In this sense, the economy as a system of action is both politically and socially constituted.

While the research program of the IMPRS-SPCE is centered on the core research fields of political economy and economic sociology as well as organization studies and economic



Martin Höpner,
Mark Ebers,
Christine Trampusch,
and André Kaiser are
members of the
IMPRS-SPCE faculty

history, students choose their research topics independently in consultation with faculty members. This leads to a broad spectrum of topics and ensures that students are strongly motivated to conduct their research.

Funding for all but two of the students currently enrolled in the IMPRS-SPCE comes from the MPIfG and the university budget, primarily from resources made available through competitive grant funding awarded to the IMPRS-SPCE by the Max Planck Society. One of the doctoral students receives outside funding from the Chilean National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT), and another is financed by Sciences Po Paris and participates in the IMPRS-SPCE as a cotutelle student.

Supervisors

Of the 29 students enrolled in the IMPRS-SPCE at the beginning of 2014, seven are being supervised by Wolfgang Streeck, seven by Jens Beckert, four by Sigrid Quack, two by Martin Höpner, and one each by Renate Mayntz, Armin Schäfer, and Cornelia Woll. Of the six students at the University of Cologne, three are being supervised by Christine Trampusch and one each by André Kaiser, Mark Ebers, and Carsten Burhop.

Theses, Degrees, and Awards

With twelve IMPRS doctoral students completing their doctoral thesis in 2012 and 2013 (Dominic Akyel, Philipp Gerlach, Philip Mader, Liviu Mantescu, Daniel Seikel, Benjamin Werner, and Sabrina Zajak in 2012, and Sarah Berens, Stéphane Guittet, Azer Kiliç, Philip Mehrtens, and André Vereta Nahoum in 2013), more doctoral theses were completed in this two-year period than in 2010 and 2011 (six) or 2008 and 2009 (seven). Students who finished in 2012 and 2013 took an average of three years and seven months to complete their thesis; the average since the first IMPRS-SPCE dissertation was submitted in October 2008 has been three years and four months.

Since the MPIfG does not confer academic degrees, doctoral students at the Institute must submit their thesis to a university and defend it according to the rules of the respective institution. The University of Cologne is usually the institution of choice. The MPIfG researchers on the IMPRS-SPCE faculty are also members of the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences at the University. The Liaison Chair (*Brückenprofessur*) of International Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology created by the University of Cologne in cooperation with the Institute in 2011 serves to connect the two institutions as well. Christine Trampusch has held this chair since its inception.

The grades awarded to IMPRS-SPCE graduates testify to the high quality of doctoral research at the MPIfG. Of the eleven students who earned German doctorates in 2012 and 2013, two received a “summa cum laude,” and nine a “magna cum laude.” One of these students received a double doctorate based on a cotutelle agreement with a Turkish university. Of the three who submitted their thesis abroad only, one did so in Brazil and one in the Netherlands, where the universities do not give grades for doctoral theses, and one submitted in France, where he received a “mention très honorable.” In 2013, Philip Mader’s dissertation, “Financializing



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INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Northwestern University, Columbia University, the European University Institute, and Sciences Po.

APPLICATIONS

Applications can be submitted between December 15 and February 28. Notification is in May, and the program begins on October 1.

FACULTY

The faculty is made up of professors from the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and the University of Cologne. Five further members are affiliates.

PROFESSORS

Jens Beckert (Sociology)
Mark Ebers (Organization Studies)
Martin Höpner (Political Science)
André Kaiser (Political Science)
Wolfgang Streeck (Sociology)
Christine Trampusch (Political Science)

AFFILIATED FACULTY MEMBERS

Carsten Burhop (Economic History)
Ariane Leendertz (History)
Mark Lutter (Sociology)
Sigrid Quack (Sociology)
Cornelia Woll (Political Science)

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Poverty: The Transnational Political Economy of Microfinance's Rise and Crisis," was honored by the Max Planck Society, which awarded him the Otto Hahn Medal for an outstanding dissertation, and the Körber Foundation, which gave him the German Thesis Award in Social Science (Deutscher Studienpreis). The Körber Foundation recognized Mader's work as the best dissertation in social science in Germany in 2013.

Wrapping Up

Doctoral students who submit a promising dissertation within three and a half years qualify for a wrap-up postdoctoral fellowship to last until the end of their fourth year. This gives them time to prepare their dissertation or parts of it for publication and to apply for postdoctoral positions.

Doctoral Students 2012–2013

Ana Carolina Alfinito Vieira

Land Disputes in South America

Annina Aßmann

Uncertainties and Their Effects on Fertility Behavior

Sarah Berens

Social Policy Preferences in the Global South (IMPRS-SPCE student at the University of Cologne; dissertation submitted 2013)

Arne Dreßler

Moral Contestation and the Market for Sexual Services

Nina Engwicht

Illegal Markets in Post-Conflict Societies

Timur Ergen

Economic Competition in Renewable Energy Transitions

Irina España

Institutional Colonial Legacy in Colombia (IMPRS-SPCE student at the University of Cologne)

Barbara Fulda

Fertility Behavior in Regional Social Contexts

Philipp Gerlach

Evaluating Candidates in the Labor Market (Dissertation submitted 2012)

Jiska Gojowczyk

Environmental Programs in Catholic Orders

Felipe González

The Microfoundation of Financialization

Stéphane Guittet

The Transformation of Financial Institutions (IMPRS-SPCE student at Sciences Po Paris; Dissertation submitted 2013)

Lukas Haffert

Political Economy of Budget Surpluses

Annette Hübschle-Finch

The Illegal Market in Rhinoceros Horn

Till Martin Kaesbach

Regulation of European Securities Markets

Lisa Kastner

Financial Regulation in the EU and the US (IMPRS-SPCE student at Sciences Po Paris)

Azer Kiliç

Ethnicity, Class, Politics (Dissertation submitted 2013)

Sebastian Kohl

Moral Foundations of Housing Markets

Markus Lang

Patent Systems

Aldo Madariaga

Developmental Regimes in Latin America and Eastern Europe

Philip Mader

Transnational Governance of Common Resources (Dissertation submitted 2012)

Liviu Mantescu

When Transnational Governance Hits the Ground (Dissertation submitted 2012)

Philip Mehrtens

Public Debt and Public Policy (Dissertation submitted 2013)

Daniel Mertens

Household Debt in the Age of Permanent Austerity

Stephan Paetz

Topic TBD; first-year student

Kimey Pflücke

Topic TBD; first-year student (IMPRS-SPCE student at the University of Cologne)

Inga Rademacher

Liberalization and Redistribution

Filippo Reale

The Political Economy of Sociotechnical Change (IMPRS-SPCE student at the University of Cologne)

Isabella Reichert

Status and Exploration in the German Book Market (IMPRS-SPCE student at the University of Cologne)

Martin Seeliger

Preference Formation among European Trade Unions

Daniel Seikel

The European Challenge to the German Public Banking Sector (Dissertation submitted 2012)

Marcin Serafin

The Working Day of Taxi Drivers in Warsaw

Alexander Spielau

The Political Economy of Exchange Rate Adjustments

Christian Tribowski

Integrating Spheres and Uncertainties in International Adoption

André Vereta Nahoum

Commodification of Cultures (Dissertation submitted 2013)

Sara Weckemann

The Lives of Large Families on Welfare

Annika Wederhake

Statist Skill Formation

Benjamin Werner

The Dispute over “Golden Shares” (Dissertation submitted 2012)

Gregor Zons

New Political Parties as Innovators (IMPRS-SPCE student at the University of Cologne)

Solomon George Zori

International Financial Reporting Standards in Africa



Several of the doctoral students at the IMPRS-SPCE come from South America, including: Ana Carolina Alfinito Vieira, Irina España, Felipe González, Aldo Madariaga, André Vereta Nahoum

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Dominic Akyel

Dr. rer. pol., 23 April 2012
University of Cologne, Germany

Dissertation: Die Ökonomisierung des Heiligen: Zum Wandel der Bestattung in Deutschland

Book: Die Ökonomisierung der Pietät: Der Wandel des Bestattungsmarktes in Deutschland. Campus, Frankfurt a.M. 2013, 239 p.

Sarah Berens

Dr. rer. pol., 17 December 2013
University of Cologne, Germany

Dissertation: When the High-Income Country Context Dissolves: Social Policy Preferences in Low- and Middle-Income Democracies

Philipp Gerlach

Dr. rer. pol., 12 June 2012
University of Cologne, Germany

Dissertation: Der Wert der Arbeitskraft: Bewertungsinstrumente und Auswahlpraktiken im Arbeitsmarkt für Ingenieure in Frankreich und Deutschland

Book: Der Wert der Arbeitskraft: Bewertungsinstrumente und Auswahlpraktiken im Arbeitsmarkt für Ingenieure. Springer VS, Wiesbaden 2014, 292 p.

Stéphane Guittet

Docteur en Science Politique,
5 December 2013
Sciences Po, Paris, France

Dissertation: Reforming Financial Regulation after the Global Financial Crisis: The Case of Over-the-counter Derivative Market Regulation

Andreas Kammer

Dr. rer. pol., 26 January 2012
University of Cologne, Germany

Dissertation: Die Politische Ökonomie der Umverteilung: Finanzpolitische Einkommensumverteilung in entwickelten Demokratien

Book: Die Politische Ökonomie der Umverteilung: Finanzpolitische Einkommensumverteilung in entwickelten Demokratien. Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2013, 259 p.

Azer Kiliç

Dr. rer. pol., 15 July 2013
University of Cologne, Germany, and Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Dissertation: Identity, Interest, and Politics: The Rise of Kurdish Associational Activism and the Contestation of the State in Turkey
Published online by the University of Cologne:
<http://kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/5393>

Philip Mader

Dr. rer. pol., 28 June 2012
University of Cologne, Germany

Dissertation: Financialising Poverty: The Transnational Political Economy of Microfinance's Rise and Crises
Publication by Palgrave planned for 2014

Liviu Mantescu

Dr. rer. pol., 4 June 2012
University of Cologne, Germany

Dissertation: When Multi-level Governance Hits the Ground: EUropean Nature Protection and Land-Use Change in Vrancea and Galicia
Published online by the University of Cologne:
<http://kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/5199>



At the 2012 graduation ceremony: Philipp Gerlach, Philip Mader, Daniel Seikel, Liviu Mantescu, Dominic Akyel, Andreas Kammer

Philip Mehrtens

Dr. rer. pol., 18 June 2013
University of Cologne, Germany

Dissertation: Staatsschulden und Staatstätigkeit: Zur Transformation der schwedischen politischen Ökonomie

Daniel Seikel

Dr. rer. pol., 14 June 2012
University of Cologne, Germany

Dissertation: Der Kampf um öffentlich-rechtliche Banken: Wie die Europäische Kommission Liberalisierung durchsetzt

Book: Der Kampf um öffentlich-rechtliche Banken: Wie die Europäische Kommission Liberalisierung durchsetzt. Campus, Frankfurt a.M., 2013, 259 p.

Irene Troy

Dr., 6 July 2012
Utrecht University, Netherlands

Dissertation: Patent Transactions and Markets for Patents: Dealing with Uncertainty

Published online by Utrecht University:
<http://igitur-archive.library.uu.nl/dissertations/2012-0620-200447/troy.pdf>

André Vereta Nahoum

Doctor of Sociology, 25 October 2013
University of São Paulo, Brazil

Dissertation: Selling “Cultures”: The Traffic of Cultural Representations from the Yawanawa

Published online by the Universidade de São Paulo: www.teses.usp.br/teses/disponiveis/8/8132/tde-15012014-102023/pt-br.php

Benjamin Werner

Dr. rer. pol., 12 November 2012
University of Cologne, Germany

Dissertation: Die Stärke der judikativen Integration: Wie Kommission und Europäischer Gerichtshof die Unternehmenskontrolle liberalisieren

Book: Der Streit um das VW-Gesetz: Wie Europäische Kommission und Europäischer Gerichtshof die Unternehmenskontrolle liberalisieren. Campus, Frankfurt a.M. 2013, 223 p.

Sabrina Zajak

Dr. rer. pol., 29 November 2012
University of Cologne, Germany

Dissertation: In the Shadow of the Dragon: Transnational Labor Activism between State and Private Politics. A Multilevel Analysis of Labor Activism Targeting China

Journal Article: Transnational Private Regulation and the Transformation of Labour Rights Organizations in Emerging Markets: New Markets for Labour Support Work in China. *Journal of Asian Public Policy* 6, 2, 178–195 (2013)

Paper: Europe Meets Asia: The Construction of Access and Voice from Below. MPIfG Discussion Paper 14/1, MPI for the Study of Societies, Cologne 2014, 29 p.

Paper: Pathways of Transnational Activism: A Conceptual Framework. MPIfG Discussion Paper 14/5. MPI for the Study of Societies, Cologne 2014, 20 p.



At the 2013 graduation ceremony: Benjamin Werner, Azer Kiliç, Philip Mehrtens

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PUBLICATIONS 2012–2013

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MPIfG Books

Afonso, A.: Social Concertation in Times of Austerity: European Integration and the Politics of Labour Market Reforms in Austria and Switzerland. Amsterdam University Press, Amsterdam 2013. 258 p.

Akyel, D.: Die Ökonomisierung der Pietät: Der Wandel des Bestattungsmarkts in Deutschland. Schriften aus dem Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Band 76. Campus, Frankfurt a.M. 2013. 239 p.

Beckert, J.: Erben in der Leistungsgesellschaft. Campus, Frankfurt a.M. 2013. 246 p.

Beckert, J. and C. Musselin (Eds.): Constructing Quality: The Classification of Goods in Markets. Oxford University Press, Oxford 2013. 368 p.

Busemeyer, M.R. and C. Trampusch (Eds.): The Political Economy of Collective Skill Formation. Oxford University Press, Oxford 2012. 392 p.

Clift, B. and C. Woll (Eds.): Economic Patriotism in Open Economies. Journal of European Public Policy Series. Routledge, London 2013. 160 p.

Dobusch, L., P. Mader and S. Quack (Eds.): Governance across Borders: Transnational Fields and Transversal Themes. epubli, Berlin 2013. 367 p.

Dolata, U.: The Transformative Capacity of New Technologies: A Theory of Sociotechnical Change. Routledge, London 2013. 140 p.

Kammer, A.: Die Politische Ökonomie der Umverteilung: Finanzpolitische Einkommensumverteilung in entwickelten Demokratien. Nomos, Baden-Baden 2013. 259 p.

Mayntz, R. (Ed.): Crisis and Control: Institutional Change in Financial Market Regulation. Publication Series of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Volume 75. Campus, Frankfurt a.M. 2012. 299 p.

Paster, T.: The Role of Business in the Development of the Welfare State and Labor Markets in Germany: Containing Social Reforms. Routledge, London 2012. 234 p.

Schäfer, A. and W. Streeck (Eds.): Politics in the Age of Austerity. Polity Press, Cambridge 2013. 240 p.

Seikel, D.: Der Kampf um öffentlich-rechtliche Banken: Wie die Europäische Kommission Liberalisierung durchsetzt. Schriften aus dem Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Band 77. Campus, Frankfurt a.M. 2013. 259 p.

Streeck, W.: Gekaufte Zeit: Die vertagte Krise des demokratischen Kapitalismus. Suhrkamp, Berlin 2013. 271 p.

ten Brink, T.: Chinas Kapitalismus: Entstehung, Verlauf, Paradoxien. Schriften aus dem Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Band 78. Campus, Frankfurt a.M. 2013. 372 p.

Werner, B.: Der Streit um das VW-Gesetz: Wie Europäische Kommission und Europäischer Gerichtshof die Unternehmenskontrolle liberalisieren. Schriften aus dem Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Band 79. Campus, Frankfurt a.M. 2013. 223 p.





MPIfG Journal Articles

The MPIfG Journal Articles series features articles by MPIfG researchers and visiting scholars published in peer-reviewed journals.*

Afonso, A.: Employer Strategies, Cross-class Coalitions and the Free Movement of Labour in the Enlarged European Union. *Socio-Economic Review* 10, 4, 705–730 (2012).

Afonso, A. and Y. Papadopoulos: Europeanization or Party Politics? Explaining Government Choice for Corporatist Concertation. *Governance* 26, 1, 5–29 (2013).

Aspers, P. and S. Kohl: Heidegger and Sociocriticism: A Sociological Reading. *Journal of Classical Sociology* 13, 4, 487–508 (2013).

Bank, A. and R. Karadag: The “Ankara Moment”: The Politics of Turkey’s Regional Power in the Middle East, 2007–2011. *Third World Quarterly* 34, 2, 287–304 (2013).

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Beckert, J.: Die sittliche Einbettung der Wirtschaft: Von der Effizienz und Differenzierungstheorie zu einer Theorie wirtschaftlicher Felder. *Berliner Journal für Soziologie* 22, 2, 247–266 (2012).

Beckert, J.: Imagined Futures: Fictional Expectations in the Economy. *Theory and Society* 42, 3, 219–240 (2013).

Beckert, J. and M. Lutter: Why the Poor Play the Lottery: Sociological Approaches to Explaining Class-based Lottery Play. *Sociology* 47, 6, 1152–1170 (2013).

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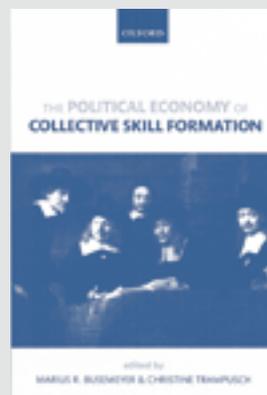
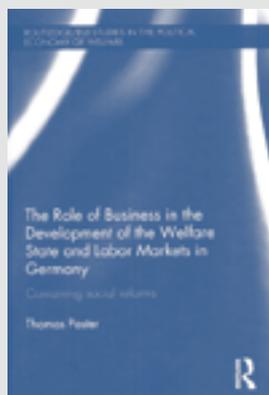
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Dewey, M.: Illegal Police Protection and the Market for Stolen Vehicles in Buenos Aires. *Journal of Latin American Studies* 44, 4, 679–702 (2012).

Dewey, M.: The Making of Hybrid Stateness: Sources of Police Performance in the Conurbano. *Revista de Ciencia Política* 32, 3, 659–672 (2012).

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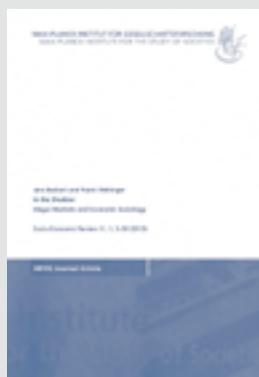
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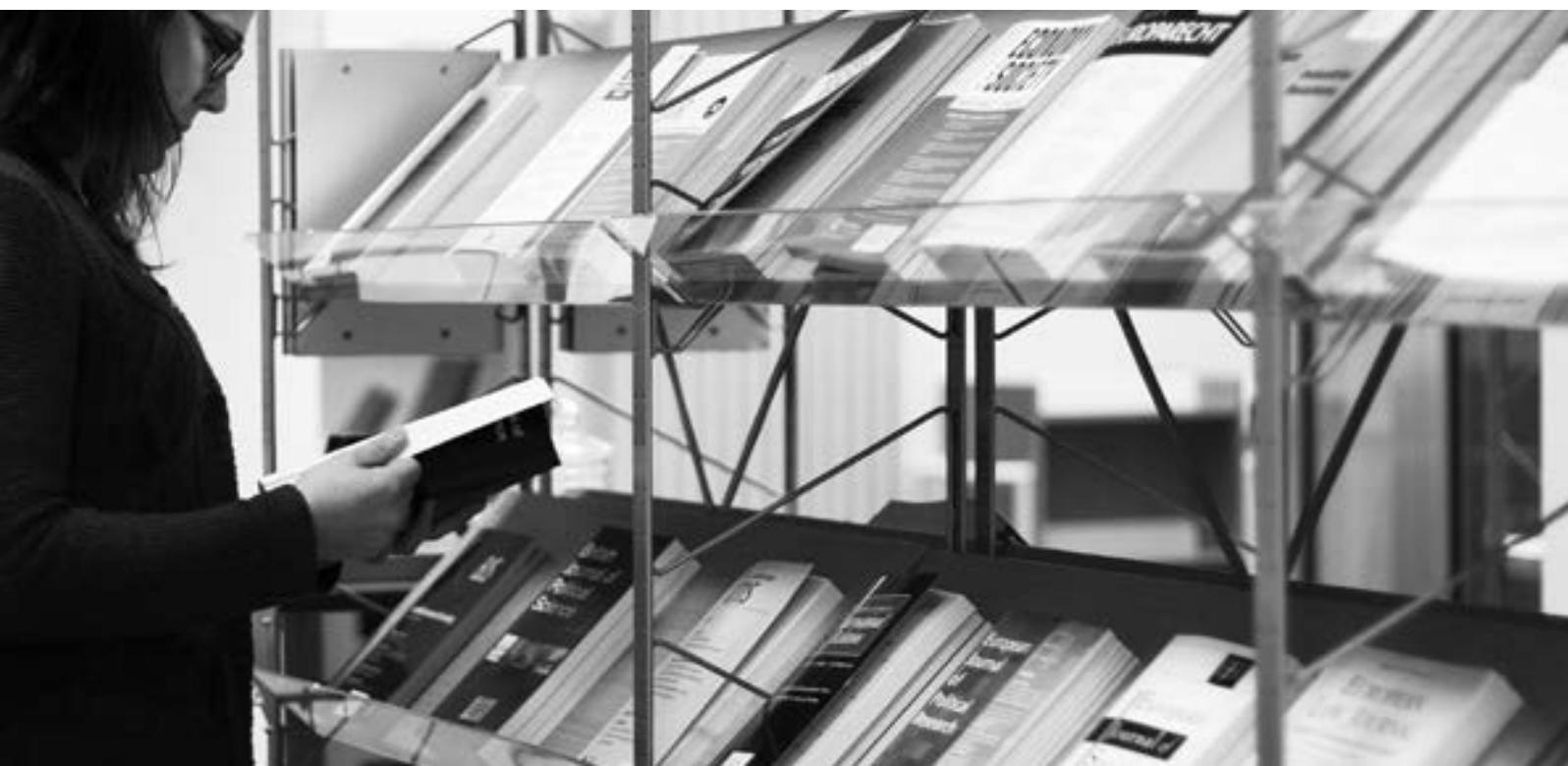


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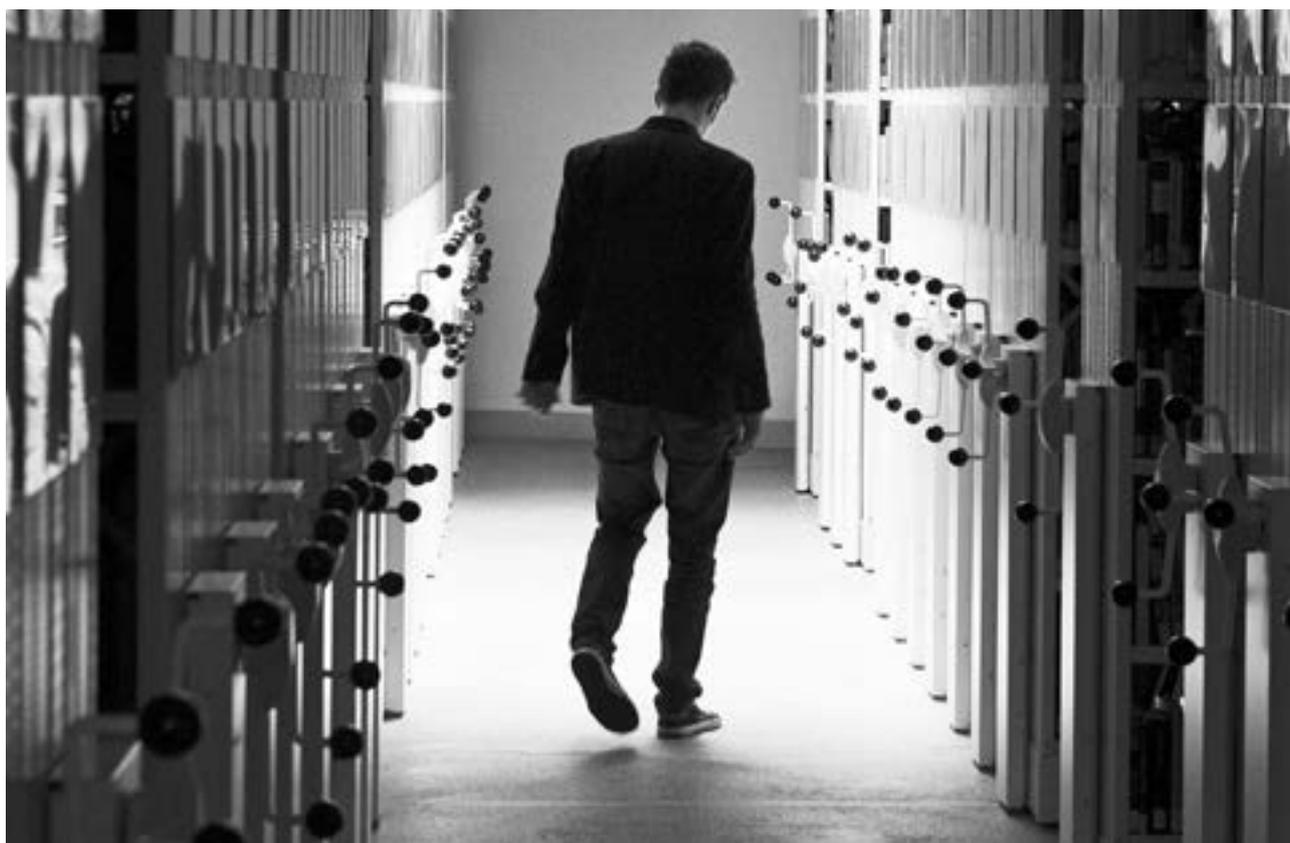
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RELATIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC

THE INSTITUTE IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

MPIfG Conferences

Max Planck Summer Conferences on Economy and Society

The Max Planck Summer Conferences on Economy and Society are an integral part of the curriculum of the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE). They are intended to foster ties between the IMPRS-SPCE's doctoral program and its international partners at Northwestern University, Columbia University, European University Institute, and Sciences Po, Paris. Doctoral students from all four institutions present their work to senior scholars and open up their findings for discussion.

Politics, Power and Institutions

Seventh Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society, 30 June–3 July 2012. Organizers: Bruce Carruthers and James Mahoney (both Northwestern University). Cohosts: Northwestern University, Chicago, and IMPRS-SPCE/MPIfG.

With empirical topics ranging from Kurdish interest associations to Kenyan state building and national champion CEOs in China, the participants at the seventh Summer Conference discussed cultural

representation and identity, the impact of accountability, the effectiveness and legitimacy of political action, and the future of governing. A keynote talk by Elisabeth Clemens of the University of Chicago on “The Democratic Dilemma: Aligning Fields of Elite Influence and Political Equality” opened the debate.

Economics and Democracy: Are They Still Compatible?

Eighth Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society, 30 June–3 July 2013. Organizers: Pepper Culpepper, Johan Christensen, Charlotte Haberstroh, and Martina Selmi (all EUI). Cohosts: European University Institute, Florence, and IMPRS-SPCE/MPIfG.

Do democratic politics and economics remain compatible, now that financial, economic, and debt crises have grown out of the liberalization of the 1970s? At the 2013 Summer Conference, the doctoral students' presentations shed light on such issues as second-generation immigrants' lives in Western Europe, neoliberal reforms in Russia's higher education, land dispossession in Mexico, and the governing of slums in Paris and Madrid. Marie-Laure Djelic of ESSEC Business School in Paris contrasted “doux commerce” and “ineluctable alienation” in her keynote address on “democratization and neoliberal governance,” and Mark Blyth of Brown University in Providence, USA, discussed lessons from the eurozone crisis.



MaxPo opened its doors at Sciences Po in Paris in 2012





MaxPo Opening

The Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies (MaxPo) officially opened its doors on November 29, 2012. Funded in equal parts by the Max Planck Society and Sciences Po until 2017, the Center is a unique innovation in Franco-German collaboration in the social sciences and reflects the Max Planck Society's aim to put its operations on an increasingly international footing. The opening ceremony of the Center was followed by a reception at the residence of the German Ambassador. A panel discussion rounded off the ceremony.

Moral Categories in the Financial Crisis

Roundtable on the occasion of the opening of MaxPo, 29 November 2012. Organizer: Cornelia Woll (MaxPo). Host: Sciences Po, Paris.

Using the recent financial and eurozone crises as empirical backgrounds, the panelists Marion Fourcade (MaxPo), Philippe Steiner (University of Paris-Sorbonne), Wolfgang Streeck (MPIfG), and Cornelia Woll (MaxPo) proposed four different perspectives on the play of moral judgments in the economy, and called for broader and more systematic scholarly engagement with this issue. The discussion was chaired by Christine Musselin of the Center for the Sociology of Organizations at Sciences Po.

- *Marion Fourcade, Philippe Steiner, Wolfgang Streeck and Cornelia Woll: Moral Categories in the Financial Crisis. Socio-Economic Review 11, 3, 601–627 (2013). Also MaxPo Discussion Paper 13/1.*

Joint Conferences with the Cologne Institute for Economic Research

Following up on their first two joint conferences in 2011, the MPIfG and the Cologne Institute for Economic Research (Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft – IW) held two more joint conferences for experts from business, academia, and politics at the IW in 2012 and 2013.

Finanzkrise, Schuldenkrise, Demokratiekrise: Der Anfang vom Ende der Demokratie?

Conference, 25 September 2012. Organizers: MPIfG and Cologne Institute for Economic Research.

Researchers from both institutes and guests came together to discuss the effects of the finance and debt crises on democracy. They discussed how pressing economic issues of our time, such as public debt, crisis management and sustainable growth, affect citizens' ability to participate in the political process, constitutional values of liberty and democracy, and social peace. What can business and academia do to help maintain a stable democracy?



Experts from business, academia, and politics attended the joint conferences held by the MPIfG and the Cologne Institute for Economic Research in 2012 and 2013

Vererben von unverdientem Vermögen

Conference, 2 November 2013. Organizers: MPIfG and Cologne Institute for Economic Research.

Inheritance and intergenerational equality in Germany were the focus of the fourth IW/MPIfG conference. Some media, politicians, and activists are calling for an increase in the taxation of wealth and inheritance in Germany, but throughout Europe there is considerable resistance to taxing personal wealth. Discussions focused on the legitimacy of inheritance, equal opportunities through upward mobility, the intergenerational reproduction of a global elite of the wealthy, and how inheritance affects social cohesion.

MPIfG Annual Colloquia

The annual colloquia at the MPIfG offer current and former MPIfG researchers scholars and professionals from politics, business, interest associations, and the media the opportunity to discuss current research and issues of social and political interest. Podcasts of the colloquia are available at www.mpifg.de > Events > Podcasts.

Ökonomie ohne Grenzen?

MPIfG Annual Colloquium, 6–7 December 2012. Organizers: MPIfG and Society of Friends and Former Associates of the MPIfG. Host: MPIfG.

At the 2012 Annual MPIfG Colloquium, the ability of societies to impose regulations on a global economy was a main theme. Some ninety guests came to the event opened by Bodo Hombach, president of the Academy for the Study and Theory of Policy Making, Bonn, who talked about what politics should expect from academia. A roundtable on money and debt in capitalism and presentations by MPIfG research groups about institution building through transnational mobilization and European integration through law stimulated lively discussion among researchers and practitioners.

Die sichtbare Hand des Marktes

MPIfG Annual Colloquium, 7–8 November 2013. Organizers: MPIfG and Society of Friends and Former Associates of the MPIfG. Host: MPIfG.

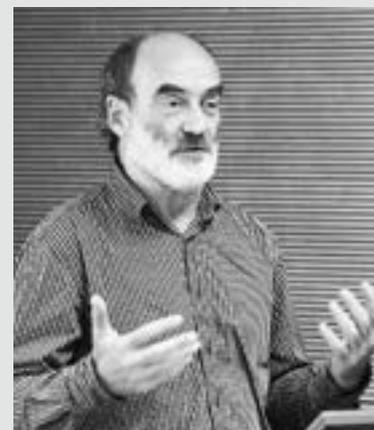
How are markets currently altering society? Does the research currently pursued by sociologists and political scientists enable society to comprehend the current situation? These were the main issues of the 2013 Annual Colloquium. After Hanspeter Kriesi (European University Institute, Florence) spoke about the political effects of the financial crisis, researchers from Christine Trampusch's chair on International Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology (the liaison chair or *Brückenprofessur* to the MPIfG) at the University of Cologne discussed the risks involved in trading derivatives and swaps. Doctoral students working on illegal markets at the MPIfG presented findings from their field research, and Stephan Leibfried (University of Bremen) wrapped up the Colloquium with a lecture on how the "unravelling" of the state is reflected in discussions on theory within the political sciences.

Major Conferences and Workshops

Causes and Consequences of Economic Disintegration: Evidence from the Twentieth Century

Conference, 12–13 April 2012. Organizers: Wolfgang Streeck (MPIfG) and Carsten Burhop (Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne).

Some fifty participants from academia, business and government gathered to hear international scholars from a number of fields discuss the origins and impact of the disintegration of coherent economic regions and explore the question of whether strains were evident long before the coherence came to an end. One common thread among the talks was that many of the currency and trade zones that had been set up to last for a long time were inherently unstable, so that longer periods of crisis led to their disintegration.



The visible hand of the market was the theme of the Annual Colloquium in 2013

Microfoundations of Diffusion Research: Actors, Mechanisms, Institutions

Conference, 13–14 September 2012. Organizers: Christian Martin (University of Kiel) and Mark Lutter (MPIfG).

Theoretical advances have questioned some of the assumptions long taken for granted in the diffusion research tradition. At the same time, more sophisticated empirical methods have become available to explicitly address unit interdependence in a variety of settings. The conference brought together researchers from sociology, economics, and political science to develop a trans-disciplinary framework that can be used to develop a micro-foundation of diffusion research. Participants discussed theories informed by rational choice approaches, agent-based simulation modeling, and social learning.

Future Frontiers in Political Economy: Research and Theory

Symposium, 18–19 April 2013. Organizers: Jens Beckert and Wolfgang Streeck (both MPIfG).

Political economy is a vibrant research field in political science and sociology. Paradigms like the varieties of capitalism approach or research into welfare state development are well established. What are the interesting research frontiers that could shape political economy in the future? Presentations on international political economy, international and intertemporal comparison of economic institutions, the rise and transformation of the interventionist state, authority in contemporary capitalism, welfare states, and new economic thinking addressed this question.

Die neue Wirklichkeit: Bezeichnungsrevolutionen, Bedeutungsverschiebungen und Politik seit den 1970er-Jahren

Conference, 23–24 May 2013. Organizers: Ariane Leendertz (MPIfG), Wencke Meteling (University of Marburg), and Wolfgang Streeck (MPIfG).

Historians and social scientists met in Cologne for a conference on “The New Reality” to discuss the semantic revolutions occurring since the 1970s, the rise of new concepts, shifts in meaning, and the policies that have followed. To what extent has language reflected historical change? The conference aimed to encourage new thinking on how historians and social scientists interpret the recent past and promote the exchange of ideas between the two disciplines.

Drei Jahrzehnte neoliberale Entwicklungspolitik und Mikrofinanz: Eine Bilanz

Symposium, 12–13 August 2013. Organizers: Philip Mader (MPIfG) and Gerhard Klas (Journalist in Residence, MPIfG).

Experts from academia, development aid organizations, cooperatives, and the media met to take stock of three decades of neoliberal development policies and microfinance. They evaluated the microfinance industry from the viewpoint of the global politics of developmental aid and the ongoing crisis in capitalism, examined various ways the North and the South could cooperate, and discussed possible solutions to problems that have emerged from microfinance. The symposium sought to contribute to scholarly criticism of microfinance and to draw more attention to microfinance in the broader social sciences.

- *Gerhard Klas and Philip Mader (eds.): Rendite machen und Gutes tun? Mikrokredite und die Folgen neoliberaler Entwicklungspolitik.* Campus: Frankfurt/M. 2014.

Other Workshops and Meetings

Potential Uses and Abuses of Evolutionary Theory in the Study of Institutional Change

Workshop, 19–21 January 2012. Meeting of the Working Group on Institutional Change. Organizers: Helen Callaghan (MPIfG), Wolfgang Streeck (MPIfG), and Kathleen Thelen (MIT).

Toward an Economic Sociology of Illegal Markets

Workshop, 23–24 February 2012. Organizers: Jens Beckert, Renate Mayntz, and Frank Wehinger (all MPIfG).

Sozialwissenschaft und Historie

Workshop, 11–12 July 2013. Organizers: Ariane Leendertz (MPIfG) and Sascha Münnich (University of Göttingen).

Transnational Governance: Exploring New Research Avenues

Doctoral Workshop, 16 September 2013. Organizers: Sigrid Quack (MPIfG) and Marie-Laure Djelic (ESSEC). Host: ESSEC, Paris. Funded by the Franco-German University.

Global Rules – Local Practices: How Transnational Governance Works

Editors’ Workshop, 18–19 September 2013. Organizers: Sigrid Quack (MPIfG) and Olga Malets (TUM – University of Technology, Munich).

Die Politische Ökonomie der Ungleichheit

Meeting, 10–11 October 2013. Annual Meeting of the Political Economy Section of the German Political Science Association (DVPW). Organizers: Hans-Jürgen Bieling (University of Tübingen), Tobias ten Brink (University of Frankfurt), Armin Schäfer (MPIfG), and Reimut Zohlnhöfer (University of Heidelberg).

Privatization and Marketization of Social Services and Social Programs

Workshop, 14–15 November 2013. Third Doctoral Workshop of the German Section of the European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPANet). Organizers: Annette Henninger (University of Marburg), Simone Leiber (Düsseldorf University of Applied Sciences), Sascha Münnich (University of Göttingen), and Thomas Paster (MPIfG). Co-hosts: MPIfG and German Sociological Association (DGS).

“The Winner Takes It All”: Wirtschaftssoziologische Ansätze zur Erklärung von Erfolg

Meeting, 11–12 December 2013. Meeting of the Economic Sociology Section of the German Sociological Association (DGS). Organizers: Mark Lutter (MPIfG) and Marc Keuschnigg (University of Munich – LMU).

The Multilevel Dynamic of Post-Crisis Financial Market Regulation

Workshop, 13 December 2013. Organizer: Renate Mayntz (MPIfG).

Lectures and Conference Contributions by MPIfG Researchers

In 2012 and 2013, MPIfG researchers gave 84 lectures at universities, research institutes, political think tanks, foundations, and social organizations. They spoke at meetings of professional associations, national newspapers, service clubs, and advocacy groups. They were also represented at major conferences in sociology and political science, and at more specialized conferences in such fields as economic sociology, economic and financial policy, European studies, business studies, network analysis, and organization studies, where they gave 153 lectures in Europe, North and South America, Southern Africa, the Middle East, and East Asia.

MPIfG researchers were actively involved as conference organizers, consultants, panel chairs, and discussants at 48 conferences and workshops, 31 of which were held abroad. The Institute's researchers gave lectures in 17 European countries, the United States, Canada, South Africa, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, China, and Singapore. They spoke at leading universities and research institutions in North America such as Harvard, Princeton, Northwestern, and Georgetown, in Europe at Sciences Po, Université de Paris 1 (Sorbonne), Oxford, LSE, Copenhagen Business School, ETH Zurich, and European University Institute, and in Asia at the National University of Singapore and Hong Kong University.

The issues addressed in the researchers' lectures reflect ongoing research on subjects such as the regulation of financial markets, the crisis of democratic capitalism, the institutional evolution of the EU and the euro crisis, the political economy of bank bailouts, inheritance taxation, the role of employers in the German welfare state, fertility behavior, the sociology of transnational governance, gender-related inequality in creative industries, the correlation of social segregation and voter turnout, the economy of illegal markets, land grabbing and global governance, the transformation of the German death-care industry, and the microfinance industry and the financialization of poverty.



In 2013, four researchers from the MPIfG presented their findings at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) held at the University of Milan

Guest Lectures at the MPIfG

The Scholar in Residence Lectures

Arndt Sorge

MPIfG Scholar in Residence 2011/2012

Universität Potsdam, Germany

Paradoxe Internationalisierungsmuster: Beflügelndes aus Luftfahrtindustrie und Verkehrsfliegerei

- Internationalisierung, Spielarten des Kapitalismus und technische Innovation: Entwicklung, Herstellung und Instandhaltung von Strahltriebwerken weltweit und in Deutschland
- Internationalisierung, Geschäftsmodelle und gesellschaftlicher Effekt: Die Deutsche Lufthansa im Vergleich
- Paradoxe Internationalisierung von Märkten, Strategien und Regulierung

Patrick Le Galès

MPIfG Scholar in Residence 2012/2013

Centre d'études européennes, Sciences Po, Paris, France

Governing Mobile Societies

- Globalizing European Urban Bourgeoisie? Transnationalization and Rootedness of Managers in Four European Cities
- Governing by Instruments? Comparing Two Policies, Three Countries and the European Union over Thirty Years
- Governing the Large Metropolis: What is Governed and Not Governed?

Other Lectures

Erik Jones

The Political Economy of the Euro Crisis

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA

12 January 2012

Donatella della Porta

Transnational Social Movements and Global Politics

European University Institute (EUI),

Florence, Italy

26 January 2012

Elena Esposito

Construction and Use of the Future in Financial Markets

Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy

8 February 2012

Ayşe Buğra

Politics and Business in Contemporary Turkey

The Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Istanbul, Turkey

19 April 2012

Marion Fourcade

Cents and Sensibility: Economic Valuation and the Nature of "Nature" in France and America

University of California, Berkeley, USA

3 May 2012

Jonas Pontusson

How (and Why) Is This Different? The Politics of Economic Crisis in Western Europe and the United States

Université de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland

24 May 2012

Julie Froud

Technocratic Elites, Expert Knowledges and Financialization

University of Manchester, United Kingdom

31 May 2012

Akos Rona-Tas

The Art and Science of Predicting the Future: Credit Rating, College Admission

and Parole Decision

University of California, San Diego, USA

21 June 2012

Hans-Christoph Binswanger

Vorwärts zur Mäßigung: Perspektiven einer nachhaltigen Wirtschaftsweise

Universität St. Gallen, Switzerland

5 July 2012

Carola Hommerich

Coping with Disaster: Trust and Subjective Well-being in Japan after 3/11

German Institute for Japanese Studies,

Tokyo, Japan

27 September 2012

Mark Blyth

Austerity: The Intellectual History of a Dangerous Idea

Brown University, Providence, USA

22 November 2012

Gert Pickel

Religiosität als Marktfolge und Vermarktlichung des Religiösen?

Universität Leipzig, Germany

10 January 2013

Francesco Boldizzoni

On History and Policy: Time in the Age of Neoliberalism

Università degli Studi di Torino, Turin, Italy

24 January 2013

Kerstin Jürgens

Deutschland in der Reproduktionskrise

Universität Kassel, Germany

31 January 2013



Guests gave lectures at the MPIfG throughout the academic year: Patrick Le Galès, Erik Jones, Elena Esposito ...



... Lucio Baccaro and Chiara Benassi, Gerd Pickel, and Christine Musselin

Jan-Christoph Janssen

Success and Failure of Transnational Certification Regimes
 Universität zu Köln, Cologne, Germany
 5 March 2013

Terence C. Halliday

Global Legislators: Producing Commercial Laws for Global Markets
 American Bar Foundation, Chicago, USA
 2 May 2013

Christine Musselin

Markets and Pricing in Higher Education
 Centre de sociologie des organisations, Sciences Po, Paris, France
 16 May 2013

Jan-Martin Wiarda

Was macht die Beratung mit dem Berater? Über die Folgen von Politikberatung für die Wissenschaft
Die Zeit (newspaper), Hamburg, Germany
 Jointly organized with the University of Cologne
 27 May 2013

Lucio Baccaro, Chiara Benassi

The Evolution of German Industrial Relations: Softening Institutions, Hardening Growth Model
 Université de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland
 London School of Economics, United Kingdom
 6 June 2013

Martin H. Geyer

Welche Krise? Spekulation, Korruption und Staat in den wirtschaftspolitischen Auseinandersetzungen in der Zeit der Großen Depression
 Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich, Germany
 11 July 2013

Daniel Kinderman

Responsible Business Groups and the Politics of Responsible Business
 University of Delaware, Newark, USA
 17 July 2013

Sverker Gustavsson

Legitimate Protectionism
 Uppsala University, Sweden
 21 October 2013

Erik Bengtsson

Wage Moderation in Scandinavia: In the Postwar Period or the Neoliberal Age?
 University of Gothenburg, Sweden
 24 October 2013

Marco Hauptmeier, Guglielmo Meardi

Comparative Employment Research and Institutional Change
 Cardiff Business School, United Kingdom
 Warwick Business School, United Kingdom
 20 November 2013

Thomas Piketty

Capital in the Twenty-first Century
 Paris School of Economics, France
 5 December 2013

Mitchell Stevens

Education without States
 Stanford University, Stanford, USA
 12 December 2013



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Teaching

Jens Beckert

Courses at WiSo-Fakultät (Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences), Universität zu Köln:

- Doktorandenseminar, *Economy and Society II*, Summer 2012
- Doktorandenseminar, *Economy and Society I*, Winter 2013/14

Block Seminar, WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln and Sciences Po, Paris: *Sociology of Markets*, 7–11 January 2013, Paris

Helen Callaghan

Doktorandenseminar, *Logic of Social Inquiry I*, IMPRS-SPCE, MPIfG, Winter 2013/14

Martin Höpner

Courses at Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences (CGS), WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln:

- Kurs (with Tobias ten Brink), *Vergleichende Analyse Politischer Ökonomie: Aktuelle Forschungskontroversen*, Winter 2011/12
- Hauptseminar und Kurs (with Tobias ten Brink), *Vergleichende und Internationale Politische Ökonomie: Aktuelle Forschungskontroversen*, Winter 2012/13
- Hauptseminar and Kurs, *Vergleichende und Internationale Politische Ökonomie: Aktuelle Forschungskontroversen*, Summer 2013

Lothar Krempel

Courses at Institut für Soziologie, Fakultät für Gesellschaftswissenschaften, Universität Duisburg-Essen:

- Seminar, *Einführung in die Netzwerkanalyse*, Winter 2011/12
- Seminar, *Computerunterstützte Analyse von Texten mit Automap*, Summer 2012
- Seminar/Übung, *Digitale soziale Netzwerke und Social Media am Beispiel von Facebook*, Winter 2012/13

- MA Seminar, *Digitale Soziale Netzwerke: Konzepte und Methoden*, Master Program in Survey Methodology, Summer 2013
- MA Seminar, *Quantitative and Statistical Text Analysis*, Master Program in Survey Methodology, Summer 2013

MA-Intensivseminar, *Einführung in die Analyse Sozialer Netzwerke*, Fakultät für Gesellschaftswissenschaften, Institut für Soziologie, RWTH Aachen, Summer 2012

PhD Course, *Analysis of Social Networks*, Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences (CGS), WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, Winter 2012/13 and Winter 2013/14

MA Block Seminar, *Visualisierung komplexer Sachverhalte*, Master Program in Information und Communication. Fakultät Medien, Hochschule Mittweida, Winter 2013/14

Ariane Leendertz

Courses at Historisches Institut, Philosophische Fakultät, Universität zu Köln:

- Hauptseminar (with Wolfgang Streeck), *Wirtschaftskrisen und ihre Deutungen in Deutschland und den USA, 1920er- bis 2000er-Jahre*, Summer 2013
- Haupt- und Aufbau-seminar, *Bessere Politik durch bessere Beratung? Die "Verwissenschaftlichung der Politik" in der Bundesrepublik, 1950er- bis 1970er-Jahre*, Winter 2013/14

Mark Lutter

Courses at WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln:

- Hauptseminar, *Sozialstrukturanalyse und soziale Ungleichheit: Diskussion aktueller Studien, Ansätze und Ergebnisse*, Summer 2012
- Hauptseminar, *Grundlagen und Problemstellungen der Organisationssoziologie*, Summer 2013

Vorlesung, *Theorie und empirische Anwendungen zur Ausbreitung von Innovationen*, Professur für Soziologie, Department für Management- und Sozialwissenschaften, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zürich, Fall 2012



The main hall of the University of Cologne, one of the most important partner institutions of the MPIfG

Philip Mader

Seminar, *Credit and Debt – Political Economy of Money*, WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, Summer 2013

Sascha Münnich

Courses at WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln:

- MA Seminar, *Wohlfahrtsstaaten im Vergleich*, Winter 2011/12
- MA Seminar, *Äpfel, Birnen und Orangen: Der Gesellschaftsvergleich als sozialwissenschaftliche Methode*, Winter 2012/13

Sidonie Naulin

Lecture, *Sociologie de la communication et des médias*, Sciences Po School of Communication, Sciences Po, Paris, Fall 2013

Thomas Paster

Courses at WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln:

- Seminar, *Globalization, Europeanization, and the Transformation of National Capitalisms in Western Europe*, Summer 2012
- PhD and MA Seminar, *Welfare States and Labor Markets in Comparative Perspective: Challenges, Policies, and Politics*, Winter 2012/13

Sigrid Quack

Courses at WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln:

- MA and Doctoral Seminar, *Transnational Institutional Dynamics*, Winter 2011/12
- MA and Doctoral Seminar, *Logic of Social Inquiry*, Summer 2012
- MA and Doctoral Seminar, *Comparative and Transnational Analysis of Contemporary Societies*, Winter 2012/13
- MA and Doctoral Seminar, *Institutional Analysis of Organizations*, WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, and Sciences Po, Paris, Summer 2012, Cologne

Armin Schäfer

Courses at Institut für Politische Wissenschaft, Fakultät für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg:

- Proseminar, *Vergleichende Sozialpolitikforschung: Aktuelle Forschungsdebatten*, Winter 2011/12
- Oberseminar, *Wovon hängt die Wahlbeteiligung ab? Ein Überblick über politikwissenschaftliche Erklärungsansätze*, Winter 2012/13

Simone Schiller-Merkens

Block Seminar, *Movement Activism, Organizations and Markets*, Managing Business Ethics, Group 3, Institut für Unternehmensentwicklung, Lehrstuhl für Strategisches Management, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, Winter 2012/13 and Winter 2013/14

Wolfgang Streeck

Courses at WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln:

- Hauptseminar, *Economy and Society I*, Winter 2011/12
- Hauptseminar, *Economy and Society I*, Winter 2012/13
- Hauptseminar, *Foundations of Institutional Theory*, Winter 2012/13
- Hauptseminar, *Economy and Society II: Approaches in Economic Sociology*, Summer 2013

Frankfurter Adorno-Vorlesungen 2012, *Gekaufte Zeit: Die vertagte Krise des demokratischen Kapitalismus*, Institut für Sozialforschung, Fachbereich Gesellschaftswissenschaften, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Summer 2012

Hauptseminar (with Ariane Leendertz), *Wirtschaftskrisen und ihre Deutungen in Deutschland und den USA, 1920er- bis 2000er-Jahre*, Historisches Institut, Philosophische Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, Summer 2013

Seminar, *Recent Theories of Capitalism*, Department of Politics, The New School for Social Research, New York, Fall 2013

Tobias ten Brink

Kurs (with Martin Höpner), *Vergleichende Analyse Politischer Ökonomie: Aktuelle Forschungskontroversen*, Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences (CGS), WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, Winter 2011/12

Frank Wehinger

Hauptseminar, *Illegale Märkte im Blick der Marktsoziologie*, Forschungsseminar für Soziologie, WiSo-Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, Winter 2011/12

Cornelia Woll

Core Course, Master of Public Affairs (with Emiliano Grossman), *Comparative Political Institutions*, Science Po, Paris, Fall 2012



Professional Service, Editorships, and Memberships in Academies

Jens Beckert

Professional Service

- Board of Trustees, German Thesis Award (Deutscher Studienpreis), Körber Foundation
- Board of Trustees, Sociological Research Institute (SOFI; Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut), University of Göttingen, until 2012
- Council, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- Executive Board, Economic Sociology Section, German Sociological Association (DGS)
- Financial Advisory Board and the Minerva Center Committee of the Max Planck Society's Minerva Foundation, until 2012

Editorships

- European Journal of Sociology
- Geschichte und Gesellschaft – Zeitschrift für historische Sozialwissenschaft
- Reihe Theorie und Gesellschaft, Campus Verlag

Editorial Boards

- Economic Sociology – European Electronic Newsletter
- Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie
- Reihe Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft, Springer VS
- Socio-Economic Review

Academy Membership

- Member, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW)

Helen Callaghan

Professional Service

- Executive Council, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)
- Travel Awards Committee, Society of the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), since 2012

Matías Dewey

Professional Service

- Advisory Board for International Scientific and Technical Cooperation Programs of the Argentinian Embassy in Germany, until 2013

Jürgen Feick

Professional Service

- Member and Official Representative of MPIfG, Council, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), until 2012

Editorship

- Managing Editor, Socio-Economic Review, until 2012

Martin Höpner

Professional Service

- Academic advisor and grant referee (*Vertrauensdozent*), Hans Böckler Foundation
- Co-Chair, Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association (DVPW), until 2012

Editorial Board

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Lothar Krempel

Professional Service

- Steering Committee, Section on Social Networks, German Sociological Association (DGS)

Editorship

- Section editor, Section “Technology for Online Social Networking and Human Computer Interaction,” “Encyclopedia of Social Network Analysis and Mining” (Springer)

Editorial Board

- Journal of Social Structure

Ariane Leendertz

Professional Service

- Representative of the MPIfG researchers, Human Sciences Section, Scientific Council, Max Planck Society, since 2013



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Wolfgang Streeck gave lectures at Goethe University in Frankfurt and The New School for Social Research in New York

Right

The Institute's researchers serve in various capacities in the governing bodies of the Max Planck Society, which has its headquarters in Munich

Mark Lutter

Editorship

- Book review editor, *Economic Sociology: The European Electronic Newsletter*

Editorial Board

- Sociology, since 2013
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Matias Margulis

Editorial Board

- Globalizations, since 2013
-

Renate Mayntz

Professional Service

- Advisory Board, Institute of Science and Technology Studies, Bielefeld University, until 2012

Editorial Boards

- Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Soziologie
- Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft/Comparative Governance and Politics (ZfVP)

Academy Memberships

- Extraordinary Member, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW)
 - Foreign Honorary Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
 - Member, Academia Europaea
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Sascha Münnich

Professional Service

- Co-Chair, Working Group “Comparative Research on the Welfare State,” German Political Science Association (DVPW)
 - Executive Board, Economic Sociology Section, German Sociological Association (DGS), since 2013
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Sigrid Quack

Professional Service

- Advisory Board, “Innovations in Governance” Research Group, Technische Universität (TU) Berlin
- Advisory Board, project on “Innovations and Working Practices Emerging from the Social and Ecological Transformations in the Industrial Sector,” Hans Böckler Foundation, until 2013
- Associate Member, Faculty, Graduate School “Research on Organizational Paths,” School of Business and Economics and Dahlem Research School, Freie Universität (FU) Berlin
- Council, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- Network Coordinator, Research Network “Professions and Professionals in a Globalizing World,” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), since 2013

Editorial Boards

- Journal of Professions and Organization, since 2013
 - Managementforschung
 - Organization
 - Organization Studies, since 2013
 - Review of International Political Economy
-

Armin Schäfer

Professional Service

- Executive Board, Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association (DVPW), since 2012
-

Fritz W. Scharpf

Professional Service

- Advisory Council on the Economic and Monetary Union for the Minister-President’s Office of North Rhine-Westphalia
- Board of Trustees, Institute for European Constitutional Sciences, University of Hagen, until 2013
- Scientific Committee, Fondazione Rossetti, Turin

Editorial Boards

- European Law Journal
- Journal for Comparative Government and European Policy/ Zeitschrift für Staats- und Europawissenschaften
- Journal of Public Policy, until 2012
- Rivista italiana di politiche pubbliche
- Themes in European Governance, Cambridge University Press

Academy Memberships

- Corresponding Fellow, British Academy
 - Honorary Fellow, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)
 - Honorary Foreign Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
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Wolfgang Streeck

Professional Service

- International Advisory Board, Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute, University of Sheffield, since 2012
- Research Council, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, since 2012

Editorship

- Chief Editor, *Socio-Economic Review*, until 2012

Editorial Boards

- British Journal of Industrial Relations, until 2012
- Comparative European Politics
- European Journal of Industrial Relations
- European Sociological Review
- Zeitschrift für Soziologie

Academy Memberships

- Honorary Fellow, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)
 - Member, Academia Europaea
 - Member, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW)
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Cornelia Woll

Professional Service

- Advisory Board, Center for International Business and Public Policy, School of Management and Business, Aberystwyth University
- Executive Council, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)

Editorship

- Review of International Political Economy

Editorial Board

- Interest Groups & Advocacy

Awards and Honors

Dominic Akyel

15 June 2013

Second Prize in the international photo competition *Visions and Images of Fascination: Humanities and Sciences Visualized*, for his photograph “Shadow Society.” Members of six young international academies submitted photos reflecting what fascinates them about their studies. The photo was featured on the cover of the *MPIfG Jahrbuch 2013–2014*. Awarded by the European Young Academies.

Josef Hien

19 October 2013

A.SK Fellowship. Gives younger social scientists the opportunity to work on a project for one year that contributes to social and political reform. Awarded by the A.SK Academic Prize Foundation in cooperation with WZB Berlin Social Science Center.

Azer Kiliç

1 August 2013

Postdoctoral Fellowship Grant. Two-year grant (2013–2015) for the research project “Civil society organizations in conflict situations: The Turkish–Kurdish case.” Awarded by the AXA Research Fund, Paris.

Matias E. Margulis

31 May 2013

University Achievement Award for Research, acknowledging faculty members who are exceptional researchers and scholars. Awarded by the University of Northern British Columbia.

13 November 2013

Insight Grant 2013–2016 (in collaboration with Principal Investigator Dave Connell), to pursue the project “Agricultural Land Use Planning in Canada,” which will research the changing role and value of agriculture. Awarded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Prince George, British Columbia, Canada.

Wolfgang Streeck

21 September 2012

Honorary Medal from the University of Verona.

1 October 2012

Public Understanding of Sociology Award for substantial achievements in promoting sociology’s public image. Awarded by the German Sociological Association.

Award for Book Chapter

Sigrid Quack

21 March 2012

Outstanding Author Contribution Award, for her chapter, co-authored with Marie-Laure Djelic, on “The Power of ‘Limited Liability’: Transnational Communities and Cross-Border Governance,” pp. 73–109 in *Communities and Organizations* (ed. by C. Marquis, M. Lounsbury, and R. Greenwood, Emerald, Bingley 2011). Awarded by Emerald Literati Network, London.

Awards for Articles

Martin Höpner

3 October 2012

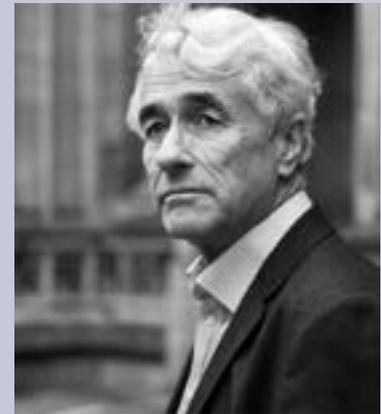
Wolfgang Kaupen Award for the best article in the sociology of law published in 2011 for “Der Europäische Gerichtshof als Motor der europäischen Integration: Eine akteursbezogene Erklärung,” *Berliner Journal für Soziologie* 21, 2, 203–229 (2011). Awarded by the Section for the Sociology of Law of the German Sociological Association.

Martin Höpner, Alexander Petring, Daniel Seikel, Benjamin Werner

3 October 2012

First Prize for Articles in the Social Sciences published in 2011 for their article “Liberalisierungspolitik: Eine Bestandsaufnahme des Rückbaus wirtschafts- und sozialpolitischer

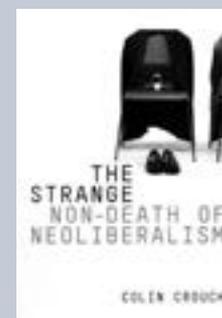
Award for Book



Colin Crouch

8 May 2012

“The Political Book” award for *Das befremdliche Überleben des Neoliberalismus* (Suhrkamp, 2011), the German edition of his book *The Strange Non-Death of Neo-Liberalism*. The award honors outstanding new titles that critically address social issues of current interest in a way that reaches a broad audience. Awarded by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.



Interventionen in entwickelten Industrieländern,” *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* 63, 1, 1–32 (2011). Awarded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation.

Gregor Zons

7 September 2013

Peter Mair Prize honoring the best paper presented at the ECPR PhD Summer School on Political Parties and Democracy, for his paper “The Programmatic Profile of Niche Parties,” which was subsequently published as “The Influence of Programmatic Diversity on the Formation of New Political Parties” in *Party Politics* in November 2013 (online before print). Awarded by the journal *Party Politics*.

Journal Article Prize
(MPIfG Zeitschriftenpreis)

For the best article by an MPIfG researcher published in a refereed scholarly journal in the preceding year. Awarded by the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies.

Helen Callaghan

6 December 2012

Journal Article Prize for “Constrain-Neighbor Effects as a Determinant of Transnational Interest Group Cohesion,” *Comparative Political Studies* 44, 7, 910–931 (2011).

Armin Schäfer

7 November 2013

Journal Article Prize for “Beeinflusst die sinkende Wahlbeteiligung das Wahlergebnis? Eine Analyse kleinräumiger Wahldaten in deutschen Großstädten,” *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 53, 2, 240–264 (2012).

Awards for Doctoral Theses

İpek Göçmen

6 June 2012

First place in the “LSE Contemporary Turkish Studies Doctoral Dissertation Competition” for her thesis on “The Politics of Religiously Motivated Welfare Provision.” Awarded by the Chair in Contemporary Turkish Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science.

Philipp Korom

25 September 2013

Dissertation Award for his thesis “Business Elites and the New Austro-Capitalism: Elite Profiles and Interlocking Directorates.” Awarded by the Austrian Sociological Association.

Damien Krichewsky

18 June 2013

RIODD Thesis Award for an outstanding thesis on Corporate Social Responsibility and

Sustainable Development for his thesis “Corporate Social Responsibility: A Meta-Embedding of Firms – An Analysis of the Indian Case.” Awarded by the International Network for Research on Organizations and Sustainable Development (RIODD), Lille.

Philip Mader

5 June 2013

Otto Hahn Medal for outstanding scholarly achievement for his dissertation “Financializing Poverty: The Transnational Political Economy of Microfinance’s Rise and Crises.” Awarded by the Max Planck Society.

25 November 2013

First Prize of the “German Thesis Award in Social Science” honoring a doctoral thesis with a significant social impact and outstanding scholarly quality, for his thesis on “Financializing Poverty: The Transnational Political Economy of Microfinance’s Rise and Crisis.” Awarded by the Körber Foundation, Berlin.

Award for a Master’s Thesis

Jiska Gojowczyk

27 May 2013

Honorable mention in the category “Science Award – Freedom and Responsibility” for an outstanding achievement in a master’s thesis in the field of sociology, for her thesis examining environmental management in Protestant churches in Germany. Awarded by the Hanns Lilje Foundation, Hannover.



Susanne Lütz, Chair of the Executive Board of the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the MPIfG, presents the Society’s Journal Article Prize to Armin Schäfer in 2013

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC IMPACT

The Institute as Part of the Scientific Community

As part of a worldwide network of research institutions and researchers working in the social sciences, the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies cooperates closely with research institutes abroad, including centers in Paris, Florence, Amsterdam, Milan, and Cambridge/MA. Numerous articles by MPIfG researchers in high-ranking international journals and evaluations of the Institute by its Scientific Advisory Board confirm the Institute's worldwide reputation. Many of the doctoral and postdoctoral fellows and senior researchers at the MPIfG are given awards for their publications, receive prestigious research fellowships, and upon completing their contracts at the Institute are appointed to good positions in academia or the private sector.

The MPIfG publication series are another principal means of scholarly communication for the Institute's researchers: MPIfG Books are monographs aimed at the scientific community and at practitioners in government, business, and associations. MPIfG Discussion Papers are articles reporting on research results from current projects. They are usually subsequently published in scholarly journals. The MPIfG Journal Articles series features articles by MPIfG researchers and visiting scholars published in peer-reviewed scholarly journals. Committed to the principles of Open Access, the Institute provides free access to every title in the series whenever possible.

In this decade, blogging has proven to be a successful form of scholarly discourse for the Institute's researchers as well. Sigrid Quack and her research group on "Institution Building across Borders" have been blogging on "Governance across borders" (governancexborders.com) since 2009. Aimed at both a general and an academic readership, the blog entries examine the interaction of national and global organizing structures. To make their work known to print-oriented readers, the blog's moderators published a collection of 127 thematically grouped blog entries in an open access book in 2013 (cf. MPIfG Books in Section 5).

On its website the Institute presents news, information on events, researchers' profiles, project abstracts, and the like to complement the scholarly articles and books published for a worldwide audience. Visitors to the website can subscribe to research updates, publication newsletters, and invitations to lectures and other events via email, and they can sign up for mailings of brochures, yearbooks, and reports. Folders and brochures present the Institute to the general public and introduce the doctoral program to graduate students. In 2013, the Institute began posting its public lectures in a podcast series on its website.

A book exhibit at major conferences of sociologists and political scientists in Germany and at international venues is another way research results are presented to key audiences in Germany and abroad. Recently, the MPIfG had book exhibits at the conferences of the German Sociological Association (DGS, 2012, Bochum), the German Political Science Association (DVPW, 2012, Tübingen), the International Political Science Association (IPSA/APSAs, 2012, Madrid), the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE, 2013, Milan), and the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR, 2013, Bordeaux).



The Institute's book exhibit at the meetings of professional associations: IPSA in Madrid and the German Sociological Association in Bochum

Dialog with Decision Makers, Experts, and Practitioners

The transfer of knowledge to decision makers in government, business, trade unions, interest associations, and the society at large is expedited by the lectures, workshops, and discussion forums in which researchers participate, as well as by their presence on various boards and commissions involved in policymaking. The German Sociological Association (DGS) recognized Wolfgang Streeck's "substantial achievements in promoting sociology's public image" by giving him the Public Understanding of Sociology Award in 2012. Streeck's book *Gekaufte Zeit: Die vertagte Krise des demokratischen Kapitalismus* (Buying Time: The Delayed Crisis of Democratic Capitalism), published in Germany in 2013, not only received wide critical and scholarly acclaim, but also initiated a debate in the media, in academia, and on the internet about whether and how the European Union can be reformed. In 2013 MPIfG researcher Philip Mader and Journalist in Residence Gerhard Klas invited experts from academia, development aid organizations, cooperatives, and the media to meet at the MPIfG and evaluate the microfinance industry from the viewpoint of the global politics of developmental aid and the ongoing crisis in capitalism. A general-interest book based on the symposium, *Rendite machen und Gutes tun?* (Making money while doing good?), was published by Campus in 2014.

Trustees Promote Contact with the Public

Building long-term relationships with representatives from business, government, and the media is essential for the Institute. This is especially reflected in the MPIfG Board of Trustees. Convening annually in Cologne to keep abreast of current projects and developments at the Institute, the Board is called upon to promote the exchange of ideas and information between the MPIfG and the general public and to advise the directors regarding public understanding of the Institute's research. In 2012, four new members joined the Board: Martin Börschel and Arndt Klocke, members of the state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia, Andreas Kossiski, the regional coordinator for the Confederation of German Trade Unions, and Peter Pauls, editor-in-chief of the *Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger*, the leading Cologne newspaper.



Members of the MPIfG Board of Trustees in 2012: Reiner Hoffmann, Rolf Mützenich, Guido Kahlen, Rainer Hank, Hermann H. Hollmann, Beate Wieland, Peter Pauls, Andreas Kossiski, Helmut Stahl, Arndt Klocke, Wolfgang Uellenberg-van Dawen

Long-term Relations with Friends of the Institute

Since 2002, the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies has helped the Institute stay in touch with its alumni and friends. The Society promotes the Institute's research in a number of ways. It provides financial support by offering stipends to young researchers, sponsoring a prize for the best journal article by an MPIfG researcher, subsidizing improvements in the work environment, in the library, and in public relations, and helping researchers balance their work and family responsibilities. It also organizes the MPIfG Annual Colloquium (*Institutstag*) dedicated to promoting exchange with researchers and other professionals from politics, business, interest associations, and the media. In 2012, the Colloquium focused on the ability of societies to impose regulation in a global economy, and in 2013 it looked at how markets are currently altering society. With some 100 people in attendance, the Annual Colloquium aims particularly to foster communication with academics and practitioners in the region, and it provides an attractive forum for members of the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the MPIfG when they hold their annual meeting.

Journalist in Residence Fellowship

Initiated by the MPIfG and three other social science institutions, the Journalist in Residence Fellowship program was funded by a grant from the Volkswagen Foundation from 2006 to 2010. Because of the program's success, the MPIfG and the WZB Berlin Social Science Center continue to offer it in its eighth year. Since 2006, the MPIfG has provided twenty-seven journalists from European newspapers, magazines, and broadcasting corporations with an in-house stay away from their place of work, time to do in-depth research, and opportunities for discussion with researchers. The purpose of the Journalist in Residence program is to improve communication between the social sciences and society at large and promote high-quality reporting about politics, social issues, and the economy. It also aims to help researchers learn how to present their results to the media more effectively and thus take part in public debate.

Informing the General Public

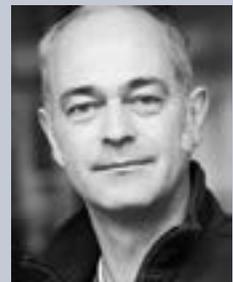
MPIfG researchers publish in the politics and business sections of news magazines and national newspapers. They give interviews and participate in panel discussions on public radio stations. In 2012 and 2013, MPIfG researchers made substantial contributions to the public debate on such issues as financial markets and the financial crisis, the future of the EU and the euro, contemporary capitalism, and the relationship between social inequality and democratic participation.

The MPIfG uses press releases, email news flashes, and RSS feeds to report about recent research, and it presents news about the Institute regularly on its website. For the German-speaking public, it puts together background information on selected topics of particular interest, most recently on voting patterns in Germany, the financial crisis, and China's capitalism. The Institute is a member of the Cologne Science Forum (*Kölner Wissenschaftsrunde*), a roundtable of representatives from Cologne's research institutions and the Cologne Chamber of Commerce and Industry that promotes networking between local firms and academia.

In two German-language publications designed to present research to a wide audience of non-specialists, the MPIfG reports about its research projects, results, publications, and events. Each issue of the semiannual online newsletter *Gesellschaftsforschung* has a feature on a topic of current public interest. The biennial *MPIfG Jahrbuch*, available in print and online, highlights several of the Institute's research projects in original, short articles, and usually includes a feature on an issue of particular topical interest.

Public Relations for Specific Target Groups

The Institute hosts groups of students from university-track secondary schools and from universities who are interested in spending a day at the Institute. Members of the research staff present their projects and then break into small groups for intensive discussions with the students. These one-day visits enable the potential social scientists to engage in debate about issues the Institute is currently addressing and get a close-up look at how research is conducted and presented. Every year a group of students who have scholarships from the Foundation of German Business (*Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft*) take advantage of this opportunity to meet MPIfG researchers.



Susanne Wankell and Gerhard Klas were Journalists in Residence at the MPIfG in 2012 and 2013



The semiannual PDF newsletter *Gesellschaftsforschung* and the biennial *MPIfG Jahrbuch* present the Institute's research to a wide audience

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THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY WITHIN THE INSTITUTE

COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION

Presenting Research

Keeping each other informed about current work is an established part of researchers' activities at the Institute. Several lecture series enable researchers to present their results as well as new project ideas. At institute seminars (at least one each semester) directors and senior researchers discuss their ongoing projects with the Institute's researchers and present findings from recently completed projects. At research seminars, senior visiting researchers and post-doctoral fellows discuss with MPIfG researchers in similar fields about a particular topic they are working on during their stay. The Institute's project clusters and its independent research groups have each established their own ways of presenting their work in progress to each other and discussing it. All these types of seminars facilitate the exchange of information and ideas among researchers. When new interests in certain strands of literature or innovative methods arise, informal reading groups and method study groups are formed.

Integrating Doctoral Students

The International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), described in detail in the "Graduate Training" section of this report, prepares talented graduate students for careers in academia and beyond. Its biweekly doctoral colloquium and the wide range of courses in its curriculum provide a stimulating environment for the IMPRS-SPCE students. The doctoral students' interaction with their supervisors on the IMPRS-SPCE faculty and the rhythm of first-year papers and subsequent advisory committee meetings ensure that they get substantial feedback and complete their theses in time. A four-month stay at a foreign research university exposes them to a different research environment and adds to the international aspect of their experience. At the annual Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society, doctoral students present their work in progress to peers and senior scholars. The MPIfG and its international cooperation partners – Northwestern University, Columbia University, Sciences Po Paris, and the European University Institute in Florence – take turns organizing the Summer Conference.

Since 2011, a Graduate Retreat has been held each fall shortly after the new doctoral students arrive. Aimed at facilitating academic and social exchange between the new arrivals and experienced graduate students at the School, the Retreat offers a special venue where a wide range of organizational and personal questions related to doctoral studies can be addressed. MPIfG directors, senior researchers, seasoned doctoral students, and alumni give talks based



on their experience, and the ensuing discussions make for a lively exchange between all the groups and individuals in attendance. This enables the new doctoral students to see their projects as part of the big picture and identify with the Institute as a whole.

The Academic and Administrative Coordinators of the IMPRS-SPCE also contribute to optimizing the doctoral students' learning experience by facilitating communication between the students, the Chair of the School, the faculty members, the university administration, and the support staff at the MPIfG. Every two months the Academic Coordinator hosts a Brown Bag Lunch where organizational issues related to the dissertation projects are addressed and doctoral students bring up questions related to the IMPRS-SPCE program.

Communication across Borders

The exchange of ideas between the Institute and the wider scientific community is the focus of international conferences and workshops prepared by groups of researchers at the Institute. Outstanding scholars from Europe and beyond are invited to hold public lectures at the MPIfG to which the local scientific community, students, and friends of the Institute are invited.

The Scholar in Residence program, now in its eighth year, exemplifies the Institute's aim to bring leading scholars and early-career researchers together. Each year the MPIfG invites a leading scholar from political science, economics, or sociology for a three- to six-month stay during which he or she gives three public lectures. The Scholars' stays enable them to become well integrated in the Institute's research community.

Researchers at all levels, including doctoral students, participate in a rigorous internal peer review of papers submitted for publication in the Institute's Discussion Paper series. This is an important vehicle for mutual debate that enables reviewers to develop their critical skills, while authors gain from their colleagues' experience and insights.

In addition to presenting their work to other academics, researchers also present their current projects to the Institute's administrative staff and student assistants once or twice a year.

The Intellectual Life of the Institute in a Social Context

Weekly joint lunches in the cafeteria and afternoon meetings at the barista's espresso machine on the third floor are popular meeting places for informal exchange and welcoming new colleagues. Researchers and staff members get together in the lunchrooms and kitchens, on the terraces, or meet in the Institute's foyer to head over to the restaurants on nearby Severin-strasse. The proximity of the guest apartments to the Institute enhances personal contacts and helps to integrate visiting researchers into the academic community of the Institute. Since



New researchers at the “Meet the Newcomers” coffee in the fall of 2013

2013, the Institute has offered an intercultural workshop to its international researchers. The research coordinator is a point of contact for new researchers as they get settled at the Institute. Members of the research staff help visiting researchers establish professional contacts in Germany and beyond, both inside and outside the Institute. The Society of Friends and Former Associates of the MPIfG provides a forum for networking among former MPIfG researchers who want to maintain their bond with the Institute and current members of the research staff.

The Institute’s Academic Calendar begins on October 1 and ends in late July. New doctoral students begin work on October 1. Every fall there is a “Meet the Newcomers” coffee for everyone at the Institute to usher in the new academic year, a “Welcome Session for New Doctoral Students,” where the managing director, the IMPRS-SPCE faculty, and the current doctoral students greet the new students, and a “Service Point,” organized by members of the service staff, where new researchers, doctoral students, and visiting researchers can familiarize themselves with the services and facilities available at the Institute.

The directors of the MPIfG regard it as one of their most important and rewarding tasks to provide for a rich social and intellectual context within which independent and spontaneous discussion and cooperation among all members can flourish. Communication among researchers is no less essential for this than direct interaction between directors and research staff. Recruiting staff and visitors, selecting topics for internal seminars and workshops, inviting guest speakers, and organizing lecture series are all important instruments for cultivating collective and individual creativity and independent motivation to produce excellent work.

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Scholars in Residence

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The interaction between firms' internationalization strategies and their national institutional embeddedness

Department of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Potsdam, Germany
2012/01–06

Patrick Le Galès

Governing mobile societies

Centre d'études européennes, Sciences Po, Paris, France
2013/03–06

Visiting Professors and Postdoctoral Fellows

Taner Akan

Path-dependent institutional changes in Turkish political economy between Islamism, neo-liberalism and social democracy

Kocaeli University, Kocaeli, Turkey
2012/10–12

Erik Bengtsson

The profit squeeze as a crisis of democratic capitalism: The politics of increasing profits

Department of Economy and Society, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
2013/09–10

Sebastian Billows

Categorizing and evaluating artists: The case of the "Young British Artists"

Sciences Po, Paris, France
2012/02–06

Adel Daoud

Impact of the 2008 financial crisis on child poverty in developing countries

Department of Sociology, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
2013/09–2014/08

Jürgen Feick

Managing editorship of Socio-Economic Review

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany
2012/05–2013/01

Edward F. Fischer

German eggs, Guatemalan coffee, and the good life: An anthropological look at markets, values, and well-being

Center for Latin American Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA
2012/01–03

Marco Hauptmeier

Constructing institutions: The evolution of employment relations in Germany, Spain, and the USA

Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University, United Kingdom
2013/11

Michael Hochgeschwender

How Catholic immigrants adapted to the specifics of American capitalism from 1865 until the Great Depression

Amerika-Institut, Department of English and American Studies, University of Munich (LMU), Germany
2013/11–2014/01

Kristen Hopewell

Shifting power in global economic governance: The rise of Brazil, India, and China at the WTO

University of British Columbia-Okanagan, Kelowna, Canada
2012/12–2013/07

Daniel Kinderman

Corporate responsibility and the crises of democratic capitalism

Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware, Newark/Delaware, USA
2013/05–07

Damien Krichewsky

Corporate social responsibility, global governance, and the evolution of business-society relationships

Centre de sociologie des organisations, Sciences Po, and Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du sud, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, France
2013/10–12

Olga Malets

Linking the local and the global in transnational governance debates

Chair of Forest and Environmental Policy, University of Technology (TUM), Munich, Germany
2012/02–03

Philip Manow

Social protection, capitalist production: The Bismarckian welfare state and the German political economy

Centre for Social Policy Research, University of Bremen, Germany
2013/01–03



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The Eurozone's response to the debt crisis
Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean, Mytilene, Greece
2012/04–09

Guglielmo Meardi

States, industrial relations and democracy under international pressure
Warwick Business School, University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom
2013/10–12

Alexey Mukomel

The market for illegal corporate bankruptcies in Russia
Investment banking firm, Moscow, Russian Federation
2012/05–06

Olivier Pilmis

The worlds of economic forecasting: Management of uncertainty in the economy
Centre de sociologie des organisations, Sciences Po, Paris, France
2013/11–2014/09

Akos Rona-Tas

Uncertainty in credit markets and the social conditions of formalizing decision making
Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, USA
2012/04–06

Simone Schiller-Merkens

Market formation and social movements
University of Mannheim, Germany
2011/10–2012/09

Kathrin Zippel

Globalizing science: Scientific mobility and collaboration
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University, Boston, USA
2012/05–08

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The political economy of private indebtedness and mortgage credit in advanced capitalist economies
Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
2013/01–09

Chiara Benassi

Union strategies towards contingent workers
Department of Management, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), United Kingdom
2013/01–03

Anthony Boanada-Fuchs

The dynamics of the order of markets: Integrating theories of the economics of convention and the sociology of markets with actor-network theory
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
2013/04–07

Pierre de Larminat

What makes a good portfolio manager? Dealing with uncertainty in the financial industry
École normale supérieure, Paris, and Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne, Reims, France
2011/09–2012/08

Jeremy Ferwerda

The effect of decentralization on the welfare state
Department of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA
2013/01–12

Harrison Grafos

Reform of the French and German postal services
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, USA
2012/05

Matthieu Hughes

Historical and institutional development of Germany's financial system in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries
Department of International Relations, University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom
2012/10–2013/03

Maria Luisa Marinho

Health inequalities and social capital in Chile
Department of Sociology, University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom
2012/03–07, 2013/02–2014/12

Raphael Reinke

The political economy of banking bailouts: Explaining government interventions to support the financial system during the banking crisis of 2008 and 2009
Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
2013/01–09

May Zuleika Salao

Animation industry in the Philippines: Institution building for skill formation
Tri-College PhD Program in Philippine Studies, University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines
2013/01–2014/05

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Organization and identity in global work places
Department of Sociology, Stockholm University, Sweden
2013/10–2014/02

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EU politics of transnational posted work and its impact on national systems of labor regulation
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The impact of religious culture on economic development in Quebec
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MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

MANAGEMENT

The Institute uses management methods that help it stay at the forefront of research. A network of committees facilitates the flow of information between research and service staff. The committees enable the administrative director, the service units, and the research coordinator to stay in close touch with the researchers and their projects.

Functional Committees

The directors, researchers, service staff, and student assistants are all represented on the functional committees of the Institute. The committees are chaired by researchers. Meetings are





scheduled as needed. The Library Committee discusses which journals and databases should be subscribed to or cancelled, and supports the library staff in adapting its collection to research developments at the Institute. The Computer Committee ensures broad input and discussion on IT innovations. The Publications Committee is a forum for discussing the Institute's publication policy and publication management. In addition, the committee chair organizes the internal and external peer review of the Institute's book series (published by Campus Verlag) and Discussion Paper series. The Professional Development Committee coordinates the program of continuing education at the Institute, which offers courses to improve researchers' skills in areas such as scholarly writing, presenting at conferences, searching for information, and academic publishing. The Web Committee, chaired by the research coordinator, meets regularly to discuss the Institute's website, intranet, and social media.

The IMPRS-SPCE is represented in several committees by its academic coordinator, who is responsible for organizing the School's curriculum and its academic events.

Managerial Committees

Chaired by the managing director, the managerial committees at the Institute meet regularly. Every two weeks, the heads of the service units and the research coordinator meet with the managing director to discuss decisions that need to be made and to exchange information on ongoing projects. Once a month, this group is expanded to include the chairs of the functional committees. This Management Committee also has a planning session in December, where the service units' goals for the coming year are agreed upon and the previous year's developments are discussed.

Research Coordinator

The research coordinator consults with and supports the MPIfG directors in research management issues and in implementing their decisions. She works closely with the administrative director, the administration, the editorial unit, and the other service groups. She is a point of contact for doctoral students, postdocs, visiting researchers, national and international partners, and the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the MPIfG. Her tasks also include optimizing the Institute's research infrastructure as well as preparing meetings and events. The position of research coordinator was set up in 2011. Since then, the person serving as research coordinator has also been the academic coordinator of the IMPRS-SPCE. The synergies the Institute was aiming to gain with this new twofold position have come to fruition.

Good Scientific Practice

In accordance with the Max Planck Society's Rules of *Good Scientific Practice*, researchers provide comprehensive material about their projects to be stored on the Institute's servers for ten years. They store primary data upon which the research is based and an explanation of the data's content, its structure, and any ways it may have been manipulated. This should enable another user to interpret and understand the empirical basis of the project. At a Good Scientific Practice Workshop, an experienced researcher discusses examples of scientific misconduct with the doctoral students. The Institute also has an ombudsperson who serves as a confidential advisor if a violation of the principles of good scientific practice is suspected. The quality and integrity of the Institute's research is enhanced by these checks and balances.

Directors Meet with Researchers Regularly

There are many informal opportunities for researchers to meet and exchange ideas (see Sections 4 and 7). In accordance with the bylaws of the Institute, there is an annual Institute Assembly (Institutsversammlung). Chaired by the managing director, it brings together the directors and the research staff to review the development of the Institute and provide a forum for discussion. In the summer or fall, there is a Project Planning Conference, also chaired by the managing director, where the project areas and possible research themes for the upcoming year and beyond are discussed.

Welcoming Newcomers

The academic year begins in early October with three get-togethers: one for everyone, where the new researchers and staff members are introduced; one for the IMPRS-SPCE, where new doctoral students meet with fellow students, faculty members, and the managing director; and one for the newcomers, who meet with the heads of the service units to find out what support is available to them. In 2013, the Institute began offering intercultural awareness workshops for all newcomers.

Support for Visiting Researchers

The Institute is continually working to optimize its support for visiting researchers. Close cooperation between the visitors' liaison, the administration, and prospective visitors ensures that stays are well prepared, and any issues still open when a visitor arrives can be easily dealt with. Visiting researchers receive detailed information about the Institute and the city of Cologne long before their arrival at the MPIfG, and the Institute helps them find accommodation. Immediately upon arrival, they can get down to work.

Representation of Employees

In accordance with German labor law, the MPIfG has a works council. Elected every four years, the works council represents the interests of the employees vis-à-vis the employer. It has an advisory role when new positions are to be filled. It also cooperates with the managing director and the administrative director in setting works rules (such as how to manage flex-time) and helps individual employees as needed. The works council meets regularly with the managing director and holds a works meeting (*Betriebsversammlung*), which all MPIfG employees attend, twice a year. The MPIfG works council sends a delegate to the central works council of the Max Planck Society. Two female employees, one from the research staff and one from the service staff, represent the interests of women at the Institute. The MPIfG researchers elect a representative to the Human Sciences Section of the Max Planck Society. The doctoral students elect a spokesperson to represent them within the Institute and meet with doctoral students from other Max Planck institutes.

Promoting a Family-friendly Workplace and a Healthy Work Environment

The Max Planck Society has been awarded the Hertie Foundation's "Work and Family" certificate (*Grundzertifikat Beruf und Familie*), recognizing its wide-ranging support for employees seeking to combine work and family responsibilities. The MPIfG provides flexible solutions for young parents and for those who need time to care for other family members. This includes an agreement between the Institute and the works council that makes it possible for members of the service staff who care for family members to do some of their work from a home office on a regular basis.

In 2012, the Institute's administration proposed establishing a working group on Promoting Health at the Workplace. The directors have welcomed and supported this initiative, which has led to a range of activities on nutrition, exercise, and relaxation to promote employees' health and fitness.





During the Annual Outing, members of the MPIfG community can get to know each other and see interesting sites in the Rhineland

Communication Facilitates Effective Management

Open channels of communication ensure that the directors only need to get involved in administrative issues at critical junctures of the decision-making process. Service units and the researchers each know what the other group is doing; plans for administrative projects are discussed in the appropriate forums; and members of the service units and the research staff have a high degree of autonomy in organizing their work environment. In 2013, the Institute completely revamped its intranet, using Web 2.0 to make inhouse online communication more dynamic, timely, and decentralized. The intranet relaunch was a major collaborative effort among the Institute's service groups.

Members of the service staff are in touch with their counterparts at MPG headquarters, other Max Planck institutes, and social science research institutes in Germany and abroad. They are also in contact with research institutes and university departments in the Rhine region. Communication in these networks helps ensure that the support staff can continue to provide the MPIfG researchers with professional service.

SERVICE UNITS

The administration, computing services, the editorial and public relations unit, the library, and secretaries to the directors are the infrastructural backbone of the Institute. They provide support and ancillary services for the research staff and visiting researchers and contribute to the technical and organizational development of the Institute. Three trainees, one in administration and two in IT, are also part of the support staff. Student assistants provide support for researchers and staff members.

Administration and Personnel Development

The administration is responsible for the Institute's human resource management, payroll, budget planning, accounting, procurement, occupational health and safety, facility management, its reception desk, and support for visiting researchers before and during their stays.

Cooperating with their counterparts at other MPIs and with the headquarters of the Max Planck Society is one of the ways the group optimizes the services it offers.

Supporting research

Administration staff members support research planning and graduate training in many ways, such as managing the IMPRS-SPCE's funding, optimizing its online application procedure, and preselecting shortlists of applicants as well as advising and informing the researchers about project funding opportunities and project management and helping them to prepare grant proposals and manage projects in national and international programs.

Personnel development

The Institute encourages its employees to improve their professional skills by taking part in continuing education programs, including in-house seminars. The Professional Development Committee for researchers and staff has continued to adapt its program to the employees' needs, offering some 20 courses in 2012 and 2013 that included workshops on research methods, conference presentation, academic writing, and career planning as well as courses in German as a foreign language for researchers and English for staff members.

Recruiting trainees

A campaign was pursued during 2012–2013 to promote the recruitment of trainees (cf. "Vocational Training" below). This involved relaunching the web page about training at the Institute and creating postcards that can be distributed to potential applicants.

Budgeting to maximize results

The Max Planck Society (MPG) uses the commercial bookkeeping system SAP, which provides a budgeting procedure to give institutes financial flexibility. Improved efficiency and project planning enable the Institute to maximize its results while staying within the limits of its budget.



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Library

The library supports the Institute's research by giving researchers and staff access to information and helping them find sources located outside the Institute. Users have a range of services at their disposal: on-demand acquisition of books, fast document delivery services and interlibrary loan facilities, generous lending policies, personal assistance in finding specialized databases, and in-house software workshops tailored to their needs.

The collection

The library is developing into a "hybrid" library, comprising both traditional resources – books, documents, and journals on paper – and digital ones. The print collections include more than 150 current journals and some 60,000 books in social sciences, political science, economics, and history that focus on the Institute's research interests. Agreements between the Max Planck Society and publishing companies now give researchers and staff direct online access to an additional 35,000 journals, over 100,000 e-books, and numerous databases.

Online catalog

The library's online catalog can be accessed directly via the internet by anyone visiting the MPIfG website. Its extensive catalog enrichment service provides links to full-text resources, e-books, and digitized tables of contents for all new acquisitions, which enable users to conduct keyword searches at the chapter level. There are 300,000 items in the catalog thanks to the large number of articles from edited volumes and journals it contains. In 2013, the library developed an upgrade of its cataloging service to enable searches that combine catalog data, databases, and institutional repositories. A beta version is currently being tested, and the service should be available to users in 2014.

Online information services

A wide variety of sociological, political science, economic, law, and historical databases provide full-text access to primary and secondary sources worldwide. All databases and electronic journals centrally licensed by the Max Planck Society or by the MPIfG can be searched via the Max Planck Virtual Library interface. A special service provides access to the full text of electronic journal articles and e-books directly from database or catalog entries.

Open access

Committed to the principles of Open Access, the MPIfG seeks to provide online public access to every article resulting from the Institute's research. It has created an institutional repository located in the Max Planck Society's publication archive, which the library updates continually by entering the researchers' publications. Over the last seven years, the library has retrospectively put all the publications since the Institute's founding into the repository. It also uses the repository to manage Open Access to publications by the Institute's researchers, which entails monitoring the embargo periods required by copyright law.

Computing Services

The computer group provides a modern computer infrastructure for staff and researchers at the MPIfG. This includes planning and implementing an up-to-date communications infrastructure, installing efficient network printers, personal computers, and workstations, and providing a software package tailored to the users' needs. The group also offers advice and support on computer-related subjects, ranging from how to use remote-access services to designing, programming, and implementing solutions for classifying and processing complex data.

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies has a homogeneous Windows Server environment that provides a variety of services to the PCs via Gigabit Ethernet, including personal and group file accounts that are centrally stored in accordance with the German laws on data protection and confidentiality, information services, database services, and client/server-based communication services such as computerized fax, e-mail, and a connection to the internet.

In 2012 and 2013, the members of the computer group continued to reduce the number of physical servers by virtualizing more and more of the Windows server infrastructure. This has ensured greater infrastructure redundancy while reducing energy consumption. The group reinforced its ongoing effort to provide a powerful, state-of-the-art local working environment by finalizing the migration to Windows 7 and updating most of the software packages researchers and staff require to do their jobs.

After having consolidated the systems of client and server management, the computer group began reviewing the various components of their management framework and upgraded where necessary. They also began evaluating the use of so-called cloud services. The group plans to tailor such services to the specific needs of researchers so as to improve work and collaboration in the mobile scientific community of the future.

2012 saw the first trainee successfully complete a three-year apprenticeship as a certified IT specialist for application development. The members of the computer group continue to be committed to the Institute's vocational training program.

Editorial and Public Relations Unit

The MPIfG publication series

The main task of the editorial and public relations unit is to manage the Institute's publications: the MPIfG Books, MPIfG Discussion Papers, and MPIfG Journal Articles. This includes editing, copy-editing and typesetting, and producing and distributing the papers in print and online. The unit also assists researchers with copyediting, translations, graphics, and publishing know-how when they prepare books for publication and journal articles for submission. To promote the Institute's publication series, the unit creates and distributes brochures, flyers, and an e-mail newsletter, and presents the series online.

Presenting the MPIfG to the scientific community and the public

The unit develops and produces printed and online information material about the Institute. It informs the public and the media about selected research topics, facilitates contacts between journalists and researchers, organizes the Journalist in Residence program, and represents the MPIfG with book exhibits at major social science conferences in Germany and internationally. It designs and maintains the MPIfG website, plans and organizes public events, and helps researchers and directors prepare conferences and events. It is responsible for the Institute's mailing list, which ensures effective communication with target audiences. The unit is in charge of internal public relations, including organizing in-house project presentations by the researchers for the support staff and coordinating the development of the MPIfG intranet. It also supports the Institute's alumni relations.

Documenting research

By preparing regular reports for the Max Planck Society (*Yearbook*), the MPIfG Scientific Advisory Board (evaluation report), and the public (*MPIfG Report* and *MPIfG Jahrbuch*), the unit documents the Institute's research. It gathers, organizes and archives the data and manages the design and production of the reports.

In 2012 and 2013, the editorial and public relations unit supported the newly formed Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies (MaxPo). It provided public relations and corporate design services and established the center's website. Since 2013, the unit has been involved in the editing, typesetting, publishing, and distribution of MaxPo Discussion Papers. During this period, the unit also produced the *MPIfG Jahrbuch*





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2013–2014, the *MPIfG Report 2010–2011*, and four issues of the newsletter *Gesellschaftsforschung*. In its fields of expertise, the unit continued to support the Institute's professional development program, recruiting instructors and organizing courses on conference presentation techniques, conference participation in English, and academic writing in English and German. The unit produces, edits, and posts the podcasts of the Institute's public lectures, which went online in 2013.

Secretaries to the Directors

The secretaries provide administrative assistance to the Institute's directors, manage events at the MPIfG, and run the IMPRS-SPCE office.

For the directors and the emeritus directors, the secretaries' work includes correspondence, travel organization, calendar and contact management, taking minutes at meetings, maintaining personal homepages, preparing manuscripts, banking, filing records, and updating databases. They support the managing director in his contacts with the headquarters of the Max Planck Society.

For the Institute at large, the secretaries help to organize academic conferences, workshops and internal seminars, special events honoring members of the MPIfG community, and meetings of the Scientific Advisory Board and the Board of Trustees, which includes scheduling,

sending out invitations, organizing catering, and securing accommodation. The secretaries also coordinate the scheduling of internal seminars and lectures, public lectures, and doctoral colloquia. They compile and send out the Institute’s weekly online calendar to keep employees up to date about upcoming events and people joining or leaving the Institute. Trainees at the Institute who are working toward certification as office communication specialists receive a substantial amount of their on-the-job training from the secretaries.

The duties associated with running the IMPRS-SPCE office include supporting the recruitment process, helping doctoral students get settled, organizing the Summer School, and maintaining the IMPRS-SPCE website and database.

Vocational Training

Trainees

In Germany, employers participate in a “dual system” of vocational education. High school students who do not plan to go to university (yet) can qualify for a variety of occupations in three-year programs of on-the-job training accompanied by instruction at a vocational school. A participant in the dual system since 1999, the MPIfG trains certified office communication specialists and information systems specialists. The Institute has two IT trainees and one



Trainees
Margarete Wybranietz,
Tobias Heinrich, Daniel Neumair

Ich mache meine Ausbildung am MPIfG, weil ...

... ich gern unter den Besten bin, denn das MPIfG besteht nicht aus Spitzenforschung. Auch die Arbeit wurde für die herausragenden Leistungen schon mehrfach ausgezeichnet.

Berufsausbildung am Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln : Spitze!

Ich mache meine Ausbildung am MPIfG, weil ...

... ich hier einzigartige Arbeitsbedingungen finde, positiv gefördert werde und mich spezialisieren kann. Außerdem kann ich Auszubildende, wie Forscher arbeiten.

Berufsausbildung am Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln : Spannend!

Ich mache meine Ausbildung am MPIfG, weil...

... ich die junge und internationale Vielfalt liebe. Ich kann hier während meiner Ausbildung auch die Arbeit anderer Institute kennenlernen - sogar im Ausland.

Berufsausbildung am Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln : Weltoffen!

MPIfG trainees tell potential applicants why they like where they work

administrative trainee on a regular basis. Four MPIfG staff members are officially certified to instruct trainees at the Institute. The head of the computer group is a member of the Examination Board of the Cologne Chamber of Commerce. The five administrative trainees and six IT trainees who have graduated since the trainee program's inception have all succeeded in finding good jobs in the private sector. The Institute helps the trainees make the transition to employment after graduation by giving them a flexible follow-up contract. One trainee became a member of the Computing Services' permanent staff in 2012.

Interns

The Institute also hosts high-school and college interns who require work experience as part of their course of study. The high-school interns come for 2–3 weeks, often getting their first opportunity to experience a workplace. The university interns come for 2–3 months, often providing substantial input to special projects. The structured internship program for university students studying for a bachelor's or master's degree has proven to be a promising way to recruit highly talented students who might develop an interest in pursuing a doctorate at the IMPRS-SPCE.

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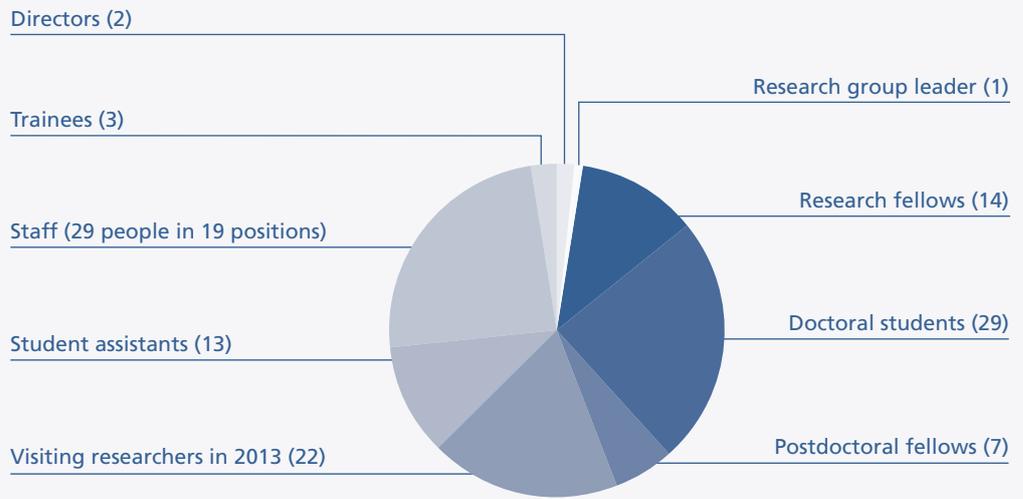
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Several service staff members work part-time.

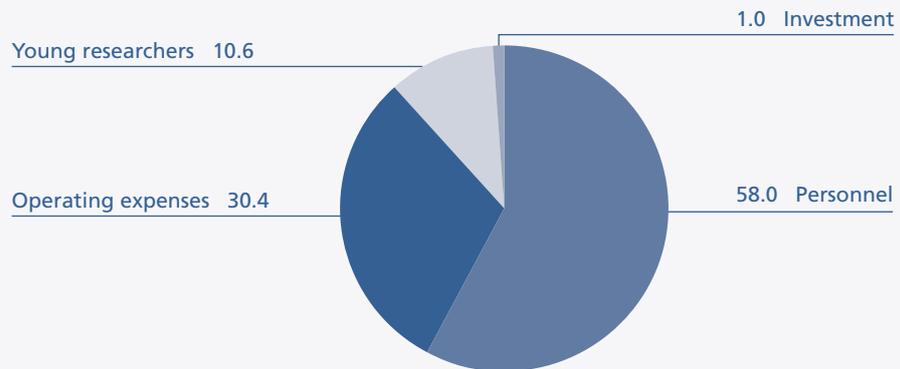
MPIfG personnel in December 2013



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Expenditure from institutional funding in 2013 by type (in percent)



Development of total expenditure from institutional and grant funding, 2004–2013 (in thousand euros)



Each of the some eighty Max Planck institutes receives an annual budget from the Max Planck Society. In 2012 and 2013, the MPIfG had expenditures of 4.36 and 4.63 million euros respectively from institutional and grant funding. The Institute's budget covers personnel and operating costs, special funding for young researchers, and research cooperation with other countries. The MPIfG has 13 permanently funded positions for researchers and currently employs some 36 other researchers financed by grants from foundations and doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships. Research assistants receive temporary institutional funding. At the end of 2013, 53 researchers were working at the Institute. In addition, the Institute hosts visiting researchers from Germany and abroad, whose stays last from one month to two years. In 2012–2013, the Institute hosted 40 visiting researchers from 13 countries.



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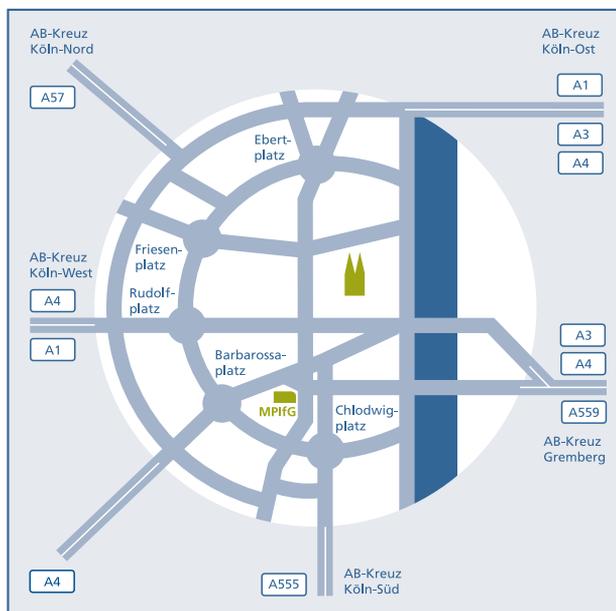
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The MPIfG

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) conducts basic research on the governance of modern societies. It aims to develop an empirically based theory of the social and political foundations of modern economies by investigating the interrelation between economic, social, and political action. Using primarily an institutional approach, it examines how markets and business organizations are embedded in historical, institutional, political, and cultural frameworks, how they develop, and how their social contexts change over time. The Institute seeks to build a bridge between theory and policy and to contribute to political debate on major challenges facing modern societies.

Prof. Jens Beckert and Prof. Wolfgang Streeck are the directors of the MPIfG. Some sixty researchers, including research staff, doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows, and visiting researchers, work together at the Institute in teams that often include scholars from other research institutions in Germany and abroad. The Institute cooperates closely with centers and departments at Sciences Po, Columbia University, Northwestern University, and the European University Institute. The MPIfG is one of the largest social science research institutes in Germany.

The MPIfG is home to the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), which it runs jointly with the Department of Management, Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne. Offering a unique doctoral program focusing on economic sociology and comparative political economy, the School prepares outstanding German and international graduate students for careers in academia. While many alumni do successfully pursue careers at universities, others have gone on to work in the private sector, government, associations, and international organizations.