The WZB is growing

Research needs room, and the need for more room has been growing steadily at the WZB. In 2017, the institute employed a staff of 392, but by 2018, that number had risen to 478. The architectural ensemble at Reichpietschufer, which had housed the WZB since 1988, consisting of the main wing of the former Reichsversicherungsamt and the distinctive postmodern annex, is filled to the bursting point. One reason is that the construction plans of the 1980s were never fully realized. For building E, also known as the "basilica," a building permit for the ground floor and four upper floors was issued as early as 1982, but owing to financial restrictions, the only part built at that time was the canteen. After a first expansion in 1994 and 1995, construction work to add two more floors commenced in late 2018. The work is within the allocated budget and timeframe, but nothing to be taken for granted given that construction is taking place while the WZB remains fully operational. The entire institute is looking forward to moving into its new offices in March 2020.

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Second addition of floors to building part E
floor space approx.

840 m²
47 offices and one conference room

Casino reconstruction
floor space approx.

109 m²
about 60 seats

approx.
40 additional covered bike racks