

Veranstaltungen

12. Oktober 2017

Household Behaviour and the Dynamics of Inequality WZB Distinguished Lecture in Social Sciences

by Sir Richard Blundell, University College London. A father loses his job. A mother's employer decides to cut her working hours. How do families cope with such unexpected and dramatic changes in earning? There are different mechanisms to address such change. A household member who does not have a job may enter the labor market – full time or part time. Childcare arrangements may be altered in order to cut expenses. Savings might be used to make ends meet. Understanding these responses in their fine detail is the key prerequisite for the design of social policy. Sir Richard Blundell will discuss the ways in which people decide on different options, which criteria weigh in on decisions, how individual wages relate to household income, and which role savings have for these decisions. **Veranstalter:** Professor Steffen Huck, WZB; **Informationen bei Gebhard Glock, E-Mail:** gebhard.glock@wzb.eu

14. Oktober 2017

Verleihung des A.SK Social Science Award Matinee

Alle zwei Jahre vergibt das WZB den mit 100.000 Euro dotierten A.SK Social Science Award. Der Preis wird vom chinesischen Unternehmerpaar Angela und Shu Kai Chan gestiftet und würdigt wissenschaftliche Arbeiten, die besondere Relevanz für politische oder wirtschaftliche Reformen haben. Der diesjährige A.SK Social Science Award wird an den österreichisch-amerikanischen Politikwissenschaftler John Gerard Ruggie (ehemaliger stellvertretender UN-Generalsekretär und UN-Sonderbeauftragter für Unternehmen und Menschenrechte) verliehen. **Veranstalterin:** Dr. Katrin Schwenk, WZB; **Informationen unter** a.sk@wzb.eu



14. und 15. Oktober 2017

The International Project on the 24/7 Economy Workshop

The project aims to pool data sets on working hours and schedules of parents, and the wellbeing of their children from nine countries (across Europe, Asia, Pacific and North America) and to conduct cross-country comparisons of the impact of the 24/7 economy on families and children. At the workshop the participating country partners will formalize the guidelines and a Memorandum of Understanding for the collaboration and will develop specific research questions and methods for addressing them. **Veranstalterin:** *Jianghong Li Ph.D., WZB; Informationen bei Jianghong Li, E-Mail:* jianghong.li@wzb.eu

19. Oktober 2017

Bridging the Divide: Can Effective Political Communication Overcome Political Polarization? WZB Distinguished Lecture in Social Sciences

by Robb Willer, Stanford University. Anger and antagonism between the left and the right in America have reached historic levels. Liberals and conservatives seem to live in different places and to interact mostly with politically like-minded others. Americans seem to be unable to understand the perspective of those they disagree with, making it more difficult than ever to communicate across party lines. Robb Willer argues that, despite this extreme polarization, political communication is still possible. He has conducted experiments on hot-button issues like same-sex marriage, national health insurance, military spending, and the environment in order to design political arguments in a way that enables people with conflicting views to be in dialogue. In his lecture, he will present new political arguments carefully designed to address the values of those targeted for persuasion. Robb Willer's research highlights the importance of empathy and understanding for reducing political conflicts. **Veranstalterin:** Professorin Heike Solga, WZB; **Informationen bei Gunda Thielking, E-Mail:** gunda.thielking@wzb.eu

20. Oktober 2017

Emmanuel Macron's Challenge: French Capitalism in Transition

Great Crisis of Capitalism Series

by Bruno Amable, University of Geneva/University of Paris I Panthéon. In the 2010s, France was in a situation of systemic crisis, namely, the impossibility for political leadership to find a strategy of institutional change, or, more generally, a model of capitalism that could gather sufficient social and political support. In this lecture, the various attempts at reforming the French model are analyzed. In the 1980s, the left tried briefly to orient the French political economy in a social-democratic/socialist direction before changing course and opting for a more orthodox macroeconomic and structural policy direction. The attempts of governments of the right to implement a radically neo-liberal structural policy also failed in the face of a significant social opposition. The enduring French systemic crisis is the expression of contradictions between the economic policies implemented by the successive left and right governments, and the absence of a dominant social bloc, that is, a coalition of social groups that would politically support the dominant political strategy. *Veranstalter: Dr. Dieter Plehwe, WZB; Informationen bei Stefanie Roth, Marion Obermaier, E-Mail: ipi.office@wzb.eu*



Kampfbereit. Frankreichs Präsident Macron, hier im Juni 2017 bei einer Veranstaltung für Olympia in Paris 2024, muss sich nach seinem überzeugenden Wahlsieg auf erheblichen Widerstand gegen sein Reformprogramm einstellen. (Foto: picture alliance alliance / AP Images)

4. und 23. Oktober 2017

Neue WZB-Reihe **Achtung: Demokratie**

Die neue WZB-Veranstaltungsreihe „Achtung: Demokratie“ widmet sich wichtigen Fragen unserer Zeit: Wie entwickelt sich die Demokratie? Warum zieht der Rechtspopulismus viele Wähler an? Welche neuen Forschungsergebnisse gibt es zum Thema Migration? Wie stark muss Wissenschaft sich heute einmischen? – um nur einige Themen zu nennen. Den Anstoß zu dieser neuen Reihe lieferten Diskussionen in der WZB-internen Gruppe „Political Challenges“. Im Rahmen von „Achtung: Demokratie“ sind Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler des WZB und anderer Forschungseinrichtungen eingeladen, ihre Ergebnisse und Positionen vorzutragen und mit dem Publikum zu diskutieren. Eröffnet wird die neue Reihe am 4. Oktober mit Bernhard Weßels, stellvertretender Leiter der Abteilung Demokratie und Demokratisierung, mit einer Nachlese zur Bundestagswahl am 24. September. Der WZB-Demokratieforscher ordnet die Wahlergebnisse in den Kontext der langjährigen Wahlforschung ein. Am 23. Oktober ist dann die amerikanische Wissenschaftshistorikerin Naomi Oreskes von der Harvard University in der Reihe zu Gast. Sie war eine der Sprecherinnen beim March for Science in Boston und tritt entschieden der zunehmenden Wissenschaftsskepsis und den Angriffen auf die Wissenschaft entgegen. Dabei fordert sie auch von ihren Wissenschaftskollegen eine klare Positionierung und verbindliches Engagement gegen Wissenschaftsfeindlichkeit. Im WZB wird sie ihre Thesen zur Diskussion stellen. *Veranstalter: Dr. Harald Wilkoszewski; Informationen bei Friederike Theilen-Kosch, E-Mail: friederike.theilen-kosch@wzb.eu*

17. November 2017

Funding and Organizing Transnational Research: Pitfalls in European-African Research Collaboration **Workshop**

How to best stimulate, foster and sustain international cooperation between African and European science has become crucial for both research funding organizations and individual researchers. Yet at the same time, African-European research partnerships take place under conditions of global competition, in particular a highly unequal distribution of resources and capacities. Public and private funders have experimented with new formats to enhance research collaboration with African partners, ranging from individual fellowships over institutional capacity-building and new collaborative programs to policy-dialogues. The workshop will encourage a comparative analysis on the different goals, understandings, frameworks and outcomes of African-European research projects by bringing together practitioners from funding organizations and researchers to discuss the pitfalls of unequal capabilities in international collaborative research and to explore future approaches. *Veranstalter: Dr. Stefan Skupien, WZB; Informationen bei Din-Badara Ndiaye, E-Mail: din-badara.ndiaye@wzb.eu*