

Veranstaltungen

15. und 16. Dezember 2017

Political Economy of Development

Research Workshop The Political Economy of Development research area will host a joint WZB-Columbia University workshop to present and discuss ongoing research, completed research, and research designs. Presentations by members of the Institution and Political Inequality research unit and doctoral students at Columbia will include work on gender empowerment in Uganda, bureaucratic organization in Sierra Leone, gender-based violence in Congo, community policing in Papua New Guinea. The workshop takes the form of small group focused discussions on research and will generally not include presentations. Participants will be expected to read in advance and contribute to discussion. **Veranstalter:** Professor Macartan Humphreys, WZB; **Informationen bei Marion Obermaier/Stefanie Roth, E-Mail:** ipi.office@wzb.eu

17. Januar 2018

Reflections on Post-Truth Lecture

by John Keane in the series „Achtung: Demokratie“. There are many signs that we have entered a „post-truth“ era defined by the burial of „objective facts“ thanks to a public avalanche of „appeals to emotion and personal belief“, as the Oxford English Dictionary states. Critics of this post-truth trend like to stress the political dangers of growing government secrecy, the lies of politicians, corporate bullshit, media silence, and populists' talk of fake news. They call for a recovery of truth in public life. John Keane, Professor of Politics at the University of Sydney and at the WZB, will discuss the current situation. He asks how credible the appeal by journalists and others to recapture truth in our public lives is. What exactly is truth? Why is it important? Or is it less important than we imagine? Does truth-telling have its limits? Might truth be fading from our lives, and might bidding farewell to truth be a good thing? His lecture will be combined with a presentation of „fake news“ and facts by Sylvia Höhne, staff member of the WZB Research Information unit. **Veranstalter:** Dr. Harald Wilkoszewski; **Informationen bei Friederike Theilen-Kosch, E-Mail:** friederike.theilen-kosch@wzb.eu

1. und 2. Februar 2018

Manifesto Corpus Conference

Der Manifesto Corpus ist die digitale Textsammlung von über 2.000 Wahlprogrammen aus 40 Ländern in mehr als 30 Sprachen. Das seit Jahrzehnten am WZB angesiedelte und seit 2009 von der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft geförderte Manifesto-Projekt bereitet diese Daten auf und stellt sie der wissenschaftlichen Gemeinschaft zur Verfügung. Die Konferenz bringt Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler zusammen, die den Textkorpus in verschiedenen Disziplinen nutzen (Politikwissenschaft, Volkswirtschaftslehre, Informatik). Die Konferenzbeiträge behandeln zum einen neue computergestützte Methoden der Textanalyse, zum anderen inhaltliche Fragestellungen aus den Bereichen Parteien, Populismus und Kampagnen. In ihrer Keynote Lecture fragt Margaret E. Roberts (University of California, San Diego), inwiefern die Verwendung computergestützter Textanalyseverfahren die Identifikation kausaler Zusammenhänge ermöglichen, aber auch erschweren kann. Auf der Konferenz wird außerdem der beste Konferenzbeitrag mit dem Manifesto Corpus Award ausgezeichnet. Der Award wird zum ersten Mal verliehen und ist mit 1.000 Euro dotiert. **Veranstalter:** Projekt Manifesto Research on Political Representation; **Informationen bei** manifesto-conference@wzb.eu

8. Februar 2018

The Moral Economy of Sabotage: Corporate Power and the New Nationalism Lecture

by Will Davis, Goldsmiths, University of London, in the series „Great Crisis of Capitalism“. As the case of Brexit demonstrated, new populist movements seem intent on sabotaging existing models of regulation and growth, without necessarily providing alternatives in their place. This appears like irrational „self-harm“ from the perspectives of utilitarian economic traditions and technocrats. However, we need to think carefully about the logic and moral appeal of sabotage. This paper returns to Veblen's observations of sabotage as a business strategy, and the role of intellectual property and trade secrets in preventing the success of one's rivals. The processes Veblen was describing originated at the same time that Nietzsche was writing about moral „ressentiment“. We need to consider the urge to punish and to harm as a long-existing source of capitalist legitimation, identified by Veblen in the management class, but arguably now present in anti-utilitarian populist attacks on neoliberalism. **Veranstalter:** Professor Macartan Humphreys, WZB; **Informationen bei Marion Obermaier/Stefanie Roth, E-Mail:** ipi.office@wzb.eu