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1 Introduction

EUROLAB is the gateway to research stays at GESIS. It welcomes visiting researchers and research groups who want to work in one of the GESIS research fields and/or collaborate with GESIS experts. In the past 20 years, the EUROLAB has proved to be a successful model for the provision of substantively, methodologically, and technically assisted access to the Data Archive for the Social Sciences. For this reason, the scope of its tasks and activities has recently been expanded: in October 2016, EUROLAB joined the newly established GESIS department *Knowledge Transfer*. Since then, EUROLAB is responsible for the organization, coordination, and documentation of all guest stays, the implementation of the EUROLAB Grant Program and the newly implemented GESIS Grant Program as well as the support of individual researchers and research groups visiting EUROLAB with their own funding

Researchers hosted by EUROLAB are provided with a wide range of services. During their stay, visiting researchers have access to personalised fully equipped working spaces including desktop computers as well as a variety of software specialised in statistical analysis such as SPSS, STATA, R, and MPLUS. Also, to some extent, visitors receive logistic support before and throughout their stay. On-site, research visitors have access to research data stored at the GESIS Data Archive and they may use the GESIS library, which provides an extensive variety of literature related to empirical social research as well as our digital library offering access to online scientific journals.

Aside from these services, EUROLAB organise bilateral meetings between its research visitors and GESIS researchers working on similar topics and specific datasets (e.g. ALLBUS, ESS, EVS, WVS). These meetings are usually highly appreciated by research visitors for their valuable opportunity of scientific interexchange. In addition to the bilateral meetings, research visitors have the possibility to present their work in progress at the EUROLAB research seminar to which all members of GESIS are invited. EUROLAB informs its visitors and also encourages them to attend seminars, lectures, and other activities taking place at GESIS during the time of their stay.

Since its establishment in 1996, EUROLAB hosted 394 researchers from more than 30 countries around the world for more than 6615 days. Thus far, EUROLAB's research visitors have published more than 110 books, articles, and conference papers on the basis of their research project carried out during their stay at EUROLAB.

In parallel to hosting and supporting visiting researchers, in 2010 the "Authors' Conference"-Series was established. The main goal of an Authors' Conference is to bring together researchers from all over the world to work on a pertinent societal topic. Two edited volumes based on papers presented at previous Authors' Conferences were published in 2016.

On January 1, EUROLAB welcomed Heidi Schulze as doctoral researcher to its team. Anna Schwickerath left EUROLAB as of March 31 and moved to another team within GESIS. Jasmin Arenz joined the EUROLAB Team in November to support the administrative tasks.

This report presents a summary of EUROLAB's activities during 2016. It provides an overview of the EUROLAB visiting researchers and gives some background information regarding their social demographics, research projects, output and satisfaction with EUROLAB support. Furthermore, it highlights some of the output from EUROLAB and its team members in 2016.



From left to right: Jasmin Arenz, Prof. Dr. Ingvill C. Mochmann, Andrea Meckel, Heidi Schulze, Dr. Roula Nezi, Munir Adi.

2 Visiting Researchers at EUROLAB

In 2016, overall 54 researchers submitted an application and thus expressed their interest to visit EUROLAB. Though the majority of researchers visiting EUROLAB are based in European Institutions, applications from Canada, the United States, Asian and African countries are not uncommon. In 2016, EUROLAB received applications from researchers based in 25 different countries which highlight the high demand and need for on-site access to social sciences data and support within an adequate research environment.

EUROLAB announces two application rounds per year under the EUROLAB Grant scheme. Applications are evaluated by an international selection panel committee on a competitive basis. On average, ten researchers per year receive a grant to visit EUROLAB for a period of one month.

In 2016, EUROLAB hosted 20 researchers from different fields of the social sciences. Out of those 20 researchers, ten received a EUROLAB Grant, six had a personal grant, three were invited by the Department Data Archive (DAS) and one researcher was funded by a Leibniz-DAAD Fellowship (see Figure 2.1).

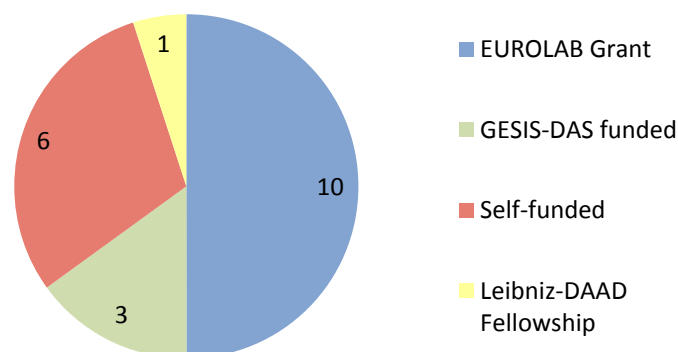


Figure 2.1. Visitors by funding scheme (n= 20)

Figure 2.2 illustrates the number of days each researcher spent at EUROLAB by incorporating information on the funding source of each individual researcher and the country of his/her home institution. The sum of the days all researchers spent at EUROLAB gives a total of 425 days (see Figure 2.2).

Taking into consideration the funding scheme of each external researcher, EUROLAB Grant holders were hosted for 185 working days in total, self-funded researchers for 125 days, while the three researchers invited by DAS stayed at GESIS for 15 days in total. Furthermore, EUROLAB hosted one researcher who was awarded a Leibniz-DAAD Fellowship and accessed EUROLAB for a period of three and half months during 2016.

With respect to the location of the home institution of the researchers, the majority of the scholars awarded a EUROLAB Grant were based at universities in the United States, in Italy, the United Kingdom, and Greece. As Figure 2.2 shows, the three researchers invited by DAS are affiliated to institutions located in Greece and to Australia, and each of them visited GESIS for five days. The third group of researchers hosted by EUROLAB, self-funded researchers, were at the time based at institutions in Korea, Spain, Latvia, and Norway. The six of them used EUROLAB's facilities for 125 days.

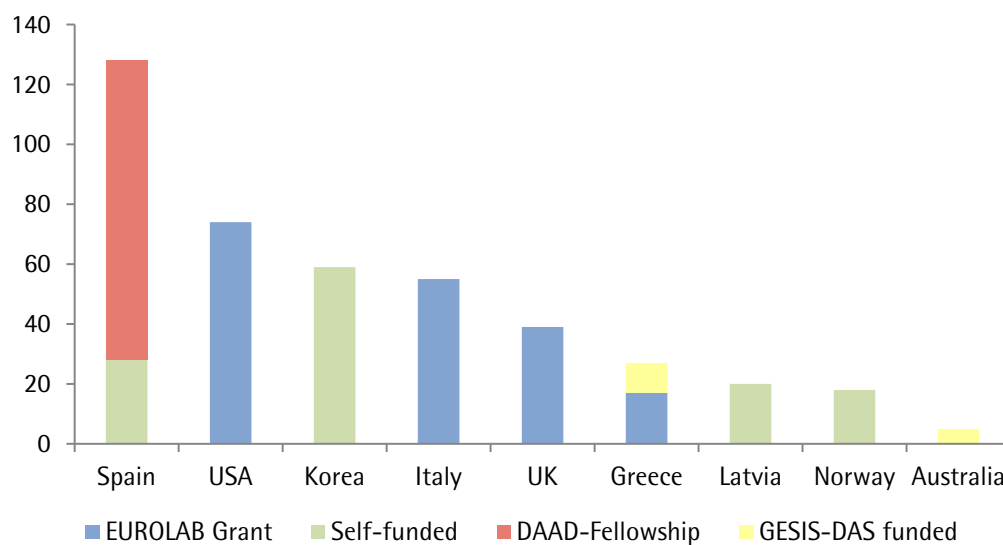


Figure 2.2. Funding of visiting researchers per country in access days in 2016 (n= 425)

The following figures point out the sociodemographic characteristics of the researchers who worked at the EUROLAB in 2016. Starting with their research status, Figure 2.3 indicates the diversity of the academic positions held by EUROLAB's research visitors. Overall, eleven PhD students, four Post-docs, and five Professors conducted research at EUROLAB.

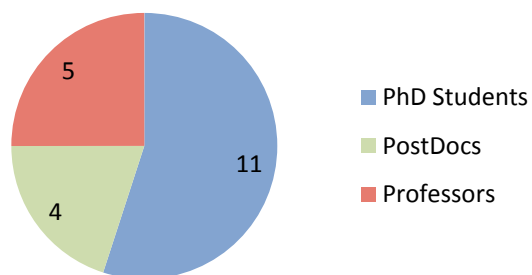


Figure 2.3. Research status of visiting researchers in 2016 (n= 20)

With regards to the gender distribution, eleven men and nine women were hosted by EUROLAB. The age distribution is presented in Figure 2.4 and shows that most visitors were between the age of 30 and 34 years. This coincides with their research status (Figure 2.3) since the majority of the research visitors were PhD students and post-doctoral researchers.

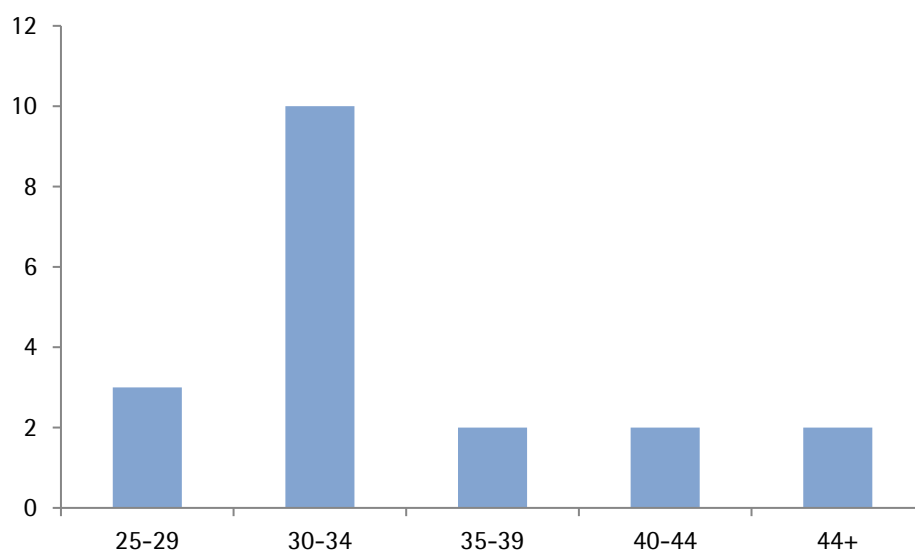


Figure 2.4. Numbers of visitors per age group in 2016 (n= 19)

Finally, the majority of the visiting researchers used individual level data from international comparative surveys offered by the GESIS Data Archive. The most frequently used comparative surveys are the European Values Study (EVS), the International Social Survey Program (ISSP), the Eurobarometer, the European Social Survey (ESS), and the World Values Survey (WVS).

Visiting researchers often bring their own data sets for analysis which they combine with the data available at GESIS. Despite the growing data resources available in the web and the possibilities to analyze them online, researchers profit from conducting their empirical projects in a research environment which includes expert advice, technical equipment, and the suitable statistical software. The most popular statistical software (i.e. nearly all researchers used it) is currently STATA. As in previous years, there is a high demand for R, an open source software that is gaining ground in the social sciences.

The following section provides readers with a list of all EUROLAB visitors in 2016 including additional information such as their home institution and title of the research project they worked on during their stay at EUROLAB.

3 Projects, Publications, and Presentations by Visiting Researchers

3.1 Projects



13.01. – 08.02.

Julie A. O. Borge (University of Bergen, Norway)

Why vote? An Analysis of Political Education in School and Motivations for Political Participation.



15.02. – 11.03.

Oskars Gruzins (University of Latvia, Latvia)

My Father Wore an Occupiers Uniform: Children born of German and Soviet Fathers in World War Two Latvia.



20.02. – 28.02.

Ass. Prof. Vasiliki Georgidou (Panteion University of Athens, Greece)

Radical Right in Greece during the Crisis



20.02. – 28.02.

Dr. Anastasia Kafe (Panteion University of Athens, Greece)

Radical Right in Greece during the Crisis



04.04. – 29.04.

Andrea Filetti (Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy)

Self-interest or cognitive mastery? Testing the interaction between macro- and micro-factors on immigration attitudes across Europe.



23.05.16 – 23.05.17

Dr. Nataliya Reshetova (Universidad de Deusto, Spain)

The Support for Democratic Values in Ukraine from its Independence till nowadays.



04.05. – 30.05.

Valasia Savvidou (University of Leicester, UK)

The importance of the immigration issue on voting for the European Parliament elections. A comparative study.



08.05. – 08.06.

Dr. Roberto Stefan Foa (Harvard University, USA)

From Religious Extremism to Societal Secularization.



16.06. – 09.07.

Endre Borbath (European University Institute, Italy)

Is it the Economy, Stupid? Economic Voting in Europe in the Shadow of the Great Recession.



15.06. – 08.07.

Asst. Prof. Iannis Konstantinidis (University of Macedonia, Greece)

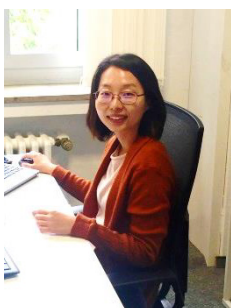
Electoral and Policy Appeal of Social Liberal Parties: Denmark, the Netherlands, Britain.



15.06. – 15.07.

Nataliia Kasianenko (University of Nevada, USA)

Nationalism in Eastern Europe. Individual-level Analysis.



05.07. – 29.07.

Kyung-a Ryu (Yonsei University, Republic of Korea)

The Roles of Civil Society in Democratic Transition.



(From left to right David Siroky, Filippas Exadaktylos, Seong Hee Kim, Andrea Fumarola)

19.09. – 12.11.

Seong Hee Kim (Seoul National University, Republic of Korea)

The Effect of Income Inequality on Trust: Evidence from Privatization in East Germany.

18.09. – 01.10.

Prof. David Siroky (Arizona State University, USA)

The Political Economy of Muslim Minorities and Majorities.

18.09. – 10.10.

Andrea Fumarola (LUISS 'Guido Carli' University of Rome, Italy)

Issue Ownership and Electoral Accountability: How Immigration shapes Partisan Competition in twenty-two European Democracies.

25.09. – 24.10.

Dr. Filippos Exadaktylos (University of Reading, UK)

Social Capital under Good and Bad Governance.

10.10. – 14.10.

Prof. Michele Willson (Department of Internet Studies, Curtin University of Technology, Australia)

Social Mobile Games and the Everyday.



18.10. – 18.11.

Hannah Alarian (University of California, USA)

Migrant Employment and the Theory of Foundational Integration.



01.12.16 – 31.05.17

Prof. Antonio F. Alaminos Chica (Alicante University, Spain)

The West-East Divide in Europe. Exploring social change and the political expectations of European societies.



19.12.16 – 20.01.17

Antonio F. Alaminos Fernández (Alicante University, Spain)

Symbols of the European Identity.

3.2 Publications

EUROLAB gains visibility through the publications of its visiting researchers. In 2016, former EUROLAB research visitors published three articles in peer and non-peer reviewed journals of social sciences. The names of EUROLAB visitors are in **bold**.

- 1 Kim, Byung-Yeon and **Kim, Seong Hee**. "Effects of Human Capital on the Economic Adjustment of North Korean Defectors" *Seoul Journal of Economics* 29, no. 4 (2016): 505-528.
- 2 **Salamońska, Justyna**. "Friend or Foe? Attitudes towards Immigration from Other European Union Countries" *Società Mutamento Politica* 7, no. 13 (2016): 237-253. doi: 10.13128/SMP-18283.
- 3 **Savelyev, Y.** (2016). Decomposition of Value Change in European Societies in 1995–2008: Test of Modernization Model and Socialization Hypothesis. *Sociología*, 48(3), 267-289.
https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2802507

3.3 Presentations

All researchers visiting EUROLAB have the opportunity to present their project at GESIS. The following table provides detailed information on the presentations organized by EUROLAB's personnel to help its visitors to publically discuss their research.

04.03.	Oskars Gruzins	Children Born of War in Latvia, Initial research and challenges (held within the expert meeting "Children born of war in a comparative perspective – state of the art and recommendations for future research and policy").
25.04.	Andrea Filetti	Rational and symbolic threats. A multilevel analysis of their relative impact on immigration attitudes.
31.05.	Roberto Stefan Foa	The Return of Secularization: New Data and Evidence (held within GESIS public lecture series).
04.07.	Endre Borbath	Is It the Economy, Stupid? Defection from Government Parties during the Great Recession.
07.07.	Iannis Konstantinidis	Electoral and Policy Appeal of Social Liberal Parties: Denmark, the Netherlands, and Britain.
12.07.	Natalia Kasianenko	Nationalism in Eastern Europe. Individual level.
10.10.	Andrea Fumarola	Issue ownership and electoral accountability: How immigration shapes competition in the European Union.
24.10.	Filippos Exadaktylos	Social Behavior under Good and Bad Governance.
25.10.	Nataliya Reshetova	The Support for the Democratic Values in Ukraine since its Independence until nowadays. (Held within GESIS public lecture series).
17.11.	Hannah Alarian	Working to Integrate: Migrant Employment, Belonging, and Participation in Advanced Democracies.

4 Evaluation of EUROLAB by its Visiting Researchers

At the end of their research stay, visiting researchers are asked to participate in an online survey aiming to gauge researchers' experience at EUROLAB. The survey covers, among others, their satisfaction with services offered by EUROLAB, the most frequently used services during their research stay, and how they had heard about EUROLAB. Thus far, 63 researchers have completed the questionnaire, 13 of which in 2016. The following graphs and numbers present the results from the online survey in 2016.

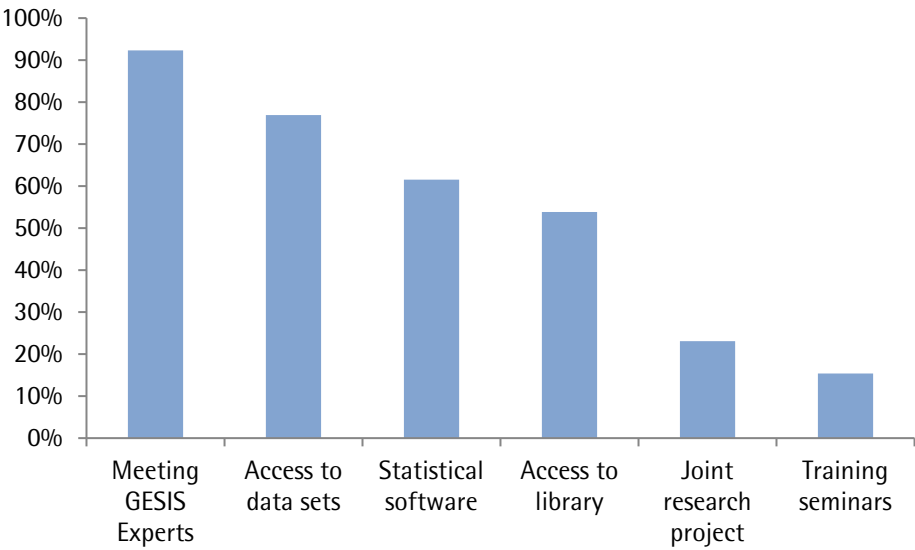


Figure 4.1. Kind of Services used in percent (n=13), multiple answers possible

Figure 4.1 presents the services mainly used by EUROLAB visiting researchers. The majority of the scholars, who visited EUROLAB in 2016, used the opportunity to meet with GESIS experts to discuss their projects. And access data and library. Some of the self-funded visitors also used the opportunity to attend training seminars.

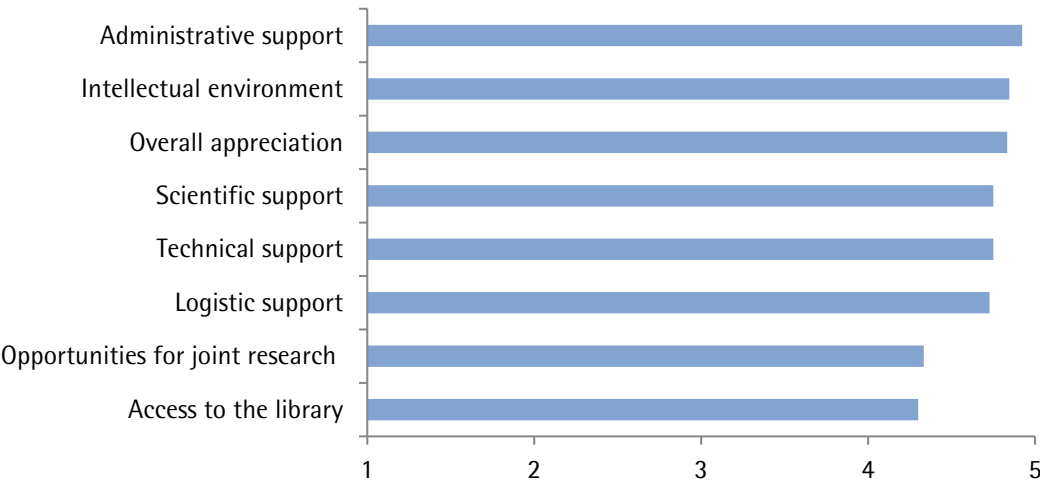


Figure 4.2. Satisfaction with EUROLAB services (n=13), mean values from scales with 1= very poor to 5= very good

Figure 4.2 provides information regarding the overall level of appreciation of the visiting researchers as well as the level of satisfaction for each service provided by EUROLAB. At all levels, EUROLAB was evaluated as very good which is reflected also in the high overall appreciation of the research visit (4.8).

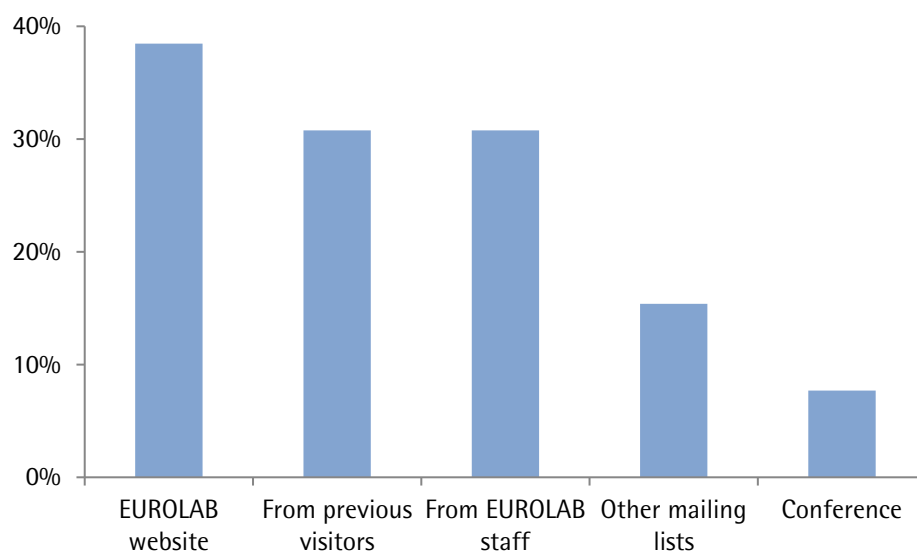


Figure 4.3. How did the visitors learn about the EUROLAB? (Multiple answers in percent, n= 13)

There are different sources from which visitors hear about the research opportunities provided by EUROLAB. The most frequently occurring sources are, as Figure 4.3 demonstrates, EUROLAB website, and previous visitors who spread their experiences at EUROLAB among their home institutions and academic networks. Contact between EUROLAB staff and researchers – usually in the context of conferences and workshops – also plays an important role. Few researchers received information about EUROLAB from newsletters of professional organizations or from other mailing lists.

5 EUROLAB Activities

5.1 Publications based on EUROLAB Authors' Conferences

In 2016, the edited volumes of two EUROLAB Authors' Conferences were published:

EUROLAB Authors' Conference "Values, Crisis and Democracy", GESIS Cologne 26. – 27. September 2013

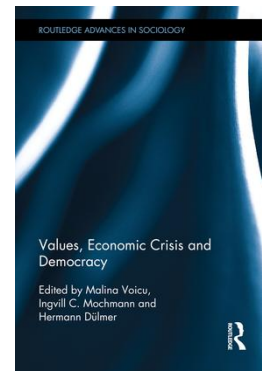
In 2013, international experts came together at GESIS in Cologne to discuss interrelations between the economic crisis, political attitudes and value change. One of the central questions in the focus of the conference was how the crisis affects trust in political institutions and political participation. After extensive preparations the results of this conference were published by Malina Voicu, Ingvill C. Mochmann and Hermann Dülmer at Routledge Advances in Sociology in January, 2016.

About the book:

This book makes use of cross-national survey data to explore the impact of wealth and economic contexts on social values. Instead of attempting to explain how aggregate changes occur (as previous volumes have done) the chapters in this collection focus on micro-level effects to interrogate more deeply the interplay between attitudes and values – and the way both can change as a result of transformation of economic context. This book elaborates on several dimensions of value change:

- The measurement model and the way it changes under the impact of economic shortage;
- The connection between universal value orientations and attitudes towards different objects (e.g. the welfare state, immigrants and ethnic groups);
- The effects of economic factors and vulnerability on values and attitudinal orientations;
- How particular political and economic contexts produce changes in political orientations.

This book focuses on the interrelationship of social values, attitudes and economic scarcity in the context of the last economic crisis experienced by many European countries.



EUROLAB Authors' Conference "Besatzungskinder und Wehrmachtskinder – Auf der Suche nach Identität und Resilienz" [Children Born of War – in search for Identity and Resilience], GESIS Cologne, 7. – 8. May 2015.

During the 2015 EUROLAB Authors' Conference – organized in cooperation with the University of Cologne – about sixty international participants, among them researchers of different disciplines, affected people, journalists, and political actors came together to discuss the life situation of children born of World War II. In August 2016, an edited volume including the research presented at this conference was published at Campus by Elke Kleinau and Ingvill C. Mochmann.

About the book:

This book discusses throughout its 15 chapters the life circumstances of Children Born of WWII. Specifically, these are children fathered by German soldiers in the countries occupied by Nazi Germany or by members of the allied forces in post-war Germany. The fate



of this group of children has been ignored for a long time by the public as well as by the scientific community. Throughout the last decade, however, there has been an increased interest resulting in several research projects of which some are presented within this volume. The focus of the authors' conference as well as of the book was to shed light on factors increasing the resilience of Children Born of WWII. The contributing scientists come from various disciplines, such as History, Psychology, Social Sciences and Education Research and thus, also the methods used vary strongly, including qualitative as well as quantitative approaches.

5.2 Expert Meeting on Children Born of War

March 3-4, an expert meeting was organized by Elke Kleinau and Ingvill C. Mochmann on the topic of "Children born of war in a comparative perspective – state of the art and recommendations for future research and policy" on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the establishment on the "Children Born of War" research programme. The meeting was funded by the Kompetenzfeld V „Soziale Ungleichheiten und Interkulturelle Bildung“(SINTER) and took place at the Cologne Business School in cooperation between the University of Cologne and EUROLAB.

The main scope of the meeting was to:

- provide a critical analysis of the progress obtained thus far regarding the knowledge gained in the research field of Children Born of War during previous years,
- analyze policies implemented that are of great importance to Children Born of War and
- expand the analysis to other groups of war-affected children who may experience similar problems as the Children Born of War.

An important outcome of the meeting is related to the definition of Children Born of War. After a fruitful discussion researchers agreed upon the need to slightly widen the concept of Children Born of War to account for changing patterns of war and conflict. In addition, suggestions for policies and further research were formulated. Among others, it has been suggested to further strengthen the attempts to systematically gain information not only on the Children Born of War and their mothers but also on their fathers and the wider context. At the political level, it was argued that there should be a more intense cooperation between national and international actors to sufficiently ensure the support for children and their mothers.



5.3 Cooperation Agreement with Ternopil National Economic University (Ukraine)

On the initiative of EUROLAB, as of January 1 2016, GESIS established collaboration with the Ternopil National Economic University in Ukraine. The agreement will be active for a period of three years and it incorporates possibilities of cooperation such as staff and students exchange programs, joint publications and grant proposals, as well as visits and traineeships among young scholars.

5.4 Romanian Research Group at GESIS

On November 7, a delegation of Romanian scientists from the National University for Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest visited GESIS with the purpose to receive input of experts on data infrastructure and index design. During the one day workshop, the Romanian team presented their EU-funded project, entitled *"The State of the Nation – the development of an innovative instrument for grounding the development of public policies in Romania"*. GESIS employees Dr. Alexander Jeding and Gabriele Franzmann presented the data inventory and ZACAT as well as Histat and SI-Mon. Dr. Roula Nezi from EUROLAB was in charge of the organization of the workshop.

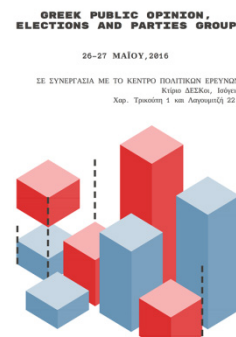
5.5 24th World Congress of Political Science "Politics in a World of Inequality"

July 23 – the IPSA World Congress took place in Poznan, Poland. Ingvill C. Mochmann, GESIS, and Julie Ane Ødegaard Borge, University of Bergen, Norway organized a panel entitled "Children's rights and international politics". The goal of the panel was to increase the visibility of topics that specifically deal with children and their human rights within the political sciences. Many aspects of national and global politics have a strong impact on children. However, they are seldom focus of political sciences and analyses, even though children are central for the future of societies. Within the panel, three very different groups of children have been discussed in separate presentations. Julie A. Ødegaard Borge presented and discussed the results of qualitative interview analysing political education of adolescents in Norway. Irasema Coronado, University of Texas at El Paso, examined the influence of illegal migration and deportation at the border of Mexico and the USA on the affected children. She thereby focused specifically on in how far the two states acted in interests of the children. Andrea Meckel and Ingvill C. Mochmann, GESIS, discussed the social exclusion of Children Born of War in post-war societies and analysed the responsibility of international politics. During the final discussion, links between the presented groups and the respective research questions were examined and it was discussed how the rights of children and adolescents could in the future be better integrated as important object of research within political science.



5.6 Greek Public Opinion Elections and Parties (GrEPOP) 4th Annual Conference

May 26-27, the 4th annual conference of the Greek Public Opinion and Parties Group (GrEPOP) was held at the Panteion University of Athens, Greece. Roula Nezi, a vice convenor of GrEPOP, was part of the organization and the programme committee of the conference, and she also participated as presenter and discussant of articles. The overall aim of this year's workshop was to enhance the scientific knowledge on the political and electoral behavior of Greek voters and the Greek party system during the Great Recession. During the two day conference ten sessions and more than 30 articles from delegates based in several European countries were presented on topics related to methods in political science such as the use of Big Data in the study of political behaviour, the outcome of the Greek referendum and the changing party system in Greece.



6 EUROLAB Staff Activities

Head of EUROLAB: Prof. Dr. Ingvill C. Mochmann

Publications

- Kleinau, Elke, and Ingvill C. Mochmann, ed. 2016. *Kinder des Zweiten Weltkrieges – Stigmatisierung, Ausgrenzung, Bewältigungsstrategien*. Frankfurt/New York: Campus Verlag.
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- Meckel, Andrea, Ingvill C. Mochmann, and Martin Miertsch. 2016. "Soziales Vertrauen bei norwegischen Wehrmachtskindern." In *Kinder des Zweiten Weltkrieges – Stigmatisierung, Ausgrenzung, Bewältigungsstrategien*, edited by Elke Kleinau, and Ingvill C. Mochmann, 157–186. Frankfurt/New York: Campus Verlag.



Presentations and Conference Organization

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- Mochmann, Ingvill C.. 2016. "Kinder des Krieges in Vergangenheit, Gegenwart und Zukunft." Invited presentation, Rotary Club im Römerturm Cologne, 16.11.2016.
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