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1 Introduction

EUROLAB is a research lab established at GESIS in 1996 and welcomes visiting researchers and research groups who want to work in one of GESIS' research fields and/or collaborate with GESIS experts. In the past 20 years, EUROLAB has proven to be a successful model for the provision of substantively, methodologically, and technically assisted access to the Data Archive for the Social Sciences in Cologne. For this reason, the scope of its tasks and activities were expanded and since October 2016, EUROLAB is part of the newly established GESIS department *Knowledge Transfer*¹. Since then, EUROLAB also serves as the gateway to all research visits at GESIS, both in Cologne and Mannheim; it supports the organization of research visits, is responsible for the EUROLAB and GESIS Grant programs and documents all guest stays at GESIS. The aim is to optimize synergies between the various visiting programs as well as the visiting researchers and GESIS staff by combining all information on research stays at GESIS in one place.

Apart from the programs offered and administered directly by the EUROLAB – EUROLAB Grants, GESIS Grants, as well as self-funded research stays – guest researchers may visit GESIS through presidential and departmental invitations. EUROLAB Grants allow GESIS guests to pursue their own research projects on the basis of data stored at GESIS Data Archive. GESIS Grants enable the realization of research projects, which GESIS and its guests jointly initiate and/or which aim to further develop infrastructure projects.

The EUROLAB team currently consists of five members, including three scientific staff members and two administrative staff members. In October 2018, Marlene Mauk joined the EUROLAB as the new postdoctoral researcher following Roula Nezi's transition to the University of Surrey. In addition to team leader Ingvi C. Mochmann, Marlene Mauk (EUROLAB Grants, self-funded research stays) and Heidi Schulze (GESIS Grants) are responsible for the academic support of the guest researchers. Jasmin Arenz (Cologne) and Monika Graf (Mannheim) support all guest stays on an administrative level. In addition, Christoph Piske and Munir Adi supported the team in Cologne as student assistants.

This report gives an overview of the EUROLAB's activities including visiting programs and research stays in 2018 that lasted at least five working days. Chapter 2 offers an overview of all visiting researchers at GESIS in 2018. Chapter 3 presents the results of an ex-post survey of guest researchers. Chapter 4 highlights EUROLAB activities in 2018. Finally, Chapter 5 gives a brief introduction of the EUROLAB staff and its activities.

¹ Ein Leerzeichen zu viel hier! In addition, GESIS is organized along five scientific departments that conduct research and offer research-based services on a wide range of empirical social research: Computational Social Science (CSS), Data Archive for the Social Sciences (DAS), Knowledge Technologies for the Social Sciences (WTS), Monitoring Society and Social Change (DBG), Survey Design and Methodology (SDM).



Figure 1: From left to right: Ingvill C. Mochmann, Marlene Mauk, Heidi Schulze, Monika Graf, Jasmin Arenz.

2 Visiting Researchers at GESIS in 2018

This chapter will first present a general overview of the guest researchers who worked at GESIS during 2018. Next, each subchapter will give a more detailed insight into the different guest researcher groups who were hosted in Mannheim or Cologne: GESIS Invitees (2.1.), GESIS Research Grants (2.2.), Self-funded visitors (2.3.), Third-party funded visitors (2.4), and other guest researchers (2.5).

In 2018, 45 guest researchers visited GESIS: four Presidential Invitations, 18 Departmental Invitations, nine EUROLAB Grant holders, 10 GESIS Grant holders, as well as four self-funded guest researchers and two guest researchers funded by third-party projects at GESIS as shown in Figure 2.1.

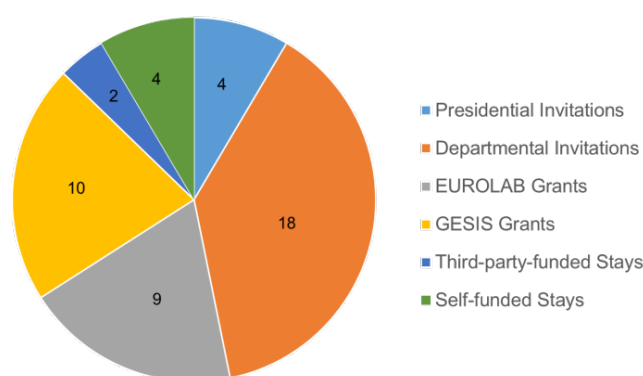


Figure 2.1: Funding Schemes of Guest Researchers (n= 47)²

Figure 2.2 indicates the diversity of the academic positions taking into consideration the status and academic level of the research visitors. Overall, eleven PhD students, 18 Postdocs, 13 Professors, and three Graduates conducted research at GESIS in 2018.

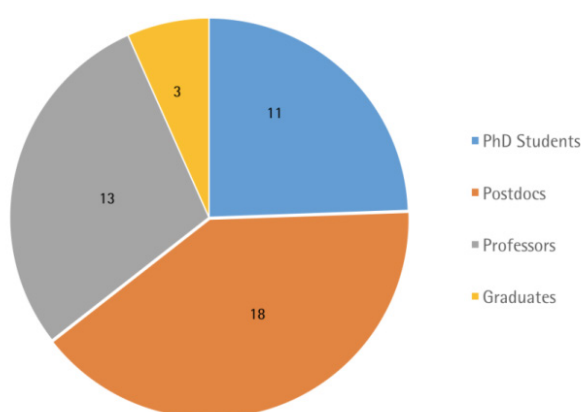


Figure 2.2: Academic Positions Held by Research Visitors (n= 45)

² Two research stays were funded by several schemes: one visiting scientist received a GESIS grant & a departmental invitation, and one guest researcher was invited by both the president and a department.

With regard to gender distribution, 2018 was a rather unbalanced year: while 28 male researchers were guests at GESIS, only 17 female researchers were hosted either in Cologne or Mannheim.

Figure 2.3 illustrates the international variety of guest researchers at GESIS with respect to the country of their home institution. The overarching majority of guest researchers arrived from the United States (13). In addition to Germany and various other European countries, GESIS welcomed guests from Iran, Uganda, South Korea, Russia, Australia, the Philippines, and Canada.

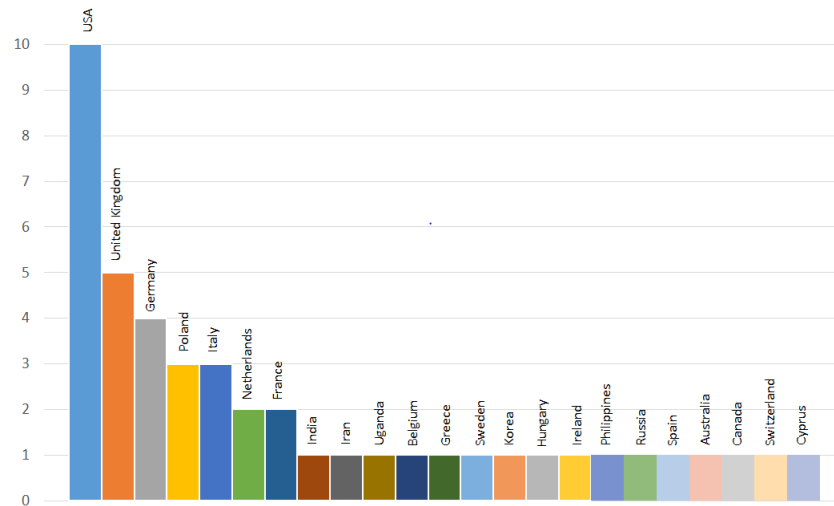


Figure 2.3: Research Visitors by Country of Home Institution (n= 45)

Figure 2.4 illustrates the number of days researchers spent at GESIS by incorporating information on the funding source and the country of their home institution. Altogether, researchers worked at GESIS for a total of 780 access days. GESIS hosted guest researchers from 23 different countries; the three most prominent countries with respect to the number of access days were Iran (one self-funded stay), USA and Poland.

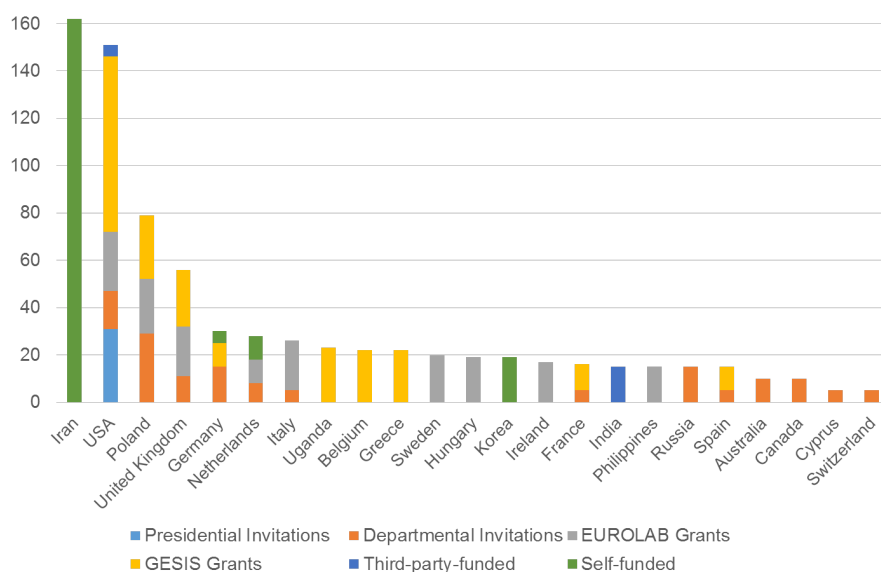


Figure 2.4: Funding of Visiting Researchers per Country of Home Institution in 2018 in Access Days (n= 780)

Presidential Invitees from universities in the USA used GESIS facilities for a period of 31 days. Researchers who visited GESIS by departmental invitation accessed GESIS facilities for 139 days coming from research facilities in Poland, the USA, Russia, Germany, UK, Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, Cyprus, Spain, France, and Italy. EUROLAB Grant holders worked at GESIS for 171 days and at the time were based at universities in the USA, Poland, UK, Italy, Sweden, Hungary, Ireland, the Philippines and the Netherlands. GESIS Grant holders collaborated with GESIS experts on joint projects for 223 days and were affiliated with institutions located in the USA, Poland, United Kingdom, Uganda, Belgium, Greece, France, Germany and Spain. Third-party-funded researchers came from home institutions in India and the USA and accessed GESIS facilities for 20 days. The remaining 196 access days were used by self-funded researchers for their respective research projects. They came from home institutions in Iran, Korea, the Netherlands and Germany.

2.1 GESIS Invitees

GESIS regularly invites researchers to work on joint projects with GESIS staff. There are two forms of programs: the Presidential Invitations and the Departmental Invitations. Presidential Invitations are issued by the President of GESIS in cooperation with the Board of Directors based on suggestions by the departments. Furthermore, each department invites guests for research or infrastructure related projects on the premise of a joint collaboration.

In 2018, four Presidential Invitees worked at GESIS: Brad Edwards, Vice President of Field Services at Westat, visited GESIS from April 08 to April 15 to collaborate with Beatrice Rammstedt (SDM) on research on field management and survey operations in general. Tenko Raykov, Michigan State University, worked with Ranjit Singh (SDM) from April 13 to April 28 in order to do research within the framework of the optimal development and testing of psychometric scales. Don A. Dillman, Washington State University, collaborated with David Bretschgi (SDM) and did research on the development and testing of web-push survey methods for improving response and data quality in general public surveys in the period of June 9 until June 6. In the period from August 08 to August 15 as well as August 27 to August 31, Stephanie Eckman, RTI Washington, worked with Jessica Daikeler (SDM) on her research project "MUMS- Motivated Underreporting in Mobile Surveys; RPDQ – Can Response Propensities Predict Local and Global Data Quality?".

There were 18 Departmental Invitations lasting from five days up to six weeks in 2018. The overview of researchers supported by departmental invitations is given in Table 2.1 below.

Table 2.1 Research Visitors Invited by GESIS Departments

Date	Name	Topic	Department
18.02. 23.02.	Luke Sloan (School of Social Sciences – Cardiff University, UK)	Questions of Integrating Digital Trace Data with Data from Social Science Surveys	DAS
19.02. 23.02.	Andrew M. Guess (Princeton University, USA)	Web Tracking Data / Talk at the Symposium	CSS
14.03. 23.03.	Bella Struminskaya (Utrecht University, Netherlands)	Panel Conditioning in Web Surveys	SDM
21.05. 29.06.	Maciej Beręsewicz (Poznań University of Economics and Business, Poland)	Biased Social Media Data to Predict Official Statistics	CSS
18.06. 24.06.	Sergio Martini (Pompeu Fabra University Barcelona, Spain)	Research on Far-Right Voting and Political Trust"	DBG
16.07. 23.07.	Sebastian Popa (University of Newcastle, UK)	The Interaction of Political Trust and Political Sophisti- cation	DBG
09.09. 16.09.	Robert Jäschke (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany)	Projektausarbeitung, Beratung und Konsultation zu Fragen und Themen wie Web, Archiving, Web Archive Analyse und Big Data	WTS
24.09. 28.09.	Stephen Reder (Portland State University, USA)	Stability and Change in Adult Competencies (SCACOM)	SDM
24.09. 28.09.	Joseph Sakshaug (Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung (IAB) & Universität Mannheim, Germany)	Research on Probability and Nonprobability Samples, Advise and Consult with GESIS Staff Members on Ques- tions of Probability and Nonprobability Samples	SDM
24.09. 14.10.	Elizaveta Sivak (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Rus- sia)	School Life	CSS
07.10. 21.10.	Ian McAllister (The Australian National University, Australia)	Exchange Ideas with Other Scholars at GESIS and the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems	DBG
03.11. 10.11.	Fernando Mendez (University of Zurich, Switzerland)	Using VAA-Generated Data to Map Political Dimen- sionality in the European Union	DAS
03.11. 10.11.	Vassiliki Triga (Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus)	Mapping Collective Action in Greece in a Time of Crisis	DAS
23.11. 30.11.	Tenko Raykov (University of Michigan, USA)	Research on the Optimal Development and Testing of Measurement Instruments	SDM
26.11. 01.12.	Mark Franklin (European University Institute, Florence, Italy)	Monitoring Electoral Democracy (MEDem)	DAS
02.12. 14.12.	Ashley Pullman (University of Ottawa, Florence, Canada)	Research on Earnings Instability and Mobility in Ger- many and Canada	SDM
03.12. 07.12.	Mathieu Génois (Aix-Marseille University, Center for Theoretical Physics, France)	SocioPatterns	CSS

2.2 GESIS Research Grants

The GESIS Research Grant Programs include the EUROLAB Grant scheme (since 1996) and the GESIS Grant scheme (since 2017):

1. EUROLAB Grants support individual research stays at GESIS for a period of one month;
2. GESIS Grants support collaboration, or the preparation of a collaboration, between GESIS employees and external researchers for a period between five working days and three months.

Both funding schemes are implemented, organized, and supervised by the EUROLAB Team. EUROLAB announced four application rounds in 2018, two per grant scheme. Applications for EUROLAB Grants are evaluated by an international selection panel on a competitive basis. The GESIS Grant applications are reviewed by the GESIS Board of Directors based on their compatibility with GESIS' mission, the expected output, and the quality of the application. Overall, 119 researchers submitted an application for both grant schemes. Regarding the country of home institution of the applicants, GESIS received applications from researchers from 35 countries and five continents. These numbers highlight the high demand for on-site access to social sciences data and support within a highly recognized research environment as well as research and experience exchange.

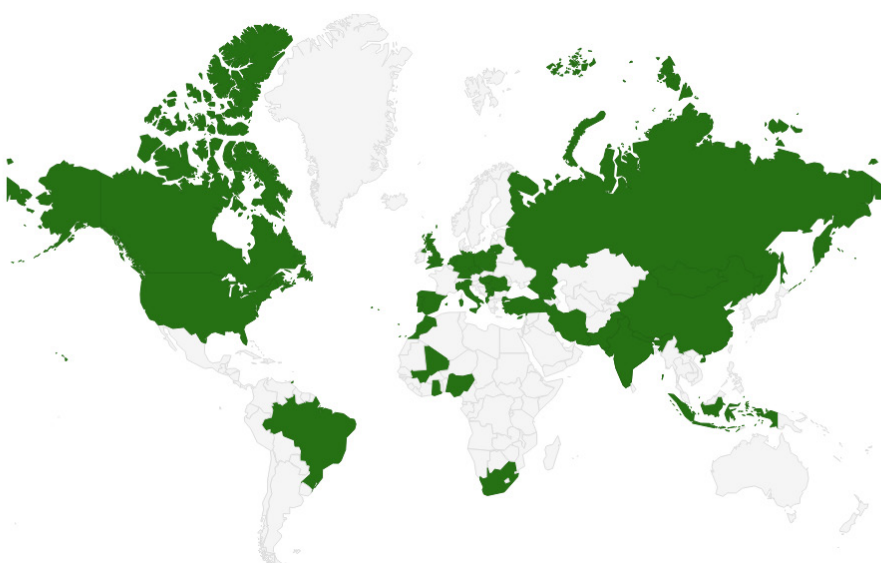


Figure 2.5: Received Applications per Region³

Altogether, 54 researchers applied for a *EUROLAB Grant* to work on their individual projects based on data stored at GESIS. Ten guest researchers were invited to work at EUROLAB, Cologne. One guest rescheduled her visit to 2019. So altogether, in 2018, GESIS supported nine EUROLAB Grant holders who worked at EUROLAB for a period of 171 access/working days as detailed in the table below.

³ Source of map: Adventureally.com (2019, April 15). *Map of countries visited*. Retrieved from <https://www.adventureally.com/create-map-of-countries-visited>

Table 2.2 EUROLAB Grant Stays in 2018

Date	Name	Topic
02.02. – 01.03.	Jeffrey Mitchell (Umeå University, Sweden)	Longitudinal Region-Level Context and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Adolescence
26.04. – 16.05.	Melissa Lucia Lopez Reyes (De La Salle University, Philippines)	Receptiveness towards Social Inclusion and Social Change vis-à-vis Sense of National Identity and Citizenship: The Case of Emerging Adults in 2003/2004 and 2013/2014
14.05. – 16.06.	Bharat Chandra Rout (University of Missouri, USA)	Education and Welfare State in South Asia: Investigating the processes of Decommodification and Stratification
28.05. – 19.06.	Stefan Müller (Trinity College Dublin, Ireland)	Expectation of Coalition Formation in Multi-Party Settings: When Do Voters Get It Right?
02.09. – 02.10.	Ireneusz Sadowski (Polish Academy of Sciences Warsaw)	The transformation saga: social change in the intergenerational perspective
17.09. – 30.09.	Kostas Gemenis (University of Twente, NL)	Comparing Supply and Demand Side Attitudes on Environmental Issues
01.11. – 27.11.	Elena Christina Mitrea (CEU Budapest, Romania)	The political effects of economic insecurity: a comparative analysis of intergenerational attitudinal congruence across Europe
01.11. – 29.11.	Daniel Devine (University of Southampton, UK)	The Effect of European Integration on Political Support
01.11. – 30.11.	Maria Montanari (University of Milan, Italy)	Varieties of Occupational Outcomes of Eastern EU Migrants across Western Europe

For the *GESIS Grants*, eight out of 65 applicants were selected and invited to work on a joint project at GESIS for a period from one week to two months between July 2018 and December 2019. In 2018, 9 guest researcher stays were funded by the GESIS Grant program for 223 working days as detailed in Table 2.3.

Table 2.3 GESIS Grant Stays in 2018

Date	Name	Topic
29.01. – 28.02.	Norman Mukasa (Bugema University & Muteesa I Royal University, Uganda)	Enhancing Research and Research Capacities in Uganda Through Investing in Research Infrastructure <i>Guest of Ingvill C. Mochmann, EUROLAB (Wtr)</i>
15.02. – 23.03.	Ilona Wismulek (Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland)	Measurement comparability in survey research <i>Guest of Natalja Menold (SDM)</i>
08.04. – 14.04.	Zsófia Ignácz (FU Berlin, Germany)	The Values of Religious Believers, Non-Believers, & Atheists: Exploring the Linkage between Religious Orientations & Value Priorities
08.10. – 12.10		<i>Guest of Clemens Lechner (SDM)</i>
02.05. – 31.05.	Adeline Otto (KU Leuven, Belgium)	Benefit generosity and segment mobility in European Labour Markets <i>Guest of Heike Wirth (DBG)</i>
04.06. – 24.06.	Sergio Martini (Pompeu Fabra University Barcelona, Spain)	The determinants of far-right and populist parties <i>Guest of Pablo Christmann (DBG)</i>
04.06. – 13.07.	Shawn Walker (Arizona State University, USA)	The Collection, Preservation, and Reproducibility of Social Media Datasets <i>Guest of Katrin Weller (CSS) & Katharina Kinder-Kurlanda (DAS)</i>
11.06. – 25.06.	Marc Bertin (Université Claude Bernard Lyon, France)	Extracting and annotating in-Text References <i>Guest of Philipp Mayr-Schlegel (WTS)</i>
01.11. – 30.11.	Evangelia Kartsounidou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)	Survey Experience and Response Quality <i>Guest of Henning Silber (SDM)</i>
1.12.18– 31.1.19	Eric Guntermann (University of California, Berkeley, USA)	Coalitions and policy preferences: do citizens adjust their positions to government coalitions? <i>Guest of Stephen Quinlan (DBG)</i>

2.3 Self-funded Stays

GESIS also supports individual researchers and research groups who fund their own research stays, e.g. during sabbaticals or research fellowships. Self-funded guest researchers tend to stay for longer periods of time as indicated in Table 2.4 below.

Table 2.4 Self-funded Guest Researchers in 2018

	Name	Topic
10.04. – 04.05.	Seung Eunah Cha (The University of Suwon, South Korea)	Children's impact on Mothers' and Fathers' diurnal activity structure: Does life get easier when children grow up? <i>Guest of Georgios Papastefanou (DBG)</i>
09.05. – 20.12.	Seyed Morteza Khani Hoolari (University of Mazandaran, Iran)	Natural Budget Deficit and Natural Political Cyclicity <i>Guest of EUROLAB (WTr)</i>
14.05. – 18.05.	Birthe Hemeier (Vorderasiatisches Museum Berlin)	ILLICID <i>Guest of Steffen Pötzschke (SDM)</i>
05.11. – 16.11.	Angelica Maineri (Tilburg University, Netherlands)	Studying the priming effect of family norms on gender roles' attitudes: an experimental design <i>Guest of Vera Lomazzi (DAS)</i>

2.4 Third-party Funded Stays

Some externally funded projects at GESIS enable the invitations of guest researchers. In 2018, two guest scientists were invited based on this type of funding. Vivek Kumar Singh collaborated with Philipp Mayr (WTS) within the Indian-German research project "Design of a Sciento-text Computational Framework for Retrieval and Contextual Recommendations of High Quality Scholarly Articles". Limor Peer was invited by Claudia Biniossek (DAS) as part of the DFG-funded project *X-Hub – Making Social Science More Reproducible* focusing on the origin and philosophy of the ISPS Data Archive and demonstrating a new curation software powered by DDI.

Table 3.5 Third-party Funded Researchers in 2018

Date	Name	Topic
10.04. – 04.05.	Vivek Singh (Banaras Hindu University, India)	ScientoText Funded by DAAD; <i>Guest of Philipp Mayr, WTS</i>
10.03. – 17.03.	Limor Peer (Yale University, USA)	X-Hub – Making Social Science More Reproducible Funded by DFG; <i>Guest of Claudia Biniossek, DAS</i>

2.5 Other Guests

Further GESIS guests regularly visit teams or staff members, for example to obtain access to official data or data that are sensitive from a data protection viewpoint, or to work with GESIS employees who are experts on social science metadata standards. Frequently, researchers are interested in working at one of the five Research Data Centers (RDC): Ailbus, Elections, German Microdata Lab (GML), International Survey Programmes, and PIAAC. In addition, the [Secure Data Center](#) (SDC) often hosts

guest researchers. SDC offers access to disclosive data sets by hosting a safe room for on-site access. Research visits at GML and SDC as well as research visits fewer than five working days are not documented in this report.

2.6 Presentations by GESIS guest researchers

Researchers visiting GESIS have the opportunity to present their projects to receive comments and feedback on their work. These presentations are advertised to GESIS staff to take part in the discussion. The different formats for presentations include colloquia organized by GESIS departments and brown-bag sessions organized by EUROLAB. Since 2017, the brown-bag meeting sessions take place during lunch time and allow detailed and fruitful discussions. In addition, the GESIS presentation series introduces results from final papers and research projects and talks are usually live streamed to Mannheim/Cologne. The following table provides information on the presentations of all guest researchers who stayed at GESIS for five consecutive days or longer.

Table 2.5 Presentations by Guest Researchers

Date	Name	Topic
19.02.	Norman Mukasa	Education and Welfare State in South Asia: Investigating the processes of De-commodification and Stratification
26.02.	Jeffrey Mitchell	Longitudinal Region-Level Context and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Adolescence
07.05.	Melissa Reyes	Receptiveness towards Social Inclusion and Social Change vis-à-vis Sense of National Identity and Citizenship: The Case of Emerging Adults
11.06.	Stefan Müller	Expectation of Coalition Formation in Multi-Party Settings: When Do Voters Get It Right?
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02.10.	Morteza Khani	Election Forecasting and Machine Learning (CSS Colloquium)
07.11.	Fernando Mendez	Using VAA-generated data to map political dimensionality in the European Union
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26.11.	Maria Montanari	Varieties of Occupational Outcomes of Eastern EU Migrants across Western Europe
26.11.	Cristina Mitrea	The Political Effects of Economic Insecurity: A Comparative Analysis of Intergenerational Attitudinal Congruence across Europe

2.7 Publications

Publications by visiting researchers and/or visiting researchers in cooperation with GESIS staff published in 2018:

- Crespi, I. & Lomazzi, V. (2018). Gender mainstreaming and gender equality in Europe: Policies, legislation and Eurobarometer surveys. *Studi di sociologia*, 1 (1), 23-39.
- Molteni, F. & Biolcati, F. 2018. Shifts in religiosity across cohorts in Europe: A multilevel and multidimensional analysis based on the European Values Study. *Social Compass*, 65 (3): 413-432.
- Petkova, Diana. 2018. Death, After-Life and Rebirth: Cultural Transfusion of Ideas. *Journal of narratives and social sciences* 2018 (2): 8-21.

3 Assessment of EUROLAB by Visiting Researchers

Since 2017, EUROLAB monitors all guest researchers' stays at GESIS, both in Cologne and Mannheim. To ensure and further improve the quality of our services, an updated evaluation scheme was adopted in 2018. All visiting researchers, excl. Presidential Invitees, listed in the previous chapter received a post-stay online survey. Apart from the online survey, all guest researchers were asked to prepare a report after completion of their stay at GESIS. These reports provide for a more general feedback as illustrated by anonymized quotes in the following chapter. Subsequently, we present the results from the online survey which was sent to all guest researchers who stayed at least five working days at GESIS.

3.1 Voices of Visiting Researchers

The grant-holders commented on, for example,

The progress of their research projects:

- The month long stay with EUROLAB allowed me to make multiple data runs out of the SDC and collaborate with my supervisor in Sweden, and I believe that the results that I have generated are methodologically rigorous.
- During my stay, I made a series of changes to the research I had planned to conduct here, with the help of several researchers which I consulted regarding the specific issues connected to my project. Therefore, I received significant and greatly appreciated help.
- My stay at GESIS helped a lot in refining my analysis, ensuring that I proceed in the right direction.

Support provided by GESIS staff:

- Most of the datasets that have qualified for that purpose had a restricted access protocol and necessitated me to apply for it. However, thanks to kind help provided by GESIS staff I was able to access the data relatively quickly. The same goes for the library query.
- The continuous support received by Marlene was decisive in getting me into contact with other researchers, both in person here in Cologne and via phone call with the personnel based in Mannheim.
- In particular, I have directly collaborated with [list of several GESIS staff members]. Thanks to their suggestions, I made substantive improvements in my researches during this month.

(Planned) Publications and further projects started at GESIS:

- A first presentation of this study has been already accepted at GESIS Panel User conference, in March; while an abstract has also been submitted at ESRA Conference.
- In terms of project outputs, within the next months, me and my co-author will come forward with a draft article that will be presented at the annual conference of the European Social Policy Analysis Network. Additionally, the article manuscript will be submitted for publication

to an international peer-reviewed journal. I also aim to present the project at the 6th EU-Microdata User Conference in Mannheim in March 2019.

- My host and I successfully wrote our primary paper on the impact of changes in governmental coalitions on citizens' policy preferences in Germany.
- The research stay has enhanced envisioning an idea of a summer school program for Africa.

The opportunity to give presentations and share results:

- The audience feedback after my presentation has been constructive and helpful
- In addition, the presentation of my work represented an important chance to receive a feedback from several researchers who I had not previously contacted.

Data(sets) and Services Used:

- Online access to data is excellent, enabling me to do preliminary work prior to my EUROLAB stay and subsequent work after. Computer facilities are available and well-functioning. The library is another helpful resource; access to the GESIS-EUROLAB publications has enabled me to situate my current work within the thrust of GESIS-EUROLAB
- Using a part of the Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Survey in Four European Countries (CILS4EU) data set with access provided in the Secure Data Center at GESIS, I created growth curves with clustered longitudinal multilevel analysis and was able to show that state level contextual factors have influence over individuals' attitudes during the crucial time in adolescence when attitudes are the most subject to change.

Suggestions for Improvements:

- It would be good if EUROLAB guest researchers would be automatically added to one of the internal mailing lists in order to hear about events and workshops at GESIS.
- Sometimes, it is not possible to carry or complete a new project entirely within a month time. A consideration for increasing duration of grant more than one month may be given.
- The only thing that I can think of that would have been helpful in the Secure Data Center would be an English Keyboard. Writing R code with many special characters on a German keyboard was cumbersome.
- My stay in general was a great experience and there was a high level of flexibility. However, a little bit more information about the practicalities of Mannheim (places to stay), the approximate amount of the grant would have been extremely useful.
- More information about the library services.

Praise:

- Excellent opportunity for young scholars
- Great opportunity to collaborate and build network!
- I am very grateful for the opportunity of spending a research stay at GESIS. I believe this has greatly helped me advance my project and I am very grateful to the EUROLAB staff for making sure all the visiting fellows were well integrated into the community.

3.2 Results from the EUROLAB Survey

The following graphs and numbers are based on the responses to the post-stay online survey. In 2018, 19 researchers hosted by GESIS in both Cologne and Mannheim have completed this survey. Most of the researchers who participated in the survey visited GESIS with one of the GESIS Research Grants. The survey covers, among other topics, how they had heard about possibilities to visit GESIS, the most frequently used services during their research stay, and the satisfaction with services offered by GESIS. This applies to scientific related and technical support as well as logistical and administrative support both before and during the research stay.

There are different sources from which visitors hear about research opportunities at GESIS, as Figure 3.1 demonstrates.

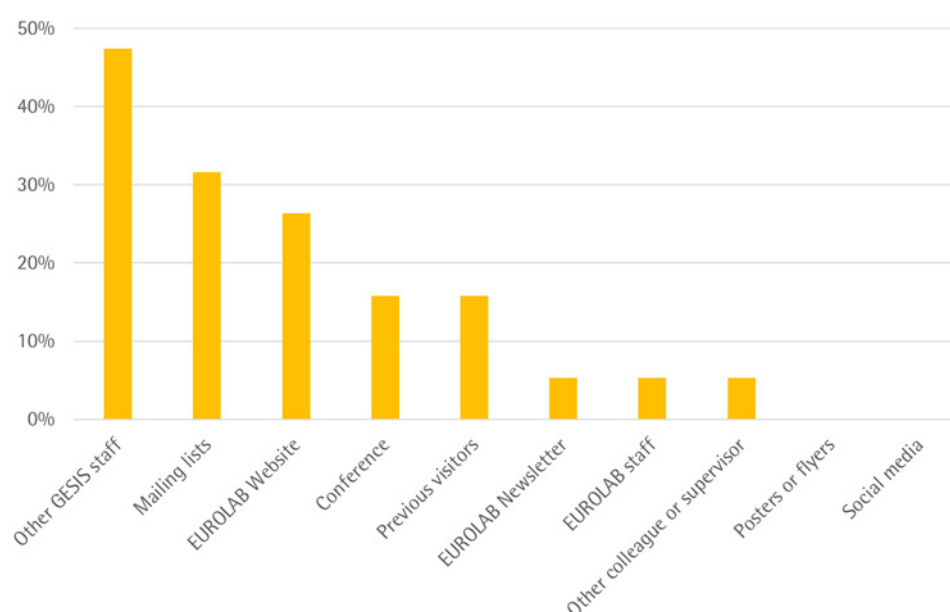


Figure 3.1: How visitors heard about the possibilities to visit at GESIS (n=19), multiple answers possible

Most respondents have become aware of the possibility to do research at GESIS through other GESIS staff members. In second place, mailing lists drew the attention of various researchers to the possibilities to work at GESIS. While more than a quarter of the respondents were reached via the EUROLAB website, personal contacts with former visitors who spread their experiences at EUROLAB at their home institutions and among their academic networks as well as contacts established at conferences still play an important role. Finally, some guests became aware of GESIS via the EUROLAB Newsletter, EUROLAB staff or other colleagues, or their supervisor. None of the respondents have heard about opportunities at GESIS via a poster or flyer or via social media.

Figure 3.2 presents the relevance of the services to guest researchers by its frequency of usage, which may be an indication for understanding the main motivation of guest researchers to work at GESIS.

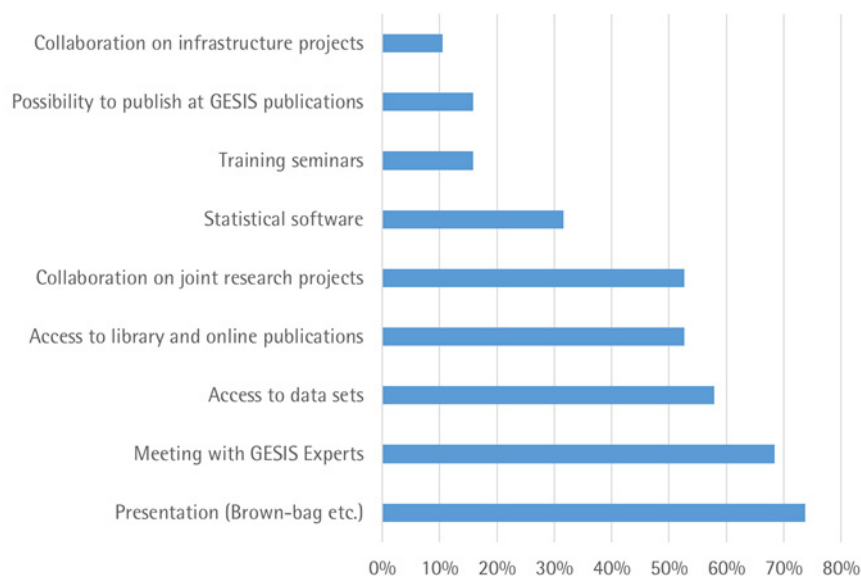


Figure 3.2: Kinds of Services used in % (n= 19); multiple choices possible

Most scholars who visited GESIS in 2018 used the opportunity to meet with GESIS experts in order to discuss their projects and to present their projects at, for example, one of EUROLAB's brown-bag meetings or as part of the GESIS Lecture Series. The access to datasets archived at GESIS is also one of the central services used by guests. More than 50 percent of guest researchers who participated in the survey accessed the GESIS library and online publications. Joint research projects were also conducted by more than half of all respondents. Further, guests frequently used access to statistical software. Some of the visitors also used the opportunity to attend GESIS training seminars or made usage of the possibility to publish at GESIS publications. Finally, some visitors collaborated on infrastructure projects.

In addition to the evaluation of the services used, the evaluation of the satisfaction of these services is also of crucial importance. As shown in Figure 3.3, visitors were in fact very satisfied with the services used, especially with the possibility to collaborate on joint infrastructure projects and the access to data sets. The only area where visitors saw some room for improvement was the possibility to publish at GESIS publications.

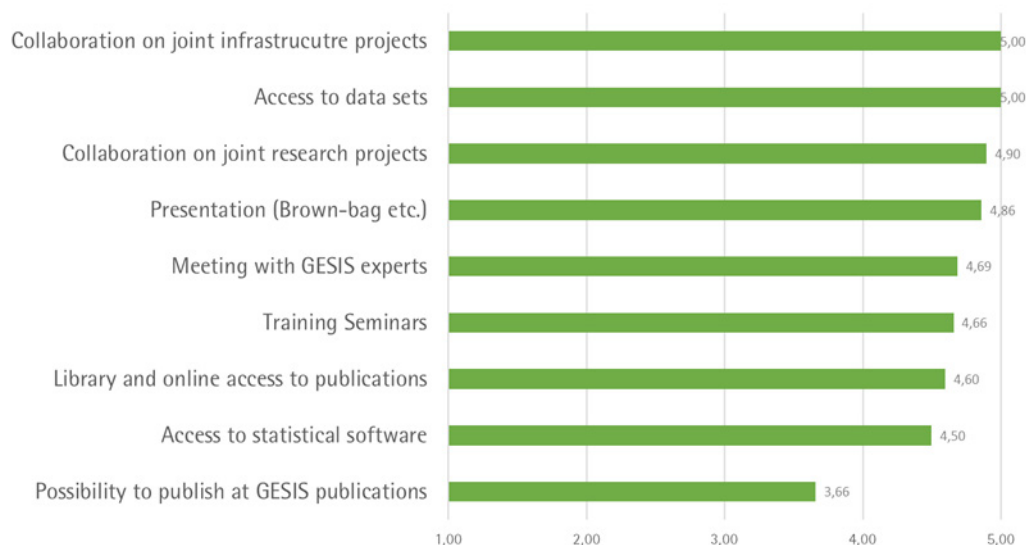


Figure 3.3: Satisfaction with Services (n= 19); mean values from scales with 1= very poor to 5= very good)

Figure 3.4 provides information regarding the overall level of appreciation of the visiting researchers as well as the level of satisfaction for the support of each service individually.

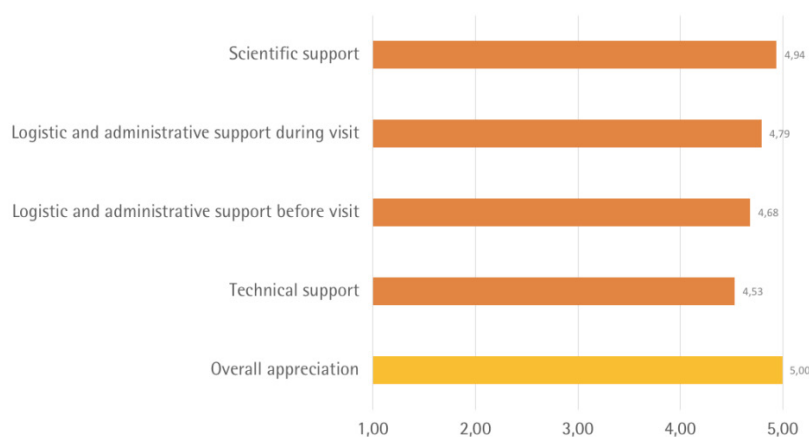


Figure 3.4: Satisfaction with support (n= 19); mean values from scales with 1= very poor to 5= very good

All EUROLAB services were evaluated as very good and, consequently, this is reflected in the high overall appreciation of the research visit (Figure 3.4). All participants evaluated their GESIS stay as very good (5.0). Especially the scientific support (4.94) plays an important role in the high evaluation. Also of great importance is the high evaluation of the logistic and administrative support, both during and before the stay and finally the high evaluation of the technical support.

4 EUROLAB Activities

4.1 Capacity Building and Research Cooperations

In addition to the academic and administrative support of guest researchers, one central task of the EUROLAB is capacity building. To this end, EUROLAB encourages cooperation on both research and infrastructure projects. In 2018, the focus was primarily on sub-Saharan Africa. Several co-operations were initiated, especially with Uganda, where Norman Mukasa, one of the 2018 GESIS Grant holders, is setting up a Research Data Lab in the Social Sciences based on the EUROLAB model. Several funding proposals in the fields of research, infrastructure and training were submitted in 2018 under the leadership of the head of the Knowledge Transfer department.

4.2 RDA

Comprehensive international and interdisciplinary cooperation with other infrastructure facilities also takes place within the framework of the Research Data Alliance (RDA). Several sessions took place in cooperation with other RDA Interest Groups in 2018; the session "Ethics in FAIR Data: Ethical and practical issues of data sharing and usage within and across disciplines" at the 11th RDA, Plenary, Berlin, was a collaboration between IG Data for Development, IG Ethics and Social Aspects of Data, IG Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems' Data, IG Health Data, and IG RDA/NISO Privacy Implications of Research Data Sets and several sessions took place at the 12th RDA Plenary/SciDataCon in Botswana in co-operation with partners such as "Capacity Building for Data Management and Participation in International Surveys in Africa", "African Universities Response to the Challenges of the Data Revolution", " Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Data at the Subnational Level".

5 EUROLAB Staff

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

Ingvill C. Mochmann leads the EUROLAB team. Her research focuses on interdisciplinary, international, and intersectoral research in the field of democracy and minority rights, children born of war, SDGs, comparative social research, mixed methods, participatory research and research on hidden populations. Further information can be found [here](#).



At EUROLAB, she supports visiting researchers and is involved in research project acquisition and management, organizational development incl. elaboration of strategies, network and capacity building as well as knowledge transfer.

Postdoctoral researcher: Dr. Marlene Mauk



Marlene Mauk's research interests are located in the field of political culture. She is particularly interested in the comparison of citizens' attitudes towards the political system between democracies and autocracies. Other research interests include political value orientations, (sources of) political trust, and issues of cross-country comparability. Further information can be found [here](#).

At EUROLAB, Marlene coordinates the EUROLAB Grant funding scheme and is the main contact person for self-funded research visits. In addition, Marlene serves as the scientific coordinator of the GESIS Spring Seminar.

Researcher, PhD Candidate: Heidi Schulze, M.A.

Heidi Schulze's research interests are located at the intersection of political & digital communication, digital propaganda, public opinion research, and media effects research, as well as at the application of computational methods and digital trace data analyses to study political behavior in online environments. Further information can be found [here](#).



At EUROLAB, she functions as deputy head and is the coordinator of the GESIS Grant funding scheme. In addition, Heidi is PhD Representative for GESIS Cologne. As such she is the contact person for all PhD Students at GESIS, organizing events for Doctoral students and representing GESIS within the Leibniz PhD Network.

Administrative support: Jasmin Arenz



Jasmin Arenz started her apprenticeship as management assistant in the communications office at GESIS in 2003. Based on her qualifications she moved to the finance department of GESIS. Since November 2016, she supports the administrative and specifically the financial tasks of the EUROLAB.

Administrative support: Monika Graf

Monika Graf was employed as a foreign language secretary in the Social Indicators department from 2005 to 2011 and worked as a project assistant in the European Social Survey team of the Survey Design and Methodology department from 2011 to 2017. Since November 2017, she has been supporting the administrative tasks of the EUROLAB Team and is also responsible for the GESIS Grants in Mannheim. Further information can be found [here](#).

**Student Research Assistant: Christoph Piske, B.A.**

Christoph Piske started working at GESIS in July 2016 as part of a cooperation project with the University of Cologne on an international comparative study on Children Born of War. In June 2017, he joined EUROLAB as a student assistant.

Student Research Assistant: Munir Adi, B.A.

Munir Adi has been working at EUROLAB as a student assistant since May 2015. He supports all practical EUROLAB activities, in particular activities related to data search, data protection, web design and development, as well as the organization of research events and conferences.

