

CRC 1342 “Global Dynamics of Social Policy” – Newsletter #1, July 2019

Dear readers,

Now that we are one and a half years into the first funding period of our collaborative research centre, we would like to give you an overview of what has happened so far.

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Kind regards,

The team of CRC 1342

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1. CRC 1342 GENERAL ACTIVITIES

International Conference on "Global Dynamics of Social Policy"

170 scholars from 35 nations met at the first conference of the Collaborative Research Centre 1342 "Global Dynamics of Social Policy" at the University of Bremen. On 25th and 26th October 2018, they presented research results on social policy issues: from the restructuring of social security systems in Europe under the influence of migration to pension reforms in Russia and China to the social policies of right-wing populists and basic social protection in Latin America and Africa.



Read a summary [on the CRC 1342 website](#).

Germany's Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs visiting

Hubertus Heil visited the SOCIUM and CRC 1342, where the Federal Minister discussed pension reform proposals and the future of social policy research. Read a summary [on the CRC 1342 website](#).



BIGSSS & CRC 1342 Summer Retreat 2019

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences and the CRC 1342 have retreated three days to Krummendeich for presentations and discussions of research projects.

The gallery with photos from the event can be found on the [Flickr page of CRC 1342](#).



2. NEWS, PUBLICATIONS AND RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

A01. Measuring the Global Dynamics of Social Policy and Cross-national Interdependencies. Co-creating the Global Welfare State Information System

Conferences

At the **Annual Regional Studies Association (RSA) Conference 2018** in Lugano, **Michael Lischka** presented his dynamic network approach for mapping interdependent economic relations between states.

Ivo Mossig and **Michael Lischka** presented their research on power shifts in international economic relations at the **Global Conference on Economic Geography GCEG 2018** in Cologne. The conference was characterized by a growing interest in political influences on the economic dimension of globalization. Our CRC members became acquainted Stefan Giljum from the project ERC FINE-PRINT, a big data based project for the spatial tracking of global raw material flows to Europe. As a result of this meeting, Stefan Giljum will visit Bremen in November 2019 to give a workshop on the development of web based information systems.

Nils Düpont presented first results of an ongoing project about party policy diffusion at the **Quantitative Text Analysis Workshop** in Dublin (QTA-DUB) and at the **EPSA 2019 in Belfast**. The project deals with the diffusion of ideas among political parties and applies machine translation to overcome language barriers in quantitative text analyses.

Workshops

In October 2018 **Prof. Kenneth Benoit** (London School of Economics) gave a keynote speech on quantitative text analysis, its past and future. The keynote was accompanied by a two-day workshop on applied quantitative text analysis using R by Stefan Müller (University of Zurich).

At the end of March 2019 **all members of the CRC 1342's A projects** met at the Teerhof for a **one-day retreat** to discuss the conceptualization and harmonization of quantitative data for WeSIS, "daily issues" of the ongoing data collection process and prepared ground for efficient processes.

As part of our research on co-creation, from September 2018 to May 2019 we have conducted **six co-creation workshops** to co-design the information system **WeSIS**, which will support social science research by enabling the exploration and analysis of the data collected by the researchers of the A projects. The workshops have covered the main topics of interest within the social scientists, such as data input, optical character recognition (OCR), interface design, and data visualization.

A02. Constituting the Welfare State in a Global Perspective. Determinants of Social Security Programmes

Publications

Article by **Carina Schmitt** in the **International Journal of Social Welfare** on the influence of political regimes on the degree of inclusion of social protection programmes in the Global South: <https://doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12374>

Together with Peter Starke (University of Odense, Denmark), Laura Seelkopf has published a special issue of the *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Social Policy by Other Means*. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice* 2019, 21/3.

Article by **Laura Seelkopf** and co-authors on "The rise of modern taxation: A new comprehensive dataset of tax introductions worldwide" published in the **Review of International Organisations** (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-019-09359-9>). The authors emphasize, among other things, the importance of social expenditure as a public financing instrument.

Conferences

In February 2019 **Herbert Obinger** and **Carina Schmitt** presented their research on the influence of the two world wars on the introduction of social protection programmes and in particular unemployment insurance at the **Three-Country Conference in Zurich**.

In February 2019 **Laura Seelkopf** presented her research on the global financing of the welfare state at the **University of Strathclyde**, Glasgow, at the **annual meeting of the DVPW Comparison Section** in Munich (March 2019), the **ISA** in Toronto (March 2019) and the **ECPR Joint Sessions** in Mons (April 2019).

Anja Gaentzsch attended the **8th meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)** from 3rd-5th July 2019 to **present a study on social mobility in Latin America**. The conference took place at the Paris School of Economics and was hosted by the World Inequality Lab. The conference focused on empirical and theoretical contributions on inequality, welfare states and social mobility.

Workshops

In June 2018, **Carina Schmitt** organized the **workshop** "Building Social Protection Systems in the Global South: Different Trajectories and the Influence of External Factor" with internationally leading social policy researchers. Building on this, a **book** volume will be published: "From Colonialism

to International Aid: External Actors and Social Protection in the Global South", opening the **Palgrave series of the CRC 1342 "Global Dynamics of Social Policy"**.

Guest visit of Stephen Devereux from the Institute for Development Studies in March 2019. Stephen Devereux presented his new book project on the influence of international donor organisations on social policy design in Africa. This **book project** will also be **published in the CRC series**.

Visiting researchers

Santiago López Cariboni of the Universidad Católica del Uruguay visited **Laura Seelkopf** for a week in June 2019 to report on his research on social policy attitudes in Latin America. In addition, the two researchers have planned a **project on electricity supply as Basic Service Access**, since the state's basic supply of electricity outside developed democracies is an important field of social policy. Based on daily, regional data from the Uruguayan electricity company, they plan to investigate how policy influences the quality of electricity supply and how it is (un)evenly distributed.

A03. Worlds of Labour. Normative Standards of Employment Relationships as National and Global Patterns of Welfare State Development

Starting in May 2018, A03's first year meant, next to methodological reflection, creation, collection and conferences. In order to collect data, we created a set of variables able to comprise legal rules worldwide important for protection of employees, but also showing the fine (and bold) lines of segmentation in the labour market related to the law. Thanks to reducing the originally large set of variables to a viable minimum, a first set of *leximetric* data is close to be finished, comprising a set of 117 countries and the time frame between 1970 and 2013. Once finished, in line with WeSIS-standards the set of countries will be enlarged to about 150, covering an enlarged time frame back to the 1880s. In parallel, we have been collecting labour market data on a global level, and have started to analyse these in combination with existing *leximetric* data on employment regulation.

Workshops

On 5th July 2018, we organized a workshop with one of the globally leading scholars in comparative labour law and pioneer in *leximetrics*, **Prof. Simon Deakin** from the University of Cambridge, UK. This workshop was used to learn about **leximetric methodology**, i.e. the quantification of legal regulation based on variables for comparative means, and findings based on the Cambridge Business Research Legal Regulation Index (CBR LRI), a central database our project builds upon.

Conferences

In September 2018, **Irene Dingeldey** and **Jean-Yves Gerlitz** participated in the **39th Annual Conference of the International Working Party on Labour Market Segmentation (IWPLMS)** in Trento and presented their paper "Not just Black and White, but different Shades of Grey – Dismissal Protection and Working Time Regulation across different Worlds of Labour".

At **CRC 1342's international conference on global dynamics of social policy** (25th-26th October 2018), **Ulrich Mückenberger** presented his paper on the "Standardization of the Employment Relationship as a National and Global Pattern of both Protection and Segmentation". **Irene Dingeldey** and **Jean-Yves Gerlitz** presented their paper "Worlds of Labour – Clustering de jure and de facto rights related to the standard employment relationship". As prominent guest, the project hosted **Prof. Adelle Blackett** from McGill University/Montreal who presented a paper on "Decolonizing Labour Law".

Between 26th and 28th June 2019, **Ulrich Mückenberger** participated in the conference on "Globalization and Social Justice: A Century of ILO action, 1919–2019" in Paris, presenting his paper

“ILO meets grassroots. How transnational social dialogues contribute to the effectiveness of the ILO core labour standards”.

Between 27th and 29th June 2019, researchers **Heiner Fechner**, **Jenny Hahs** and **Jean-Yves Gerlitz** participated in this year’s **conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SA-SE)**. Here, **Jean-Yves Gerlitz** presented the paper “The Evolution of Standard and Non-Standard Employment Relationship Regulation around the World” jointly written with **Irene Dingeldey**. **Jenny Hahs** presented her joint paper with **Irene Dingeldey** titled “International Employment Regulation by the ILO: Will the Hidden Legal Segmentation Be Overcome by Recent Universal Legislative Trends?” **Heiner Fechner** presented his joint paper with **Ulrich Mückenberger**, “The Standard Employment Relationship in historical Labour Legislation: UK, France & their former colonies”.

Research trips

Between 3rd and 7th December 2018, **Irene Dingeldey** and researchers **Heiner Fechner**, **Jenny Hahs** and **Jean-Yves Gerlitz** were in Geneva at the **International Labour Organisation’s (ILO) headquarters** for a research visit. The team was able to present the “Worlds of Labour” project to four ILO departments in order to plan and ameliorate collaboration with this central project partner in terms of events and publications, establish contact with researchers and gain access to data collections of fundamental importance.

In January 2019, **Irene Dingeldey** and **Jean-Yves Gerlitz** organised a **student excursion** to Berlin to discuss labour regulation with the **German Foreign Ministry** and the **ILO Germany**. The group consisted of PhD students of the CRC and Master’s students of the University Bremen who participated in the seminar “Regulation of Individual and Collective Labour Rights” offered by the organizers.

On 26th June 2019 researchers **Heiner Fechner**, **Jenny Hahs** and **Jean-Yves Gerlitz** were in New York visiting a joint workshop with the Montreal based labour research network **CRIMT (Centre de recherche interuniversitaire sur la mondialisation et le travail)** and **Cornell’s ILR School’s Worker Institute**.

Publications

In 2018 and 2019, **Ulrich Mückenberger** published two books and several articles on transnational labour law and globalisation which form a sort of “bridge” between the former CRC 597 and the current CRC 1342: Mückenberger, U., Nebe, K. (eds.) (2019): *Transnationale soziale Dialoge und ihr Beitrag für den europäischen sozialen Fortschritt*, Reihe Arbeits- und Sozialrecht Band 153, 347 S., Baden-Baden: Nomos; Mückenberger, U. (2018): *Rethinking the concept of the “employee” in the age of digitalisation. A New Relationship Between Work and Legal Protection*, Düsseldorf: Hans-Böckler-Stiftung, Working paper Forschungsförderung Number 113, December 2018, 44 Seiten; Mückenberger, U. (with C. Jakobeit und R. Kappel) (Hg.) (2018): *Transnationale Akteure und Normbildungsnetzwerke*, Baden-Baden: Nomos.

In the field of employment regulation, **Irene Dingeldey** published two articles, namely (2019): *Wechselwirkungen zwischen Mindestlohn und Tariflohn – Verschiedene Typen im Branchenvergleich*. In: *Arbeit. Zeitschrift für Arbeitsforschung, Arbeitsgestaltung und Arbeitspolitik* 28 (1), 1-18 and (2018) „Mindestlohn. In: Herbert Obinger, Manfred G. Schmidt (Hrsg.): *Handbuch Sozialpolitik*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 723-742“.

Based on CRC research, **Heiner Fechner** prepared, “Arbeitszeit(-erfassung) im Kontext des internationalen Arbeitsrechts”, in: Lott et al., *Arbeitszeiterfassung bei mobiler Beschäftigung. Herausforderungen und Handlungsmöglichkeiten*, Düsseldorf 2019 (forthcoming), pp. 102-180.

A04. Global Developments in Health Care Systems and Long-term Care as a New Social Risk

Conferences

At the CRC 1342's conference "Global Dynamics of Social Policy" in October 2018, **Sebastian Haunss** and **Alexander Polte** presented their paper "Health interdependencies. Finding and analysing transnational health politics relations between the countries of the world". **Lorraine Frisina Doetter**, **Achim Schmid**, **Gabriela de Carvalho**, **Johanna Fischer** and **Heinz Rothgang** presented "Typologies of health and long term care systems - a global perspective". Project A04 also hosted an evening reception during the CRC conference with invited guests (together with B07).

Johanna Fischer presented the article "Fischer, Johanna; Frisina Doetter, Lorraine; Rothgang, Heinz: Classifying long term care systems – a conceptual framework for comparative research" at the 4th **Transforming Care Conference**, 24th-26th June in Copenhagen.

Gabriela de Carvalho presented the article "Frisina Doetter, Lorraine; Schmid, Achim; De Carvalho, Gabriela, Rothgang, Heinz: Classifying healthcare system types globally – A novel typology to guide comparative research beyond the OECD world" at the 4th **International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP4)**, June 26-28, 2019 in Montréal.

Transfer

CRC 1342 member **Heinz Rothgang** took part in a [EU Commission workshop on "Mutual Learning"](#) in the field of social security systems for long-term care on 7th and 8th March 2019. Selected scientists from ten EU countries discussed with representatives of the Commission, Eurostat, the OED and European NGOs on questions of access, quality assurance and sustainability of long-term care provision systems.

On 5th July 2019 **Heinz Rothgang** met with **Federal Minister of Health Jens Spahn** to consult on new concepts for a reform of Germany's health and long-term care system.

Guest researchers

Sigrid Lupieri from the University of Cambridge was a [guest researcher at project A04 from Sept-Nov 2018](#).

A05. The Global Development, Diffusion and Transformation of Education Systems

Research trips

From February to May 2018, **Kerstin Martens** was Visiting Scholar at the *Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES)* at *Harvard University*, Cambridge, USA. **She gave a presentation on "The Appeal of Numbers? Measurement and Standardization in Federal Education Systems"**. In April 2018 she was commentator at a Round Table on "Assessments, Accountability and Educational Outcomes in OECD Countries – Patterns and Changes over Time" at the annual meeting of the *American Education Research Association (AERA)*.

In September/October 2018, **Dennis Niemann** was Visiting Scholar at the Graduate School of Education & Human Development, George Washington University.

Helen Seitzer and **Fabian Besche** visited the **UNESCO Institute for Statistics** in Montreal and had an insightful conversation about the workflow and data preparation of the UIS with Friedrich Huebler, head of Education Standards and Methodology Section and Juan Cruz Perusia, head of the Data Analysis and Outreach Section.

Conferences

At EISA's 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations in Prague, **Kerstin Martens** and **Dennis Niemann**, together with **Michael Dobbins** (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt) presented the paper "Explaining Policy Convergence and Polity Divergence in Federal Systems: German and Swiss Higher Education Revisited".

In April 2019 at the **CIES 2019** (*Comparative and International Education Society*) in San Francisco, **Michael Windzio** was chair of the panel "Discourses of International Organizations in Education – What do they promote, when and how". At this panel, **Kerstin Martens** and **Dennis Niemann** presented a paper on "Education Leitmotifs of International Organizations".

Fabian Besche and **Helen Seitzer** attended the **SUNBELT Social Networks Conference** of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) in Montreal from 18th to 23rd of June. They presented a paper draft on "The Influence of Development Aid Networks on the Participation in International Large Scale Assessment".

Workshops

In May 2019, **Dennis Niemann** and **Kerstin Martens**, together with Alexandra Kaasch (Bielefeld University) organized an international workshop on [The Architecture of Arguments in Global Social Governance – Examining the Community and Discourses of International Organizations in Social Policies](#).

Publications

Since May 2019 **Fabian Besche** has been co-author for the education section of the '[Global Social Policy Digest](#)' from the Journal 'Global Social Policy'. This is a short summary of activities and publications of actors in the field of the global governance of education.

A06. Formation and Diffusion of Family Policy in a Global Perspective

Tobias Böger, **Petra Buhr**, **Keonhi Son** and **Simone Tonelli** have collected data on Family Allowance and Maternity protection. The policy indicators collected are introduction dates of the laws, names of the law, generosity (where applicable), coverage and level of the benefit (in national currency). Raw data have been collected entirely for the two programmes, consistency check has been done for about half of the observations and data cleaning is yet to be done (May, 2018 - ongoing).

Research Trips

Sonja Drobnič was appointed Visiting Senior Research Fellow at National University of Singapore, where she examined family policy in Asia, July-October 2018.

Conferences

Sonja Drobnič and **Johannes Huinink** presented their paper "Die Wirkung von Politik auf Lebenschancen und Lebensführung: Familie und Familienpolitik" at the **Annual Conference 2018 of SOCIUM**.

Petra Buhr, **Sonja Drobnič**, **Johannes Huinink**, **Keonhi Son** and **Simone Tonelli** presented their paper "Family Policy between Social and Population Policy" at CRC 1342's **International Conference on Global Dynamics of Social Policy**, 25th-26th October 2018, in Bremen.

Keonhi Son presented preliminary results of the data on maternity protection at the **Development Studies Association Conference**, 19th-21st June 2019, Open University. Milton Keynes.

Workshops

Simone Tonelli attended the **Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis in Spatial Economics** (Colchester, 6th-17th August 2018).

Simone Tonelli participated in a workshop at the **German Foreign Ministry** in Berlin on Germany's strategies to influence global policies on social issues, together with ILO officers and members of the social parties. He presented the CRC 1342 project A06 at the German branch of ILO in Berlin (17th-18th January 2019).

Simone Tonelli attended the **NASP Summer School "Research Strategies in Policy Studies"** on supervised and unsupervised statistical learning approaches and network analysis for policy studies (Milan, 24th-29th June 2019).

B01. Mechanisms of Social Policy Dynamics

Publications

Frank Nullmeier

How to explain discursive change: an actor-centred approach to interpretive explanation, in: Heintz, Hubert/ Münch, Sybille (eds.), *Handbook of European Policies. Interpretive Approaches to the EU*, Cheltenham (UK), Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 72-90, 2018.

Verfahren und Mechanismen. Theoriebildung und Kausalitätsverständnis in der politikwissenschaftlichen Verwaltungsforschung, in: Michael W. Bauer und Edgar Grande (Hrsg.), *Perspektiven der Verwaltungswissenschaft*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 279-302, 2018.

Interpretative Politikforschung und kausale Mechanismen, in: Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft, 2019, online first, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41358-019-00179-2>.

Johanna Kuhlmann

Have policy process scholars embraced causal mechanisms? A review of five popular frameworks, in *Public Policy and Administration*, 2019, online first, doi:10.1177/0952076718814894 (with Jeroen van der Heijden, Evert Lindquist, Adam Wellstead).

Conferences

In October 2018, **Delia González de Reufels**, **Johanna Kuhlmann**, **Frank Nullmeier** and **Klaus Schlichte** presented their ongoing research on causal mechanisms of social policy at the **International Conference on Global Dynamics of Social Policy** in Bremen.

In June 2019, **Johanna Kuhlmann** presented her ongoing research on emotions as causal mechanisms in policy process research at the **International Conference on Public Policy** in Montréal.

Workshops and Lectures

In November 2018, **Delia González de Reufels** organised a workshop with **Kiran Klaus Patel** in order to discuss his book "The New Deal. A Global History" (Princeton University Press, 2016). In his book, Patel stresses the transnational dynamics of the New Deal by relating it to developments in many different parts of the world.

In May 2019, **Derek Beach** gave a workshop on causal mechanisms following an invitation by project B 01. Beach is professor of political science at Aarhus University and one of the most renowned scholars in case study methods and process tracing. In Bremen, he discussed with CRC members how to study causal mechanisms in the global dynamics of social policy, focusing on both general conceptual questions, but also empirical challenges related to the research of the different projects.

In June 2019, **Delia González de Reufels** organised a lecture by **Ursula Prutsch** on “Labour Policy, Germanness, and Nazi Influence in Brazil” which analysed how and why certain social policy measures were adapted by the Vargas government and focussed on mechanisms of diffusion. Prutsch is professor for American cultural history at LMU Munich.

B02. Emergence, Expansion, and Transformation of the Welfare State in the Cono Sur in Exchange with (Southern) Europe (1850-1990)

Research Trips

Delia González de Reufels carried out research in archives and libraries in Berlin (IAI, Staatsbibliothek), in Cambridge, MA (Harvard) and Santiago de Chile.

For her research, **Teresa Huhle** went to Berlin, London, Geneva, Madrid, Montevideo and Paris. In March 2019 she gave a presentation in Montevideo on “La salud pública en el Uruguay del Primer Batllismo desde una perspectiva transnacional” at the Reunión de la Sociedad Uruguaya de la Historia de la Medicina.

Publications

Two publications by **Delia González de Reufels** are **in print and under review**: one article on Chilean military and social policy in Chile during the nineteenth century and one which examines the relationship between medical doctors and the still young Chilean state in the time of three distinct public health crises.

Conferences

Delia González de Reufels and **Teresa Huhle**: “The importance of the transregional and transnational exchange of ideas in the social policy field of health in the Southern Cone”, **International Conference on Global Dynamics of Social Policy**, Bremen, 25th October 2018.

Being part of a panel, **Delia González de Reufels** commented on private and state actors in food production and the use of natural resources in Latin America: **Latin America as a Laboratory**, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University, 2nd-3rd May 2019.

Teresa Huhle has organized the panel “New Histories of Public Health and Social Policy in Latin America” at the **XXXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association** in Boston, May 2019. She gave a presentation on “The Transnational Formation of a Health Nation: Traveling Reformers in the *República Batllista* (1903-1933)”.

Delia González de Reufels gave the presentation “Of Doctors and Politicians in Chile, 1850-1939: A Transnational History of the Development of Health Policies in the Southern Cone” at the Historic Institute, University of Bremen, 12th June 2019.

Workshops

Delia González de Reufels has organized the international workshop “**Social Policy and the Media: The Creation and Circulation of Images of State Intervention in the Twentieth Century**” in Bremen, on 27th November 2018. **She gave a presentation on** “Working for a Healthy and Modern Nation. The Chilean *Instituto Nacional de Higiene* and the Official Photo Book of 1910”. **Teresa Huhle** gave a presentation on “Promoting the ‘Model Country’: The Visualization of Uruguayan Public Assistance Policies in the *República Batllista* (1903-1932)”. The idea of this workshop was to examine which role media played in the diffusion and promotion of social policy and whether the state used media such as photography and film to assess specific fields of social policy.

Team members

PhD student **Simon Gerards Iglesias** is new to the team of B02 and currently pursuing research at various archives and libraries in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His research project focuses on social policy in the field of labour protection and on the role of the ILO in Argentina. He studied economics and history at the University of Göttingen, his master thesis on a topic of Argentinian history will be awarded a prize in November 2019. He brings this knowledge of Argentinian history to his new project.

B03. International Complementarities in the Development of the Welfare State: the Transatlantic Sphere (1870-2020)

Research trips

From September to November 2018 **Franziska Deeg** conducted field work in **Mexico**, where she supported the **implementation of the first survey**. The survey in Mexico, in cooperation with the Mexican survey company BGC was concluded in mid-November with 1400 respondents interviewed face-to-face.

From October to December 2018, **Sarah Berens** went to Cornell University for a research visit. Her host was Prof Kenneth Roberts.

From 15th November to 28th December, 2018, **Martín Cortina Escudero** collected archival data in Argentina.

From January to March 2019 Sarah Berens spend two and a half months at Vanderbilt University with host Prof Noam Lupu. The AmericasBarometer (LAPOP) is organized and managed at Vanderbilt University by the directors Prof Noam Lupu and Prof Elizabeth Zechmeister. Sarah Berens benefitted from interesting academic exchange on survey research for the B03 project.

From 5th-15th June, 2019, the B03 team met at the London School of Economics: With **Margarita Gelepithis**, **Sarah Berens** prepared a new project for B03, measuring preferences through an experimental MTurk survey to complement the U.S. ANES data analysis (data collection is planned for autumn 2019).

Conferences

In May 2019, **Sarah Berens** presented her paper „Ethnic, Linguistic and Religious Heterogeneity and Preferences for Public Goods and Redistribution in Latin America“ (co-author: David Brady) at the **DVPW-Tagung** at the University of Konstanz.

Workshops

From 23rd July - 3rd August 2018, **Franziska Deeg** participated in the course “Advanced Survey Data Analysis and Survey Experiments” by Yanna Krupnikov, Stony Brook University, at the **Essex Summer School**.

From 6th-17th August 2018, **Martín Cortina Escudero** participated in the course “Ideal Point Estimation and Scaling Methods” by Prof. Royce Carroll, University of Essex, at the **Essex Summer School**.

Guest researchers

On 3rd June, 2019, **Silja Häusermann** presented her latest research on social policy preferences and class divides at the University of Cologne as part of Microfoundations of Politics lecture series. **Sarah Berens** organized the talk and contributed as discussant.

B04. Open Welfare States? Social Protection of Labour Migration and its Repercussions for National Policies

Team members **Jakob Henninger** and **Friederike Römer** joined the project in June 2018 and August 2018, respectively and started work on a large data collection on immigrant welfare rights in European countries as well as ASEAN and Mercosur member states. July 2019 saw the finalization of the first phase of the data collection B04 has been working on. The dataset will be ready for analyses in autumn.

Conferences

Project director **Susanne K. Schmidt** presented her work on the European Court of Justice at numerous conferences and workshops in 2018, among them the **ECPR SGEU conference at Sciences Po Paris**, the **DVPW-Kongress** in Frankfurt, and the **EIF Workshop of the EIF** in Vienna in 2018.

In September of 2018, **Friederike Römer** presented a co-authored paper on Radical Right Parties and Welfare Chauvinism at the **EspaNet Conference** in Vilnius.

In 2018, **Susanne K. Schmidt** and **Friederike Römer** participated in CRC 1342's **International Conference on Global Dynamics of Social Policy**, each presenting a paper in the panel Social Policy, Labour and Migration, which was chaired by **Susanne K. Schmidt**.

In 2019, **Susanne K. Schmidt** continued to speak at a wide range of events presenting among others at the **EUSA-coference in Denver**, the **Leiden Law School**, 'PhD day' and the **Hertie School of Governance**.

Workshops

In May 2019 **Friederike Römer** and **Jakob Henninger** presented their paper on Global Labour Standards which is co-authored work with **Dung Thuy Le** at the Workshop "International Organizations Discourses in Global Social Governance" organized by CRC 1342's project area A. Their contribution will be part of a volume edited by Kerstin Martens, Alexandra Kaasch and Dennis Niemann.

Awards

In the beginning of 2019, **Friederike Römer** was awarded the **JFK memorial Fellowship** at the Center for European Studies in Harvard. During her stay at the CES 19/20 she will continue to work on project B04, and also collect additional data on the Mercosur case.

Transfer

On 21th June, 2019, **Susanne K. Schmidt** was part of a podium discussion at the **German Protestant Day of the Church**, with the topic „Großbaustelle Europa – soziale Gerechtigkeit und wirtschaftliche Spaltung“ thereby making the project's research available to a wider audience outside of the academic realm.

B05. Dynamics of Chinese Social Policy

During the first 18 months, the project B05 team prepared and conducted several months of fieldwork in the areas of pension insurance, unemployment insurance, health insurance and vocational education in the People's Republic of China. Furthermore, it exchanged views with nationally and internationally renowned Chinese social policy experts, in the US (at Columbia University) and in China.

Publications

Tao Liu and **Tobias ten Brink** have published a **special issue** of the “**Journal of Chinese Governance**” entitled “Social Policy in China from an International Comparative Perspective”.

Tao Liu, **Yuxin Li** and **Tong Tian** have published "Reinterpreting the connotation of 'sustainability' and the expansion of social policy in China" in: *Sustainability*, 2019, 11(6).

Conferences

In September 2018, the **project B05 team** was invited to the **14th International Forum on Social Security in Dalian (China)**, the biggest conference in East Asia on social policy. The conference was organized among others by the International Labour Organization and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. **Tobias ten Brink** gave a keynote speech.

In November 2018, the team participated in the “**Poverty, Inequality and Social Policy International Conference 2018**” in Guangzhou.

Guests

The famous Chinese pension expert **Zheng Bingwen** from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences came to meet the B05 team at Jacobs University Bremen for a comparative discussion of the pension systems in Germany and China.

Awards

Tao Liu was appointed **Distinguished Professor by Zhejiang University**, which may also facilitate our access to regional and subnational social policy data.

B06. External Reform Models and Internal Debates on the New Conceptualisation of Social Policy in the Post-Soviet Region

In the first year of research project B06, which looks at the impact of international organisations on social policy in the post-Soviet region, has engaged in extensive data collection, including thousands of documents from international organisations, quantitative analysis of Russian media reports (based on a database with millions of individual news reports) and a smaller analysis of media reports in Kazakhstan, a content analysis of parliamentary debates in three countries, expert interviews and a compilation of statistical data and public opinion polls. As a result of a systematic review, about 1000 academic publications are being included in a literature database.

Publications

The two PhD students have each written one publication on a side-aspect of their research, **Martin Brand** in an edited volume, **Gulnaz Isabekova** in the *European Journal of Development Research*. Several journal articles and an edited volume are in the pipeline for early 2020.

Conferences

First ideas and results have been presented at a project workshop in November 2018 and at several international conferences.

Workshops

Heiko Pleines organized an international workshop on “Social policy dynamics in post-socialist countries” in Bremen on 27th October 2018.

Transfer

As pension reform became a hot issue in 2018, with Russian mass protests against pension reform making headlines in the international press, project B06 has published a number of shorter analyses for the interested public, most prominently in the Russian Analytical Digest. An issue of the Caucasus Analytical Digest on pension reform is currently in preparation. German-language texts appeared in *Russland-Analysen*, *Ukraine-Analysen* and at the online platform of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education, FACE (German: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, bpb). Additionally, an issue on Access to healthcare was prepared for the Caucasus Analytical Digest.

B07. Transnational Service Provision in Long-term Care Services in Western and Eastern Europe

Publications

In April 2019, project coordinator **Anna Safuta** published a co-authored article in the international journal **Comparative Migration Review**. The article assesses 'service vouchers' - the policy taking migrant domestic workers out of informality in Belgium.

Conferences

On 20th-22nd June, **Marlene Seiffarth** presented her paper on the impact of internal migration on paid domestic work in Brazil at the **2019 Global Migration Summit** in Amsterdam.

On 24th-26th June, **Anna Safuta** presented B07's first paper at the **Transforming Care Conference** in Copenhagen. Project's principal investigators **Karin Gottschall** and **Heinz Rothgang** also attended the conference, where they discussed the papers submitted to the panel on policies incentivizing informal care organised by **Anna Safuta** and **Lorraine Frisina Doetter** from sister CRC project A04.

Workshops

Greta-Marleen Storath and **Kristin Noack** participated in the **2018 NordWel summer school** that took place in Helsinki. They successfully presented their respective PhD projects and started developing their first academic networks.

Transfer

On 29th November 2018, **Greta-Marleen Storath**, **Kristin Noack**, and **Marlene Seiffarth** presented their respective case studies during a Science goes public! event in the Neustadt bar Gondi. Their presentation, in German and punctuated by anecdotes, made our research accessible to a wider audience.

B08. Transformation of Health Care Systems in Central and Eastern Europe

Within the Work Package 1 we have collected about 4000 documents stemming from International Organizations (World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and World Health Organization) as well as EU and related to the process of dissemination of ideas for healthcare reforms in Central and Eastern Europe. We have also completed a preliminary analysis of the collected documents.

The preliminary findings from the three field trips and the WP 1 collection of documents have served as basis for the presentation at the B-Area meeting in June 2019 of the contribution to the planned Special Issue of SPA; title of the contribution: Reforms from within or reforms from without? Defying international organizations' agenda in healthcare reforms in Central and Eastern Europe (**Monika Ewa Kaminska**, **Ertila Druga**, **Ante Malinar**, **Liva Stupele**).

Research Trips

May/June 2019: Completion of the first round of field trips by the Project's three doctoral students **Ertila Druga** (to Albania), **Ante Malinar** (to Croatia) and **Liva Stupele** (to Latvia).

Publications

Monika Ewa Kaminska, Ertila Druga, Ante Malinar and **Liva Stupele** submitted a contribution proposal in February 2019 to the planned Special Issue of Social Policy and Administration (eds. Tobias ten Brink and Johanna Kuhlmann): "Reforms from within or reforms from without? Defying international organizations' agenda in healthcare reforms in Central and Eastern Europe".

Conferences

Monika Ewa Kaminska-Visser presented her paper "A world of very dead letters indeed: Working Time Directive in the hospital sector in East-Central Europe" at the CRC 1342's International Conference on Global Dynamics of Social Policy in Bremen, October 2018.

Workshops

At the workshop "Social policy dynamics in post-socialist countries" in Bremen, project B08 was presented. **Liva Stupele** and **Ertila Druga** presented their PhD projects.

B09. The Rise, Decay and Renaissance of Social Policy in Africa

Project B9 compares social policies in the domains of education, health and food security in several African countries since the end of World War I. In 2018 and early 2019, team members focussed on gathering and compiling data and sources.

Research trips

During research stays in Uganda, Kenya and Rwanda (**Klaus Schlichte**), Egypt (**Roy Karadag**), Senegal (**Alex Nadège Ouedraogo**), Tunisia (**Kressen Thyen**), South Africa and Tanzania (**Alex Veit**), B9 produced a wealth of new interview material, established contacts with academics and experts, and unearthed hidden archival documents. Additionally, several student assistants combed through newspaper archives in Berlin and online, and gathered key quantitative indicators on social spending across the continent. During nearly six months in the second half of 2018, Saara Inkinen (replacing Kressen Thyen during her parental leave) assisted these latter efforts.

Publications

Alex Veit, who joined the CRC in February 2019, together with Lisa Tschörner wrote the article "Creative Appropriation: Academic Knowledge and Interventions Against Sexual Violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo". The authors analyse the relationship between academic research and policy-making of international organisations. The article is to be published in the **Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding** in the coming days.

Klaus Schlichte published on theoretical and methodological aspects of research into (welfare) statehood and processes of state formation in Africa and beyond:

Warum Zahlen nicht reichen. Plädoyer für eine erweiterte Erfahrung der IB, in: Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen, 24 (1), 2018, pp. 155-166.

A Historical Sociological Perspective on Statehood, in: Oxford Handbook of Governance and Limited Statehood, ed. by Thomas Risse, Tanja Börzel, Anke Draude, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018, pp. 49-68.

with Lisa Gaufran: *State, Power and Security*, in: Handbook of Political Science – A Global Perspective, ed. by B. Badie et al., London: Sage, 2019.

Politics in African States, in: The Sage Handbook of Political Sociology, ed. by Stephen Turner & William Outhwaite, London: Sage, 1104-1117, 2018.

Kressen Thyen published an analysis of Tunisia's current predicament between social protest and structural adjustment („[Tunesiens junge Demokratie zwischen Sozialprotesten und Strukturanpassung](#)“, GIGA Focus 2, May 2019).

Conferences

Kressen Thyen co-organizes the panel „Sozialpolitik und sozialpolitische Auswirkungen in der arabischen Welt“ with Irene-Weipert Fenner (Frankfurt) at the **26th International DAVO/DMG conference** at the University of Hamburg in October 2019.

Roy Karadag, Saara Inkinen and **Kressen Thyen** presented versions of their paper “Regime Changes and Welfare Politics in Post-2010 Tunisia and Egypt” at the **InIIS/BIGSSS colloquium** and the **CRC conference** in 2018.

Workshops

Klaus Schlichte presented his work on re-reading Marx Weber's theory of rationalisation at the **Université Libre in Brussels** and the **National University of Singapore**.

Alex Nadège Ouedraogo, the only doctoral student in B09, scrutinizes food security policies in Senegal in recent decades. In this context, she also participated in the **3rd Summer School in African Studies and Area Studies in Africa** in Dakar in August 2018, jointly organised by the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) and the University of Basel. In 2019, she presented her proposal to the InIIS-BIGSSS colloquium and the BIGSSS Summer Retreat.

Guest researchers

On 12th February, B09 welcomed Professor **Ndangwa Noyoo** (University of Cape Town) for a presentation on "Global Social Policy in an Era of Increasing Unilateralism, Narrow Nationalism and Xenophobia".

3. WHAT'S NEXT

11th NordWel Summer School, 19th-23rd August 2019 in Bremen

The summer school is a joint venture of the Collaborative Research Centre (CRC1342) “Global Dynamics of Social Policy”, the Bremen International Graduate School for Social Sciences (BIGSSS), the Danish Centre of Welfare Studies (University of Southern Denmark) and the Faculty of Social Sciences (University of Helsinki).

Welfare states can be studied with a number of theoretical and methodological approaches, from various chronological perspectives and with a focus on different empirical phenomena and localities. The Nordwel summer school aims to stimulate discussions across disciplines and foster innovative cross-disciplinary research on the development of welfare states over time and in a global context. The summer school brings together PhD students and well-established international scholars in scientific exchange.

We invite PhD students from different disciplinary backgrounds to participate in the discussion on the development of welfare states, their preconditions, present status, and how we ought to study them. PhD Students present their papers in parallel sessions and get feedback from senior scholars and junior colleagues.

Read the provisional programme [on the CRC 1342 website](#).

Conference: Causal Mechanisms in the Analysis of Social Policy Dynamics

Project B01 organizes an international conference on 7th-8th November, 2019 in Bremen on causal mechanisms in social policy research.

Recent theoretical and methodological developments in the social sciences converge into the approach of "mechanism-based explanation". Originating from different disciplines such as analytical sociology, political sociology, comparative historical analysis and qualitative research in political science, mechanism-based approaches stress that phenomena cannot fully be explained by correlations between variables: Causal mechanisms are the "cogs and wheels" that scholars come across when opening the "black box" of correlations.

Despite the expanding literature on this topic, two deficits have not been resolved so far:

1. There is no convincing compilation of mechanisms that drive social and political processes. Previous proposals for a comprehensive list of mechanisms collect elements of very different scales and levels. There is no shared understanding on what level (micro, meso, macro) mechanisms should be allocated and what elements a mechanism should have to count as a mechanism.
2. There is also a lack of systematic applications of mechanism-based approaches to an entire policy field. So far, mechanism-based approaches have primarily been used in single case studies or comparative case studies with a limited scope and range. Adopting a mechanism-based approach for studying the transnational dynamics of an entire policy field might be a decisive test for the fruitfulness of mechanism-based approaches.

This conference aims to stimulate discussion on the characteristics of causal mechanisms, and to establish a closer link between these concepts and the study of social policy dynamics.

Find more details about the conference [on our website](#).