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 News

## Islamic fundamentalism is widely spread

Religious fundamentalism is not a marginal phenomenon in Western Europe. This conclusion is drawn in a study by Ruud Koopmans. The author analyzed data from a representative survey among immigrants and natives in six European countries. Two thirds of the Muslims interviewed say that religious rules are more important to them than the laws of the country in which they live. Three quarters of the respondents hold the opinion that there is only one legitimate interpretation of the Koran.

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## Parents' shiftwork to children's disadvantage

A comprehensive review of studies on parents' work schedules and child development spanning the last three decades shows that parents' work schedules in evenings, nights and weekends, so called "nonstandard work schedules" or "unsociable work hours", may have negative consequences for children. When parents work such hours, children tended to have more behavioral problems, poorer cognitive ability (e.g., language, reading and mathematics), and were more likely to be overweight or obese than children in families where parents mostly worked during the daytime hours and week day. This review based on research in developed countries was conducted by a team of researchers from the US and Australia, led by Jianghong Li, a senior researcher at the WZB.

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Video

## Animals as food? Video now online

On November 28, a discussion about animals as food was held at the WZB. Which living conditions have to be guaranteed to animals? Is it right to eat animals? And how can customers take more responsibility? The video of the discussion with Melanie Joy, Bernd Ladwig and Gerhard Manteuffel is now available.

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## New issue of WZB-Mitteilungen on migration and integration

Just off the press: the new issue of our quarterly magazine WZB-Mitteilungen focuses on migration and integration in Europe. The articles of the December issue draw on new research findings on attitudes of the German elite toward immigration, the connection between unemployment and negative attitudes toward immigrants, and intercultural marriages in Western Europe. Other topics include the influence of Islamist terrorism on the integration debate and the attitudes toward the religious symbols of Muslims.

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## Working poor benefit from unionization

How important is the influence of the level of unionization within a state on working poverty? David Brady, Director of the research unit Inequality and Social Policy, Regina S. Baker (Duke University) und [Ryan Finnigan](#) have found out that the effects of unionization on the working poor are greater than the effects of a state's economic performance or particular political stance. Their findings were recently published in the American Sociological Review.

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## New Discussion Papers

A list of recent Discussion Papers can be found [here](#).

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## Bram Lancee to become professor

WZB researcher Bram Lancee has accepted an offer for a position as assistant professor of Sociology at Utrecht University. Over the next years, he will focus his research on ethnic inequalities in the labor market. To carry out this research, Bram Lancee has been awarded a 250.000 Euro VENI grant by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) for innovative research that is also policy relevant. Lancee's project is aimed at better understanding how policy can effectively reduce the gap between immigrants and native residents on the labor market. The project addresses the influence of determinants such as labor market flexibility and integration regimes.

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## Macartan Humphreys is new WZB-Fellow

Macartan Humphreys, professor of political science and director of the Center for the Study of Development Strategies at Columbia University (New York), is new WZB-Fellow. His research combines experimental approaches, survey research and formal theory to study the political economy of development, governance, and conflict processes. In a current field experiment he conducts research on housing discrimination in New York and the effects of interventions to reduce it. At the WZB, he will closely cooperate with the researchers of the economic research area "Market and Choice".



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The Washington Post Blog, 13.12.2013

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The Telegraph

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London School of Economics EUROPP Blog,

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Sonia Alonso about the crisis of national politics

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