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1   Introduction

The *Research Gateway – EUROLAB* at GESIS welcomes visiting researchers and research groups who work in one of GESIS' research fields, often in collaboration with GESIS experts. Established in 1996, 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 (WTr)[1]* and was renamed into the "Research Gateway – EUROLAB" in May 2019.

Apart from the programs offered and administered directly by the EUROLAB – EUROLAB Grants, GESIS Grants, as well as self-funded research stays – visiting researchers may visit GESIS through presidential and departmental invitations. EUROLAB Grants allow visiting researchers to pursue their research projects based on data stored at GESIS Data Archive. GESIS Grants support joint research or infrastructure projects between GESIS staff and visiting researchers.

This report gives an overview of the EUROLAB's activities, including visiting programs and research stays in 2019 that lasted at least five working days. Chapter 2 offers an overview of all visiting researchers at GESIS in 2019. Chapter 3 presents the results of a post-stay survey of visiting researchers. Chapter 4 highlights EUROLAB activities in 2019. Finally, Chapter 5 gives a brief introduction to the EUROLAB staff and its activities.

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[1]   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).

From left to right: Ingvill C. Mochmann, Marlene Mauk, Heidi Schulze, Monika Graf, Jasmin Arenz (Munir Adi and Christoph Piske are absent).

The EUROLAB team consists of three scientific and two administrative staff members. In 2019 Ingvill C. Mochmann, Marlene Mauk, and Heidi Schulze were responsible for the academic support of the visiting researchers. Jasmin Arenz (Cologne) and Monika Graf (Mannheim) supported all guest stays on an administrative level. Besides, Christoph Piske and Munir Adi supported the team in Cologne as student assistants.

2   Visiting Researchers at GESIS in 2019

This chapter will first present a general overview of the visiting researchers who worked at GESIS during 2019. Next, each subchapter will give a more detailed insight into the different groups of guest researchers in Mannheim or Cologne: GESIS Invitees (2.1.), GESIS Research Grants (2.2.), Self-funded visitors (2.3.), and other visiting researchers (2.4).

In 2019, 46 researchers visited GESIS: four Presidential Invitations, twelve Departmental Invitations, twelve EUROLAB Grant holders, nine GESIS Grant holders, as well as nine self-funded visiting researchers.
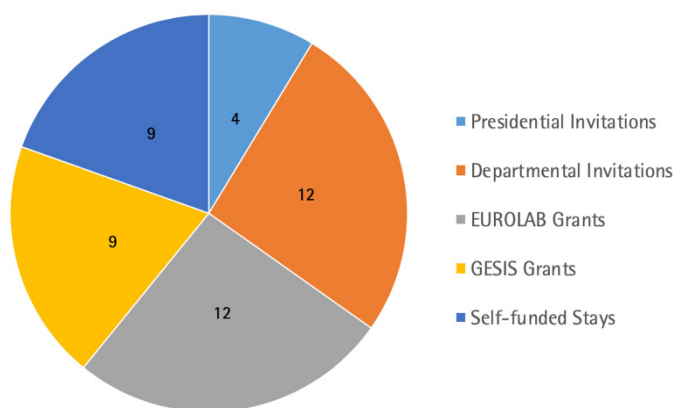
Figure 2.1:   Funding Schemes of Visiting Researchers (n= 46)

Figure 2.2 shows the diversity of visiting researchers with regard to their academic status and positions. Overall, 11 Ph.D. students, 19 postdocs, 15 professors, and one student researched at GESIS in 2019.
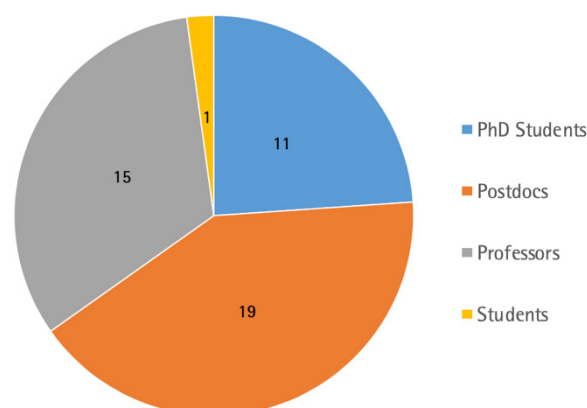
Figure *2.2*:   Academic Positions Held by Visiting Researchers (n= 46)

Of the 46 visiting researchers hosted by GESIS in 2019, 28 were male (61%), and 18 were female (39%). On the one hand, this unbalanced gender distribution is caused by the disproportionately

high shares of men among the self-funded researchers (67%). On the other hand, it also reflects the uneven gender distribution among applications received for both GESIS Research Grant schemes during the 2018/2019 call cycle[2]: While a total of 37 male researchers applied for a GESIS Grant, only 27 female researchers applied for this grant scheme. For the EUROLAB Grants, applicant numbers were even more skewed: Out of 83 applications received for research stays in 2019, only 32.5% (27 applications) came from female researchers. Future calls will, therefore, strive to reach and appeal more to female researchers, and GESIS will continue its efforts to facilitate work-life balance for both staff and visiting researchers. We are thus pleased that amongst the long-term visiting researchers hosted by GESIS in 2019, two researchers brought along family members. Furthermore, amongst the EUROLAB Grant holders expected in 2020, one female researcher will bring her child for her one-month research stay.

Figure 2.3 illustrates the international diversity of visiting researchers at GESIS. The majority of visiting researchers in 2019 came from home institutions in the United States (15). In addition to various European countries, GESIS welcomed researchers from Algeria, Canada, Chile, China, India, Japan, Russia, and Uganda.
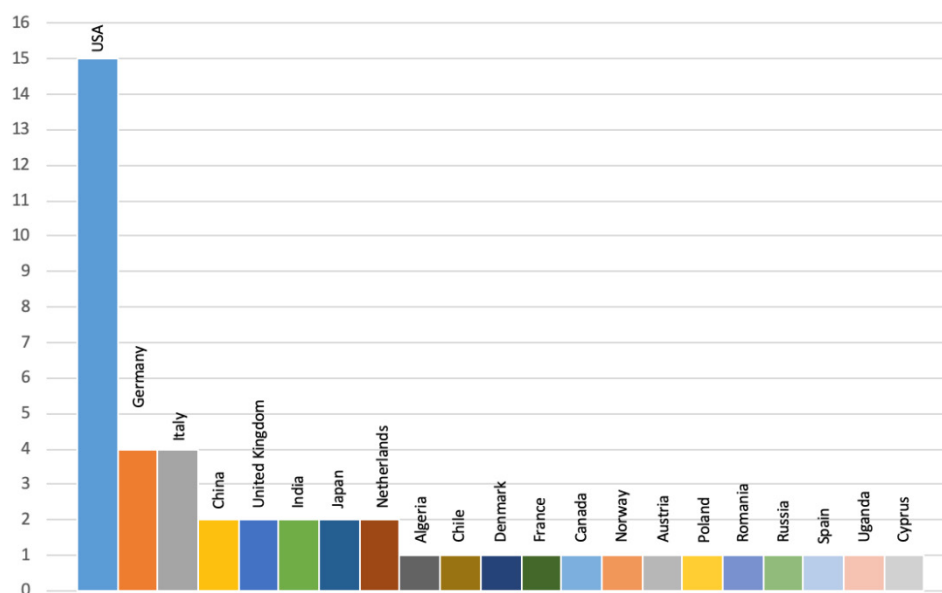
Figure 2.3:   Visiting Researchers by Country of Home Institution (n= 46)

Figure 2.4 displays 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 999 access days. GESIS hosted visiting researchers from 21 different countries; the three most prominent countries for the number of access days were Japan, the USA, and Italy.

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[2]   Calls for applications for the GESIS Research Grant schemes are usually published six months up to one year ahead of the actual research visit period. For this reason, most researchers visiting GESIS in 2019 had already applied for a research stay in 2018.

Figure 2.4: Funding of Visiting Researchers per Country of Home Institution in 2019 in Access Days (n= 999)

Presidential invitees from universities in the USA, Chile, and Great Britain used GESIS facilities for 42 days. Researchers who visited GESIS by departmental invitation accessed GESIS facilities for 100 days coming from research facilities in Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, and the USA. EUROLAB Grant holders worked at GESIS for 225 days and at the time were based at universities in Austria, Cyprus, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, Uganda, United Kingdo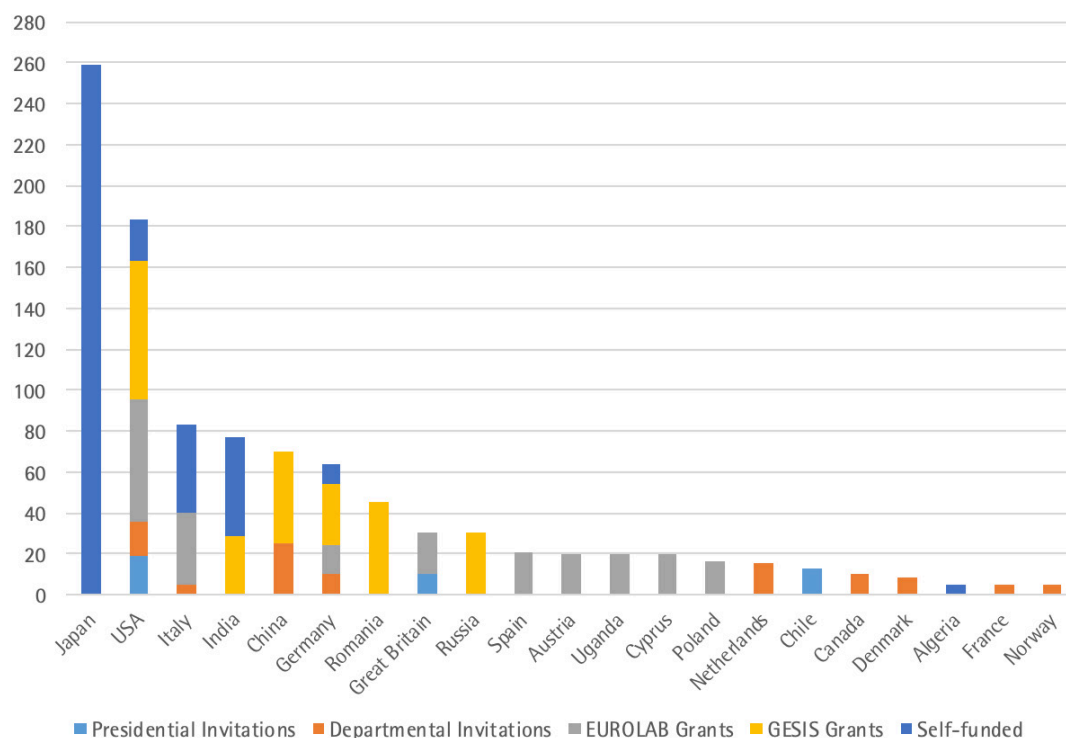m, and the USA. GESIS Grant holders collaborated with GESIS experts on joint projects for 247 days. Their home institutions were located in China, Germany, India, Romania, and the USA. Self-funded researchers used the remaining 385 access days for their respective research projects. They came from research institutions in Algeria, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, and the USA.

2.1 GESIS Invitees

GESIS regularly invites researchers to work on joint projects with GESIS staff. There are two forms of programs: Presidential Invitations and Departmental Invitations. Presidential Invitations are issued 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 collaboration.

In 2019, four Presidential Invitees worked at GESIS: Timothy Johnson, director of the Survey Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), visited GESIS to collaborate with Henning Silber (SDM) on research concerning culture and response behavior. Tenko Raykov, Michigan State University, cooperated with Ranjit Singh (SDM) and, later the same year, with Matthias Bluemke (SDM) to work on the framework of latent variable modeling. Leo Ferres, University of Del Desarollo (Chile), collaborated with Claudia Wagner (CSS) and researched gender and immigration

through cellphone data. Susan Halford, University of Bristol (United Kingdom), worked with Katharina Kinder-Kurlanda (DAS) on her research project "Epistemology of Internet Data".

GESIS departments invited 12 researchers in 2019. Their research stays lasted for a period between five days up to four weeks. Table 2.1 below gives an overview of researchers supported by Departmental and Presidential Invitations.

Table 2.1   Visiting Researchers Invited by GESIS Departments and Presidential Invitations

Date	Name	Topic	Department
21.01. 27.01.	James Wagner (University of Michigan, USA)	Fieldwork Monitoring Strategies	SDM
21.03. 30.03.	Timothy Johnson (University of Illinois at Chicago, USA)	Culture and Response Behavior	SDM
08.04. 12.04.	Gabriella Pasi (Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, Italy)	Information Retrieval	WTS
01.05. 16.05.	Tenko Raykov (Michigan State University, USA)	Framework of Latent Variable Modeling	SDM
02.06. 07.06.	Baard Herman Borge (UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Norway)	Comparative Research Project on Vulnerable Children in Post-Conflict Situations	WTr
17.06. 19.07.	Xiaofei Zhu (Chongqing University of Technology, China)	Heterogeneous Multi-View Clustering via Cross-Graph Consensus and Exploring Structure Attention for Sentiment Classification	WTS
17.06. 03.07.	Leo Ferres (Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile)	Gender and Immigration through Cellphone Data	CSS
23.06. 06.07.	Ruth Dassonneville (University of Montreal, Canada)	I Like Her, but I Won't Vote for Her: The Popularity of Female Party Leaders Globally 1996-2016	DBG
04.09. 14.09.	Zoltán Fazekas (Copenhagen Business School, Denmark)	Varieties of Trust and Immigration in Europe	DBG
16.09. 20.09.	Konstantin Todorov (LIRMM, Université Montpellier, France)	Claim and Fact Detection, Verification and Analysis	WTS
16.09. 27.09.	Knut Petzold (Universität Bochum, Germany)	Academics' Mobility and its Perceptions in International Population Surveys	DBG
21.10. 25.10.	Katharina Meitinger (Universiteit Utrecht, Netherlands)	Web Probing	SDM

01.12. 13.12.	Susan Halford (University of Bristol, UK)	Epistemology of Internet Data	DAS
02.12. 07.12.	Elizabeth J. Zechmeister (Vanderbilt University, USA)	The CSES Secretariat AGM and Honoring the 10-year Partnership with GESIS	DBG
02.12. 13.12.	Rebecca Kuiper (Utrecht University, Netherlands)	Evidence Synthesis using Bayesian Methods	SDM
06.12. 16.12.	Tenko Raykov (Michigan State University, USA)	Framework of Latent Variable Modeling	SDM

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 one month to work with data from the GESIS Data Archive.
2. GESIS Grants support collaboration, or preparatory work for research projects of 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. In 2019 EUROLAB announced three application rounds for stays between September 2019 and December 2020. An international selection panel evaluated all EUROLAB Grant applications on a competitive basis. For GESIS Grant stays, the GESIS Board of Directors reviewed the applications based on their compatibility with GESIS' mission, the expected output, and the quality of the application. Overall, 132 researchers from 40 countries and six continents applied for both grant schemes. 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.
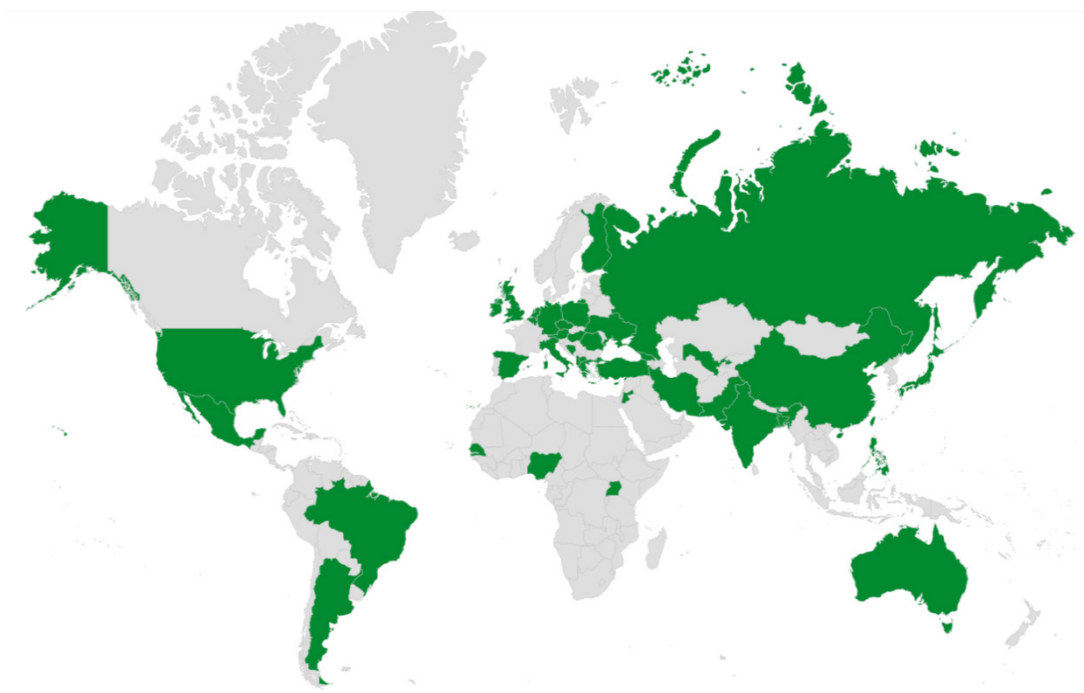
Figure 2.5:   Home Countries of Applicants[3]

With regard to research visits in 2019, twelve EUROLAB Grant holders were selected from a total of 83 applications, that GESIS received in 2018 and early 2019. These grant holders worked at EURO-LAB, Cologne, on their projects based on data stored at GESIS for a total of 225 access days. Table 2.2 below shows each EUROLAB Grant holder and the topic of their research projects.

Table 2.2   EUROLAB Grant Stays in 2019

Date	Name	Topic
01.03. - 30.03.	Edurne Bartolomé Peral (University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain)	Evolution of Acceptance of Fraud and Tax Evasion in Europe. The Effect of the Decline of Institutional Trust and Economic Crisis
15.04. - 12.05.	Bastiaan Bruinsma (Scuola Normale Superiore Florence, Italy)	One from Many: Combining Multiple Cross-Section Datasets to Generate a Longitudinal One
29.04. - 20.05.	Michal Brzezinski (University of Warsaw, Poland)	Understanding Illiberal Turn in Poland
13.05. - 31.05.	Riccardo Ladini (University of Milan, Italy)	Measuring Ethno-racial Social Distance of European Citizens: Assessment of Cross-Cultural Equivalence and Identification of Strategies to Address Possible Short-Comings

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3   Source of Map: Amcharts.com (2020, May 13). *Map of countries visited.* Retrieved from https://www.amcharts.com/visited_countries.

20.05. - 15.06.	Evelyne Brie (University of Pennsylvania, USA)	The Politics of Resentment: Explaining Electoral Support for Extreme Political Parties in Eastern Germany
01.06. - 30.06.	Vasileios Manavopoulos (Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus)	To what Extent do Different Modes of Administration Lead to Differences in the Distributions of Responses for the Same Question
11.06. - 07.07.	Linda Zhao (Harvard University, USA)	Consolidation and Differentiation: Origins of Homophily in Adolescent Friendships
10.09. - 27.09.	Nico Stehr (Zeppelin University, Germany)	Klimavertrauen
20.10. - 16.11.	Micha Germann (University of Bath, United Kingdom)	Revisiting Spatial Voting Models with Big Data
04.11. - 30.11.	Carsten Wegscheider (University of Salzburg, Austria)	Exploring the Distinct Effect of Nativist, Authoritarian and Populist Attitudes on Citizens' Conceptions of Democracy
04.11. - 30.11.	Loice Natukunda (Makerere University, Uganda)	The Role of Work Orientations for the Development of Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Comparing India, South Africa and Uganda
04.11. - 30.11.	Paula Ganga (University of Columbia, USA)	Place Matters: Economic Geography and Populist Voting in Europe

For GESIS Grants, the board of directors selected nine out of 65 applicants and invited them to work on a joint project with GESIS staff. GESIS Grant holders worked at Cologne or Mannheim for between one week and two months between December 2018 and December 2019. In 2019, nine guest researcher stays were funded by the GESIS Grant program for 247 working days, as detailed in Table 2.3.

Table 2.3   GESIS Grant Stays in 2019

Date	Name	Topic
01.12.18 - 31.01.19	Eric Guntermann (University of California, Berkeley, USA)	Coalitions and Policy Preferences: Do Citizens Adjust Their Positions to Government Coalitions? *Guest of Stephen Quinlan (DBG)*
06.01. - 18.01.	Quinton Mayne (Harvard University, USA)	Euroscepticism in Regional Contexts *Guest of Alexia Katsanidou (DAS)*
28.01. - 08.03.	Frank Krüger (University of Rostock, Germany)	Extraction of Mentionings of Research Artefacts from Scientific Literature *Guest of Benjamin Zapilko (WTS)*

16.02. - 30.03.	Olga Iakimova (Ural Federal University, Russia)	The Roots of Xenophobia toward Immigrants: The Comparative Analysis of Russia and the Western Countries *Guest of Alexia Katsanidou (DAS)*
23.04. - 02.06.	Rajesh Piryani (South Asian University, India)	Sciento-text and Rich Context Competition *Guest of Philipp Mayr-Schlegel (WTS)*
03.06. - 02.08.	Xiao Wang (Chinese University of Hong Kong, China)	Mapping the Transatlantic Clash of Data Privacy: A Study of Twitter Users' Individual and Collective Privacy Concern across the EU and the US *Guest of Katrin Weller (CSS)*
19.06. - 07.07.	Eun Lee (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA)	The Effects of the Perception Bias in the Wisdom of Crowd *Guest of Karima Faribi (CSS)*
09.09. - 08.11.	Delia Badoi (Romanian Academy of Science, Romania)	Normalizing Precariousness through the Flexible Forms of Work in Science & Research from a Gender Perspective in the EU *Guest of Andrea Löther (DBG)*
01.12.19 - 31.01.20	Ai Rene Ong (University of Michigan, USA)	Systematic Review of Cross-cultural Response Styles *Guest of Jessica Daikeler (SDM)*

2.3 Self-funded Stays

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

Table 2.4   Self-funded Visiting Researchers in 2019

	Name	**Topic**
01.04. - 05.04.	Behloul Imane (University of Blida 2, Algeria)	Intercultural Communication in Algeria *Guest of Christof Wolf (President)*
01.04.19 – 31.03.20	Masayuki Kanai (Senshu University, Japan)	Institutional Context of the Effect of Social Capital on Subjective Well-being: Comparison between Europe & East Asia *Guest of EUROLAB*
29.04. – 03.05.	Wade Jacoby (Brigham Young University, USA)	Rural-Urban Divides in German and American Politics *Guest of Johannes Blumenberg (Knowledge Transfer)*
29.04. – 03.05.	Scott Sanders (Brigham Young University, USA)	Rural-Urban Divides in German and American Politics *Guest of Johannes Blumenberg (Knowledge Transfer)*

13.05. – 17.07.	Sushant Prabhu (Manipal Institute of Technology Mumbai, India)	Data Linking for the Social Sciences *Guest of Dimitar Dimitrov (WTS)*
12.08. – 25.08.	Constantin Schäfer (University of Mannheim, Germany)	Euroscepticism and European Parliament Elections in Times of Crisis *Guest of EUROLAB*
14.09. – 26.09.	Hannah Alarian (Princeton University)	Immigrant Integration and Far-right Populism *Guest of EUROLAB and SDC*
16.09. – 13.11.	Emanuele Fedeli (University of Trento)	Parental Cliques and Attitudes towards STEM Subjects *Guest of EUROLAB and SDC*
07.10.19– 31.03.20	Sara Konoe (Kansai University, Japan)	The Politics of Integration: Unbalanced Development of the European Financial and Monetary System *Guest of EUROLAB*

2.4 Other Researchers

In addition to the Departmental and Presidential Invitees, GESIS Research Grant holders, and self-funded visiting researchers, external researchers regularly visit GESIS teams or staff members. For example, they profit from obtaining access to census data or data that are sensitive from a data protection viewpoint. They also 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): ALLBUS, Elections, German Microdata Lab (GML), International Survey Programme, and PIAAC. Besides, the Secure Data Center (SDC) often hosts visiting researchers. SDC offers access to disclosive data by hosting a safe room for on-site access. Research visits at SDC which are carried out in cooperation with the EUROLAB are documented in this annual report; other research visits at SDC, as well as researchers hosted by GML and visits fewer than five working days, are not recorded here.

2.5 Presentations by visiting researchers at GESIS

Researchers visiting GESIS have the opportunity to present their projects to receive feedback on their work and to engage in discussions with scientific peers. These presentations are advertised to GESIS staff who are invited to be part of the scientific audience. The different formats for presentations include colloquia organized by GESIS departments and brown-bag sessions held by EURO-LAB. Since 2017, the brown-bag meeting sessions take place during lunchtime and allow detailed and fruitful discussions. Furthermore, the GESIS Lecture Series gives visiting researchers the opportunity to present their projects and findings. The following table provides information on the presentations of visiting researchers who stayed at GESIS for five consecutive days or longer.

Table 2.5   Presentations by Visiting Researchers

Date	Name	Topic
24.01.	Eric Guntermann	Following the Coalition? Coalitions and Policy Preferences in Germany
21.03.	Olga Iakimova	The Roots of Xenophobia: comparative analysis of Germany and Russia
21.03.	Edurne Bartolomé Peral	Which Factors Explain Justification of Tax Evasion? Evidence from a Factorial Survey
26.03.	Timothy Johnson	Examining Cultural Differences in Question Comprehension using Latent Variable Models
02.05.	Bastiaan Bruinsma	Out of Many, One: Using Multiple Imputation to Combine Databases on Party Positions
02.05.	Masayuki Kanai	Institutional Context of the Effect of Social Capital on Subjective Well-being: Comparison between Europe and East Asia
14.05.	Michal Brzezinski	Cultural and Ideological Polarization in Central and Eastern Europe
23.05.	Riccardo Ladini	Who Do You Prefer Not to Have as a Neighbor? An "Immigrant" or a "Foreign Worker"? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in the Italian Edition of the European Values Study - World Values Survey 2017
06.06.	Ruth Dassonneville	Left-wing Women and Right-wing Men? The Ideological Gender Gap over Time
06.06.	Evelyne Brie	The Politics of Resentment: Explaining Electoral Support for Populist Parties in Eastern Germany
25.06.	Linda Zhao	Origins of Homophily Under Consolidation: The Case of Native-Immigrant Homophily in Adolescent Classroom Networks
25.06.	Vasilis Manavopoulos	Testing Mode Effects on PTVs online & offline: A comparison of responses to "Probability To Vote for a party" questions administered through a traditional survey and an online Voting Advice Application
11.09.	Nico Stehr	The Future of Work in a "Digitalized" Society: Who Determines It?
12.09.	Zoltán Fazekas	Similar Citizen Portrayals? Exclusionary Media Populism in Tabloids and Broadsheets
25.09.	Knut Petzold	Assessing the Behavioral Validity of Vignette Experiments in the Field: The Example of Ethnic Discrimination
28.01.	Delia Badoi	Normalizing Precariousness through Flexible Labor in the Neoliberal Academia - A Conceptual Model Based on a Theory-set

05.11.	Micha Germann	Revisiting Spatial Voting Models with Big Data
05.11.	Emanuele Fedeli	Friends and STEM Attitudes
26.11.	Paula Ganga	The Economic Consequences of Populism
26.11.	Loice Natukunda	Skilling Uganda, Are Rural Youth Interested? Integration of Work Psychology into Human Capital Development Initiatives in Uganda
03.12.	Liz Zechmeister	Vote Buying, Norms, and Trust in Elections
04.12.	Rebecca Kuiper	Hypothesis Testing & Meta-analysis 3.0: Aggregating Evidence for Theory-based Hypotheses from Studies with Diverse Designs"

2.6   Publications

The below list shows publications by visiting researchers as single authors or in cooperation with GESIS staff from 2019. It illustrates the broad range of research fields from the social sciences that researchers explored while working at GESIS.

- Amores, Javier & Calderón, Carlos & Stanek, Mikolaj (2019). Visual frames of migrants and refugees in the main Western European media. *Economics and Sociology*. 12. 10.14254/2071-789X.2019/12-3/10.

- Boland, Katarina & Krüger, Frank (2019). Distant supervision for silver label generation of software mentions in social scientific publications. *Proceedings of the 4th Joint Workshop on Bibliometric-enhanced Information Retrieval and Natural Language Processing for Digital Libraries (BIRNDL 2019), co-located with the 42nd International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR 2019)*: 15-27.

- Lee, Eun & Karimi, Fariba & Wagner, Claudia & Jo, Hang-Hyun & Strohmaier, Markus & Galesic, Mirta (2019). Homophily and minority-group size explain perception biases in social networks. *Nature Human Behaviour*. 3. 10.1038/s41562-019-0677-4.

- Otto, Wolfgang & Ghavimi, Behnam & Mayr, Philipp & Piryani, Rajesh & Singh, Vivek (2019). Highly cited references in PLOS ONE and their in-text usage over time. *Proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Scientometrics & Informetrics (ISSI 2019).* Volume II: 1531-1536.

- Petkova, Diana (2018/2019). Death, After-Life and Rebirth: Cultural Transfusion of Ideas. *Funes. Journal of Narratives and Social Sciences*. 2: 8-21.

➢   Piryani, Rajesh & Otto, Wolfgang & Mayr, Philipp & Singh, Vivek (2019). Analysing author
    name mentions in citation contexts of highly cited publications. *Proceedings of the 4th
    Joint Workshop on Bibliometric-enhanced Information Retrieval and Natural Language Pro-
    cessing for Digital Libraries (BIRNDL 2019), co-located with the 42nd International ACM SIGIR
    Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR 2019)*: 145-152.

➢   Quinlan, Stephen & Okolikj, Martin (2019). Patrimonial economic voting: a cross-national
    analysis of asset ownership and the vote. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*.
    Online first. 10.1080/17457289.2019.1655758.

➢   Stehr, Nico & Von Storch, Hans (2019). A Very Blind Spot. *Society*. 56: 611-612.
    10.1007/s12115-019-00424-y.

3 Assessment of EUROLAB by Visiting Researchers

Since 2017, EUROLAB monitors all visiting researchers' stays at GESIS, both in Cologne and Mannheim. To ensure and further improve the quality of our services, EUROLAB adopted an updated evaluation scheme in 2018. All visiting researchers who stayed at GESIS for at least five working days, apart from Presidential Invitees, received an invitation to complete a post-stay online survey. In addition to the online survey, visiting researchers prepared a report after the end of their stay at GESIS. These reports provide very insightful feedback, as illustrated by anonymized quotes in the following chapter. Subsequently, we present the results from the post-stay online survey.

3.1 Voices of Visiting Researchers

In their reports and post-stay survey, researchers commented on, for example, the progress of their research projects and the support provided by GESIS staff. The following paragraphs cite some of these comments.

The progress of their research projects:
- The regular meetings at CEWS were particularly helpful for my project advancement because I determined the main methodological and theoretical challenges of my project.
- During the stay in EUROLAB, great progress has been done in relation with the development of the empirical analysis, theoretical discussion of results and paper writing.
- In addition to continued work on my projects I was also thrilled by the contacts I made both with GESIS researchers as well as the presenters at the conference on populism. It was great to hear interesting presentations on my topic and learn from amazing scholars across the world.
- In the course [of] two weeks or so that I spent in Cologne, we were able to refine the motivation and framing of our paper as well as make good progress to collecting and organizing the relevant data.

The support provided by GESIS staff:
- The discussion with colleagues, facilitated by the opportunity of presenting my work has been a great opportunity to improve the work and incorporate feedback.
- I found GESIS staff very friendly and supportive during the application process, travel preparations and my stay in Cologne. It was amazing to see how caring staff were even about my personal issues like the support I received for not having access to online banking service and also ensuring that I kept warm in a very cold country. I am ever so grateful. Once a staff member was not able to help when I asked, they referred me to someone who could.
- I presented my preliminary results at a seminar and received several very useful comments and suggestions on my modeling approach, concept used, data availability, and other issues. After the seminar, I had several discussions with GESIS staff concerning availability of political variables in the EVS, quality of data, software used for latent class modeling, and future releases of EVS 2017 data.

(Planned) Publications and further projects started at GESIS:

➢ I and my colleagues are developing a book publication idea. We received support on this as well with advice on how to draft the call for abstract, possible publishing houses and the possibility of publishing some of this work in the GESIS paper series.

➢ With the help of a EUROLAB staff, I have results of analysis of data on 3 important variables of my research. The analysis will be incorporated in the draft paper within the coming weeks.

➢ Finally, I was able to meet with one of my collaborators on this project – [name of collaborator] – who works at Max Planck here at Cologne. We were able to discuss progress, a variety of methodological issues, and the way forward.

➢ For the future, we plan to document the results of the collaboration in articles. In particular, a conference paper and a journal paper are planned. Further we plan to work on a common proposal to further extend the collaboration.

The opportunity to give presentations and share results:

➢ It was also a pleasure to share my work at EUROLAB brown bag session and to see staff come to listen and offer feedback. This was important to me to present in a different context and to people who do research in different fields yet were able to give me useful comments.

➢ I appreciated a lot the possibility to present my work at the Brown Bag Seminar.

➢ I had very meaningful […] conversations with the DAS members and received interesting and useful comments during my Brown Bags presentation.

Data(sets) and services used:

➢ Discovery of two new datasets (EES 2014 and 2019) that could be more ideally suited compared to what I have previously intended to work with (VAA data).

➢ I was able to access relevant up-to-date literature on work orientations with discussions that have shaped and focused my study in a clearer manner. I have a revised conceptual framework of my research as a result of this literature.

➢ Library and access to online articles has been the most relevant access required, and it has been excellent.

➢ During my stay, all necessary data and accesses were made available to me as soon as possible. The new version of the GESIS Panel data was made available to me within four days. Furthermore, it was very helpful that I had access to MPlus. The access to the printer also worked without any problems.

➢ Also, from the CEWS office and GESIS library, I had good access to scientific articles databases, library support for books and journals on gender equality in science, access to the server of scientific literature and infrastructure of CEWS project outputs.

Suggestions for improvements:

➢ Although research is largely an independent endeavor, it may be helpful to ask if the grant holder would be glad to be attached to a GESIS experienced researcher in the same field. The two may then work together on the targets to be achieved during the visit, check on progress for realignments if necessary, and for moral support generally.

➢ From an ideal point of view, the only suggestion could be to assign a tutor to every EUROLAB guest. The tutor is supposed to have similar research interests to the ones of the EUROLAB visitor.

- ➢ What I would have liked is to get a more robust understanding of the data resources at GESIS. There is a wealth of data gathered by the organization which means many people administer parts of it, but it would be nice to have one person that I could talk to as the start point person.

- ➢ Although it is never simple to organize and it is highly dependent on funding, I would like to suggest the idea of the EUROLAB user meetings. It is an excellent opportunity for networking and share experiences and create synergies, ideas for further collaboration etc.

- ➢ The staff was helpful and welcoming and I feel I got a lot done. However, I was wondering if there could be someone who could give a short data overview at the beginning of the stay.

- ➢ A small stipend could be a nice addition to the grant, but even without it the grant is a very useful opportunity.

- ➢ For the future visiting researchers who are not familiar with the city of Cologne, I found particularly important to receive short guidance regarding a practical introduction of Cologne.

Praise:

- ➢ The welcome leaflet has also come in handy, particularly when deciding where to go for lunch. The mypartment place has also been very nice and centrally located.

- ➢ I really enjoyed my project presentation. I got amazing feedback that will prove very helpful in the next stages of my projects.

- ➢ I liked very much the possibility to have access to a rich library, which is also near to the EUROLAB office.

- ➢ It was generally a great experience, fruitful time from the daily routine in my country and a conducive environment to concentrate.

- ➢ I greatly enjoyed my short time at the GESIS-EUROLAB. It meant a lot to have a quiet space to work with easy access to my co-author. I also enjoyed being able to meet other colleagues working at GESIS.

3.2   Results from the EUROLAB Survey

The following graphs and numbers base on the responses to the post-stay online survey. In 2019, 20 researchers hosted by GESIS in Cologne or Mannheim completed this survey. Most participants visited GESIS with one of the GESIS Research Grants. The survey covers, among other topics, how they had heard about opportunities to visit GESIS, the most frequently used services during their research stay, and the satisfaction with services offered by GESIS. This applies to scientifically related and technical support, as well as logistical and administrative assistance before or during the research stay.

There are different sources from which visitors hear about research opportunities at GESIS, as Figure 3.1 demonstrates.
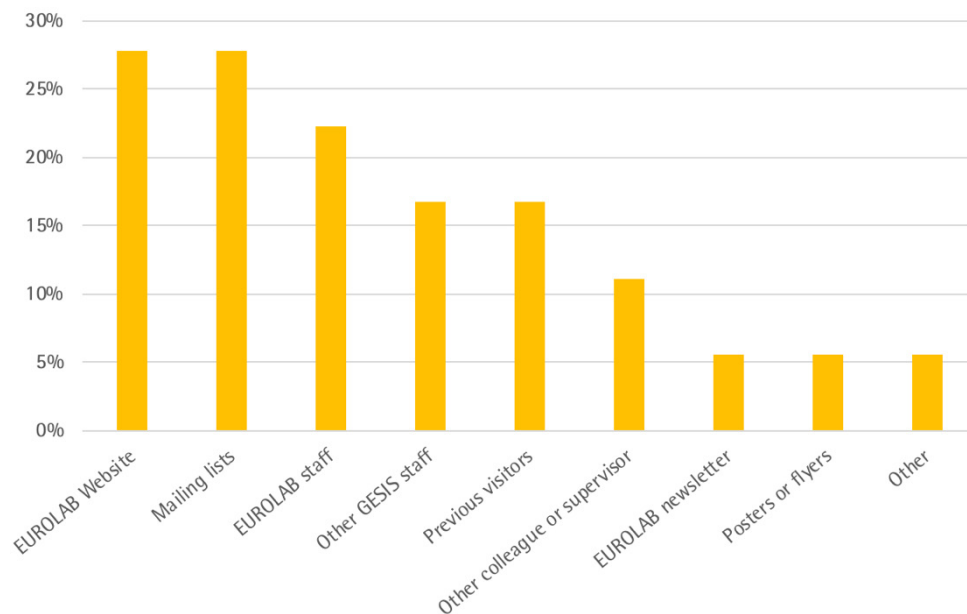
Figure 3.1:   How researchers heard about opportunities to visit GESIS (n=18), multiple answers possible

Most respondents have become aware of the possibility of researching at GESIS through the EU-ROLAB Website and mailing lists. The second most-used source of information was EUROLAB employees and other GESIS staff, who drew attention to the possibilities to visit GESIS. Personal contacts with former visitors who spread the word at their home institutions and among their academic networks play an essential role as well. Finally, some researchers became aware of GESIS via other colleagues, their supervisor, or the EUROLAB Newsletter. Few of the respondents have heard about opportunities for research stays at GESIS via a poster, flyer, or social media.

Figure 3.2 presents the relevance of the services to visiting researchers by their frequency of usage, which may indicate the primary motivation sources for visiting researchers to do a research stay at GESIS.
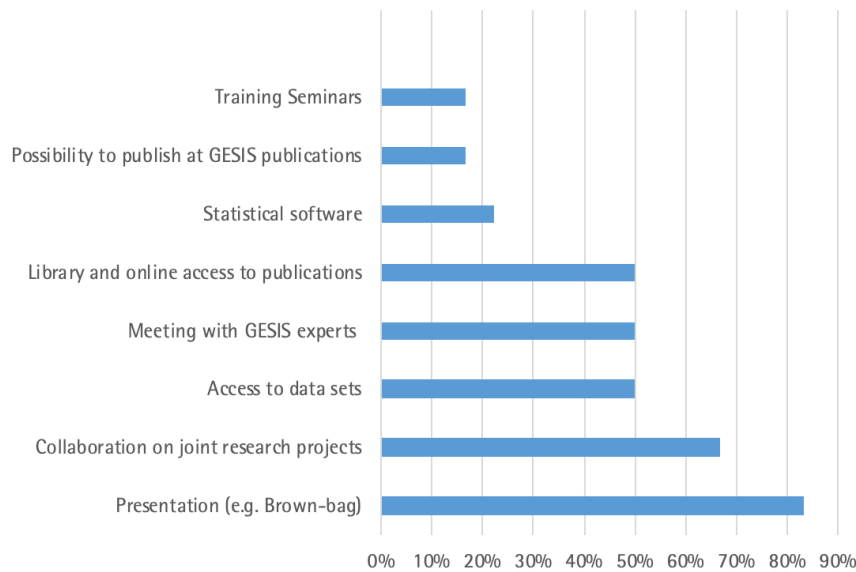
Figure 3.2:   Kinds of Services used in % (n= 18); multiple choices possible

Nearly all scholars who visited GESIS in 2019 used the opportunity to present their projects at, for example, one of EUROLAB's brown-bag meetings or as part of the GESIS Lecture Series. More than 65 percent conducted joint research projects with GESIS employees. Half of the survey respondents accessed various data sets during their research stay at GESIS. Fifty percent used the opportunity to meet with other GESIS experts to (e.g.) get advice on their project. The same number of visitors accessed the GESIS library and online publications. Further, researchers 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.

In addition to the quantity of service, also their quality, measured with researchers' satisfaction, is of crucial importance. As shown in Figure 3.3, visitors were very satisfied with the services that they used, especially with the possibility to publish at GESIS, the access to statistical software, the training seminars, the presentations organized by GESIS staff and the collaboration on joint projects. The only areas in which visitors saw some slight room for improvement were the library and online access to publications.

Figure 3.3:   Satisfaction with Services (n= 18); mean values from scales with 1= very poor to 5= very good

Figure 3.4 provides information regarding the overall satisfaction with the research visits and with each of the services.
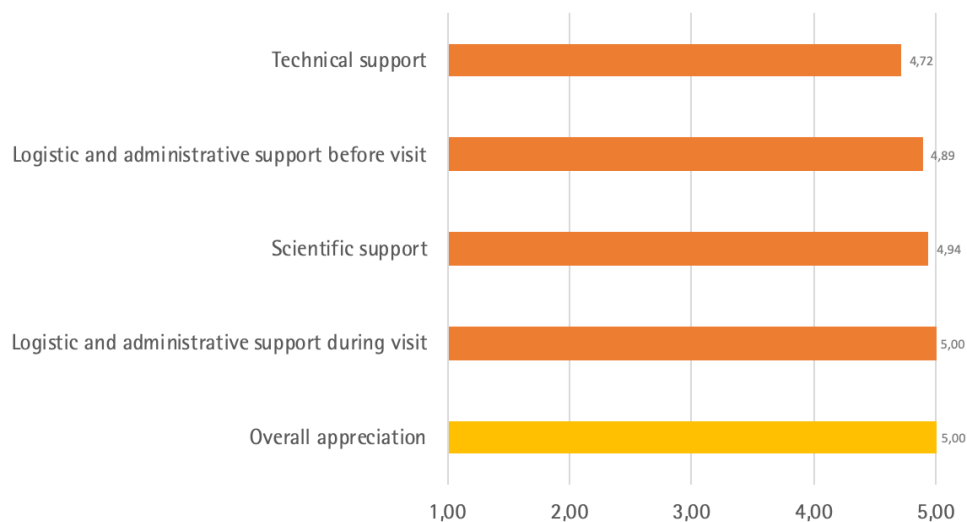

Figure 3.4:   Satisfaction with Support (n= 18); mean values from scales with 1= very poor to 5= very good

The visiting researchers evaluated all EUROLAB services as very good. This appreciation is consequently reflected in the high overall satisfaction with the research visit (Figure 3.4). All participants of the survey evaluated their overall stay at GESIS as very good (5.0). Especially the logistic and administrative support during the visit (5.00) plays an important role in the high evaluation, but visitors were also highly satisfied with the scientific support (4.94), the logistic and administrative support before the visit (4.89), and the technical support (4.72).

4 Authors' conference, capacity building, and networking

In addition to supporting visiting researchers, the EUROLAB organizes authors' conferences and engages in capacity building and networking around the world. The aim is to reach out to target groups who may be interested in GESIS Services and competences of GESIS staff and to initiate new and deepen existing collaborations of relevance to the social sciences. Some of the activities EUROLAB staff engaged in 2019 are briefly summarized below.

4.1 5th EUROLAB Authors' Conference: "Populism and polarization – a dual threat to Europe's liberal democracies?"

In recent years, European democracies have increasingly come under strain, with populism and polarization posing severe challenges to liberal democracy. The 5th EUROLAB Authors' Conference, organized by EUROLAB team Heidi Schulze and Marlene Mauk in cooperation with Jonas Linde (University of Bergen) and held in Cologne from November 21st to 22nd 2019, brought together 27 researchers to discuss whether and how populism and polarization endanger the functioning and stability of democracy. Among other topics, the contributions examined how populist and radical movements use digital media to spread their ideas, how populist ideologies can promulgate illiberal conceptions of democracy, and how the representation of populists in parliaments and governments affect citizens' views of democracy. Selected papers will be published as a special issue in the open-access journal *Politics and Governance* in Summer 2020.

The aims of the authors' conferences, implemented at the EUROLAB in 2010, are (1) to produce advanced research in a range of pertinent societal topics, based on state-of-the-art empirical evidence by (2) bringing together researchers and experts from all over the world working on the selected topic who (3) use a variety of empirical data which are (4) analyzed using a mixture of research methods. Contributors are encouraged to employ data from the huge national, and comparative data collections provided by the GESIS Data Archive and are given the opportunity to use the facilities of the EUROLAB in the preparation of their papers.

4.2 Capacity Building in East Africa

Data collection, data management, and data analysis are the basis for monitoring the economic and social development of societies. Expanding on an idea developed during his visit to EUROLAB in early 2018, former GESIS Grant holder Norman Mukasa (Muteesa I Royal University, Uganda) initiated a capacity-building project together with Simone Haasler (Head of Knowledge Transfer). WTr teams Training and EUROLAB supported the project, which was managed by Marlene Mauk. The project aims to enhance the skills for collecting, processing, archiving, and analyzing data in East Africa. Funded by VW Foundation, the project established a Scientific Research Network in East Africa, that promotes cooperation projects between GESIS and East African universities. In 2019, the project organized three German-African cooperation events, amongst them the 1st International Summer School in Uganda: Survey Methodology and Data Management (ISSU). The ISSU was held from September 16th to 27th 2019 in Masaka, Uganda. It featured four one-week courses that were taught by teams of GESIS staff members and international lecturers from Uganda, Kenya, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland and brought together 50 participants from Uganda, Kenya and Germany.

4.3   Research Data Alliance (RDA) Activities

As co-chair of the Interest group (IG) Data for Development, Ingvill C. Mochmann has been actively involved in the Research Data Alliance (RDA) since 2014. Focusing on the importance of data sharing amongst all actors collecting data of relevance to the well-being of populations and societal developments worldwide, she has been organizing sessions at several plenaries in cooperation with other interest groups and working groups at the RDA. With the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015, the necessity of open access to high quality data became even more profound. Consequently, the RDA has implemented several activities that highlight how the RDA can contribute to the SDGs and providing the evidence base for the societal challenges of the 21st century in general. In 2019, Ingvill C. Mochmann organized sessions on the SDGs in collaboration with partners both at the 13th RDA Plenary in Philadelphia and at the 14th RDA Plenary in Helsinki. Furthermore, she organized the meeting of co-chairs of the RDA interest and working groups from June 26th to 28th 2019 in cooperation with Team EUROLAB and Simone Haasler, co-chair of the IG Data for Development and head of the Knowledge Transfer Department at GESIS. 34 RDA Chairs from around the world attended the event to exchange views on developments in the area of open access, data sharing and implementation of the FAIR principles, among others. In July 2019, Ingvill C. Mochmann was appointed "RDA Europe Ambassador for the SDGs". In this capacity, she will, amongst others, summarize the contribution of the RDA to the SDGs, reach out to relevant actors, and support networking and capacity building.

4.4   OECD Meeting: "Digital Skills for Data-Intensive Science"

What digital skills do scientists need to analyze big data? This question was the focus of the workshop "OECD Global Science Forum Digital Skills for Data-Intensive Science" that took place from October 28th to 29th 2019 at GESIS Cologne. The workshop was organized under the direction of OECD in cooperation with GESIS and Team EUROLAB. Since 2018, an international group of experts, including Ingvill C. Mochmann, has been developing recommendations for governments on the importance and prioritization of digital skills that are required now and in the future. The recommendations also include an outline which steps are needed to make sure that future workforce will possess the relevant skills required to analyze the mass of (open) data. A report on the key findings and recommendations will be published mid-2020.

5   EUROLAB Staff

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

Ingvill C. Mochmann is head of the EUROLAB team. She supports visiting researchers and is involved in research project acquisition and management, organizational development including elaboration of strategies, network and capacity building as well as knowledge transfer.

Ingvill's research focuses on interdisciplinary, international, and intersectoral research in the field of democracy and minority rights, children born of war, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), comparative social research, mixed methods, participatory research and research on hidden populations. Further information can be found here.

Postdoctoral researcher: Dr. Marlene Mauk

Marlene Mauk is postdoctoral researcher at EUROLAB. She 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 and organizes the International Summer School in Uganda (ISSU).

Marlene's research interests are 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.

Researcher, Ph.D. Candidate: Heidi Schulze, MA

Heidi Schulze is a doctoral researcher at EUROLAB. She functions as deputy head and is the coordinator of the GESIS Grant funding scheme. In addition, Heidi is Ph.D. Representative for GESIS Cologne. In this capacity, she is the contact person for all Ph.D. students at GESIS, organizing events for doctoral students and representing GESIS within the Leibniz Ph.D. Network.

Heidi'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.

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Administrative support: Monika Graf

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Monika is an examined European secretary in English, French, and Spanish. She has been working at GESIS since 2005 and has previously held positions as foreign language secretary in Team Social Indicators (DBG) and as project assistant in Team European Social Survey (SDM).

Student Research Assistant: Christoph Piske, BA

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. From June 2017 to June 2019, he supported the EUROLAB as a student assistant.

Student Research Assistant: Munir Adi, BA

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.