

PRODUCTIVE THIRD QUARTER OF THE SECCOPA PROJECT

- We published *three papers* in SSCI listed journals.
- While many conferences were canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we presented new ideas at *important international online conferences*.
- Check our homepage (www.seccopa.de) and our Twitter account ([@seccopa_project](https://twitter.com/seccopa_project)) for further updates.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE LAST YEAR?

In this second year of our SECCOPA project we published **three research articles** in SSCI ranked peer-reviewed journals, namely in Social Indicators Research, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility and Journal of Happiness Studies. We submitted **eight more new research papers** on different topics to SSCI ranked peer-reviewed journals, which are currently under review. Unfortunately, the **Covid-19 pandemic** caused many cancellations of conferences, in which we were invited to present new ideas within our project. However, we attended some **online conferences**, where we received valuable feedback.

FIRST SECCOPA PUBLICATION ON FIXED-TERM EMPLOYMENT AND WELL-BEING

Our Ph.D. student Sonja Scheuring contributed the first SECCOPA publication in June 2020 on “*The Effect of Fixed-Term Employment on Well-Being: Disentangling the Micro-Mechanisms and the Moderating Role of Social Cohesion*” in Social Indicators Research and is published as Open Access (the article can be downloaded [↗here](#)). Using data from European Social Survey (**ESS**, 2012), she finds that the effects of fixed-term employment compared to both unemployment and permanent employment on well-being greatly varies across European countries. She finds that the suggested mediators of Jahoda’s Latent Deprivation model can explain some parts of the effects. Social cohesion on the country-level can diminish the negative effects of fixed-term compared to permanent employment on well-being.

SECOND SECCOPA PUBLICATION ON TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

In July 2020, our Ph.D. student Sophia Fauser published the second SECCOPA article on “*Career trajectories and cumulative wages: The case of temporary employment*” in Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, which is published as Open Access (the article can be downloaded [↗here](#)). With data from the German Socio-Economic Panel (**SOEP**, 1994-2017) and applying sequence analysis, she investigates how 10-year career trajectories relate to cumulative labor earnings. The results show that compared to workers with continuous permanent jobs, workers whose careers are characterized by temporary employment have overall lower labor earnings. Specifically, workers whose careers start in temporary employment but where lasting transitions to permanent jobs are made experience cumulative wage disadvantages of over 50,000 Euro.



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THIRD SECCOPA PUBLICATION RESULTING FROM A COLLABORATION WITH THE ERC FUNDED HEALFAM PROJECT ON FIXED-TERM EMPLOYMENT AND WELL-BEING



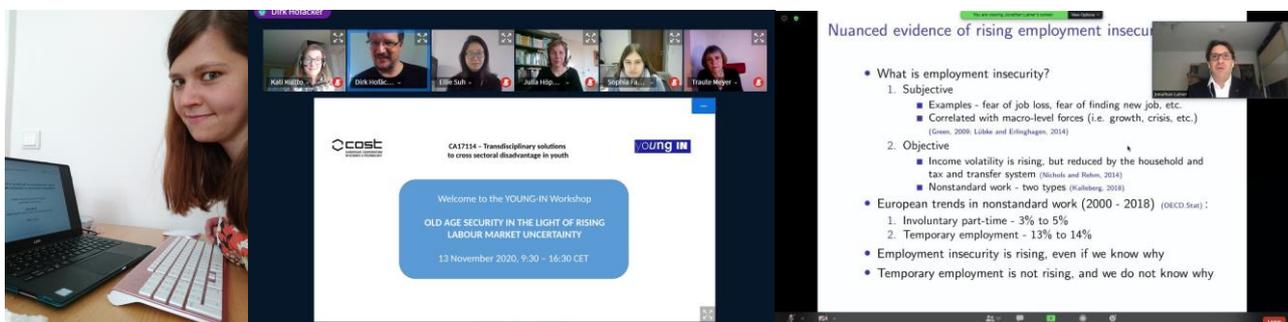
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The third paper is the result of a collaboration of our Ph.D. student Sonja Scheuring and two members the ERC funded **HEALFAM** (“The Effects of Unemployment on Health of Family Members”) project at Umeå University, Sweden, namely Anna Baranowska-Rataj and Jonas Voßemer (former Postdoc at the HEALFAM project) and Giulia Tattarini from the **WZB** (Berlin Social Research Center). The title of the paper is “*Does Fixed-Term Employment Have Spillover Effects on the Well-Being of Partners? A Panel Data Analysis for East and West Germany*” and it is published in *Journal of Happiness Studies* in January 2021 as Open Access. (the article can be downloaded [here](#)). Using data from the German Socio-Economic Panel (**SOEP**, 1995-2017), they find that transitions from unemployment to fixed-term employment increases partners’ well-being and that these effects are larger in case of re-employment by men and partners’ socialization in West Germany. Transitions from fixed-term to permanent jobs do not substantially increase the well-being of partners with little differences by gender and place of socialization. While the spillover effect of re-employment is mediated by changes in the well-being of the individual re-entering the labor market, changes in job insecurity and financial worries due to transitions from fixed-term to permanent jobs are too small to produce meaningful effects on well-being. The results show that they cause little difference in the well-being of individuals and their partners and that finding a job matters more than the type of contract.

ONLINE PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- **July 2, 2020:** Presentation at the ECSR 2020 Online Conference for Early Career Researchers
- **September 9, 2020:** Presentation at the IAB Conference on “Labour Market Transitions: Challenges for Public Policies and Research”
- **November 13, 2020:** Presentation at the YOUNG-IN Online Workshop on “Old Age Security in the Light of Rising Labour Market Uncertainty”
- **November 16, 2020:** Invited presentation at Center for Social Inequality Studies – Trento, Italy



CANCELED PRESENTATIONS DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- **June 10-12, 2020:** Presentation at the International Conference of the Sequence Analysis Conference in Milan, Italy
- **July 1-3, 2020:** Three presentations at the ECSR 2020 Annual Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands
- **August 26-28, 2020:** Two presentations at the ISA RC28 Spring Meeting 2020 at Turku, Finland
- **October 5-7:** Two presentations at the 2020 SLLS Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania

OUTLOOK

In the upcoming months, we are happy to continue our work on the above introduced topics.

- We plan to **submit** even more papers to SSCI ranked journals.
- We hope to furtherly present our research at **international conferences** (already scheduled are the PAA Annual Meeting 2021, the ISA RC28 Spring Meeting 2021, the 2021 SLLS Conference and a German conference, namely the Tagung “Erwerbsverläufe, Sozialpolitik und Ungleichheit”).

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