

PRODUCTIVE FOURTH YEAR OF THE SECCOPA PROJECT

- Three *papers* accepted for publication in SSCI listed journals.
- While many conferences were only organized online due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we presented new ideas at *important international conferences*.
- Check our homepage (www.seccopa.de) and our Twitter account (@seccopa_project) for further updates.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE LAST YEAR?

In this fourth year of our SECCOPA project **three original research articles** got accepted for publication in SSCI ranked peer-reviewed journals, marking the project's sixth publication in total. These articles will be published in *Advances in Life Course Research*, *Journal of European Social Policy*, and *European Societies*. Moreover, we have **seven more new research papers** which are currently under review at different SSCI ranked peer-reviewed journals. Unfortunately, the **Covid-19 pandemic** is still negatively affecting the academic world and the organization of conferences. Nonetheless, we presented at several **online conferences**, where we received valuable feedback to our work. Additionally, our project director had the pleasure to participate at the roundtable discussion on „Cross-national perspectives on panel studies and the future of POLPAN: Polish research in a cross-national perspective”, which took place on-site at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. There were also some changes to our team. Our PhD student Sonja Scheuring left the project in October last year and were happy to welcome our new colleague Chenhao Hsu to our SECCOPA team. We want to thank Sonja for her excellent work and wish her continued success in her new position.

FOURTH SECCOPA PUBLICATION ON CAREER INSECURITY OF COUPLES AND LATER HOUSING OUTCOMES

Our Ph.D. students Sophia Fauser and Sonja Scheuring wrote a joint paper on “*Couples' early career trajectories and later life housing consequences in Germany: Investigating cumulative disadvantages*”, which was accepted for publication in *Advances in Life Course Research* as an Open Access article (the article can be downloaded [here](#)). Using data from the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP 1995-2018), they investigate if early career insecurity accumulates within couples and over time and negatively effects later housing outcomes. Specifically, they investigate the amount of income spent on rent as well as the probability to be a homeowner. Applying a life-course perspective and multichannel sequences analysis, the paper reveals that couples in which both partners have insecure employment trajectories, characterized by frequent spells of fixed-term employment and unemployment, are 25 percentage points less likely to own a home in early adulthood compared to couples with more secure career trajectories. For couples who do not own their home but rather live for rent, results show that couples with insecure careers spend between 2 and 5 percentage points more of their joint income on rent compared to couples where both partners have secure career trajectories.



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FIFTH SECCOPA PUBLICATION REVIEWS THE LITERATURE ON TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

Our post-doctoral research associate, Jonathan Latner and Nicole Saks, who worked as a student assistant on the project, wrote a joint paper reviewing the literature focusing on examining the consequences of temporary employment on wage and career mobility. The article titled, “The wage and career consequences of temporary employment in Europe: Analyzing the theories and synthesizing the evidence”, was accepted for publication in *Journal of European Social Policy*. A starting point for the paper is that, despite decades of research since the 1980s, there is a lack of clarity on our understanding of the consequences. It is often stated that results are ‘mixed.’ They create clarity by organizing outcomes by geographic region, demographic group, and reference group. Results vary across these factors, but there is less variation within these factors. However, analyzing the theory suggests that our understanding is less clear than widely recognized about the mechanisms through which temporary employment affects wage and career mobility. In synthesizing the evidence and analyzing the theory, they create new opportunities for development in the field by increasing the scope of the debate about some questions and decreasing the scope about other questions.

SIXTH SECCOPA PUBLICATION ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT IN EUROPE

Jonathan Latner also wrote a paper examining the distribution of temporary employment in Europe. The article titled, “*Temporary employment rate and risk: A life course approach to examining trends in European countries*”, was accepted for publication in the journal, *European Societies*. It is often stated that temporary employment is rising. However, since 2000, there is little change in the incidence and distribution of temporary work in Europe. Further, even though there are large differences in levels of temporary employment between countries and demographic groups, there is little change over time within countries and demographic groups. Distinct from previous research, the paper used both cross-sectional data from the European Labor Force Survey (EU-LFS) and panel data from the European Survey of Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC). Cross-sectional data suggests that between 1996 and 2007, the temporary employment rate increased in Europe by 28%, but between 2007 and 2019, there was little change. By contrast, panel data suggests that between 2013 and 2019, the risk of experiencing at least one temporary employment contract rose 36%. Therefore, the temporary employment rate is not rising, but the temporary employment risk is rising. The paper gives new insights into the nature of employment insecurity associated with temporary employment.



DISCUSSION ON PANEL DATA HARMONIZATION AT POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

December 1-2, 2021

Michael Gebel attended the international conference on „Harmonized longitudinal data on social structure: Polish research in a cross-national perspective” at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. He participated at the roundtable discussion on „Cross-national perspectives on panel studies and the future of POLPAN“. Moreover, he had the pleasure to discuss the excellent ongoing work of our Polish colleagues from the „The Cross-National Biographies of Youth“ (CNB-Young) project on „Challenges for harmonizing panel data from Poland, Germany, UK and USA“. Given the focus on comparative panel data analysis and employment precarity there is a strong overlap of research interest between CNB-Young and SECCOPA and we hope for further collaboration between the two projects.

ONLINE PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- **May, 5-8, 2021:** Two presentations at the PAA Virtual Meeting 2021
- **May 20, 2021:** Invited presentation at the online Webinar Series of the Sequence Analysis Association
- **June 2-4, 2021:** Two presentations at the ISA RC28 Online Spring meeting
- **June 10-11, 2021:** Presentation at the Online Tagung “Erwerbsverläufe, Sozialpolitik und Ungleichheit“ der Sektionen „Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse“ and „Sozialpolitik“
- **June 17-18, 2021:** Presentation at the 4th Joint Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference 2021 Online
- **August 6-10, 2021:** Two presentations ASA 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting
- **August 31-September 3, 2021:** Presentations at the Virtual ESA 2021 Conference
- **September 20-22, 2021:** Two presentations at the Virtual SLLS conference
- **October 7-8, 2021:** Two presentations at the ECSR 2021 Virtual Annual Conference

Session 2.7

Employment quality

Chair: Paolo Barbieri

Markus Wolf

Persistent or Temporary? Effects of Welfare Benefit Sanctions on Employment Quality in the Short and Long Run

Jonathan P. Latner

Temporary employment: A comparative study of trends and group distribution in European countries

Sophia Fauser, Michael Gebel

Investigating the temporary employment wage gap across 30 countries using LIS data: How much and for whom does the institutional context matter?

Linda Vecgaile

Effects of postponing motherhood on wages: A comparison of West Germany and the United Kingdom



ASA
American Sociological Association

116th Virtual Annual Meeting

2665. Labor and Labor Movements Roundtable, International Labor Issues

VAM, Room 64, 3:00-3:55pm

Session Organizer: Tom Juravich, University of Massachusetts-

Amherst

Table President: Karthik Balaji Ramanujam, Florida Atlantic

University

Examining Longer-Term Dynamics of the Effects of Fixed-Term

Employment Trajectories on Subjective Well-Being in

Germany - Sonja Scheuring, University of Bamberg,

Germany; Michael Gebel

2667. Labor and Labor Movements Roundtable, Temporary and

Precarious Work

VAM, Room 66, 3:00-3:55pm

Session Organizer: Tom Juravich, University of Massachusetts-

Amherst

Table President: Gorkem Dagdelen, Temple University

Investigating the wage penalty of temporary workers across 30

countries using LIS data - Sophia Fauser, University of

Bamberg; Michael Gebel

OUTLOOK

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

- We hope to **publish** the submitted papers and plan to **submit** even more papers to SSCI ranked journals.
- We hope to present our research at **international conferences** which will hopefully be taking place on-site (already scheduled are presentations at the ISA RC28 Spring Meeting 2022, the 2022 ECSR Spring Meeting, the 2022 SASE Conference, the SOEP 22022 User Conference, and the EPC 2022).

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