Dear Cluster members,

This newsletter informs you on a regular basis about upcoming events, new Cluster members, fellows and international faculty as well as other important news from the Universities of Bonn and Cologne.

You would like to inform our members about your Cluster activities?
Please send an email to pr@econtribute.de
– we will consider your request for the upcoming newsletter.
New episode of the ECONtribute podcast

Cluster member [Florian Zimmermann](#) is guest of the latest episode „Fake News – Die Gedächtnistrigger“ of the ECONtribute #Wirtschaftspodcast. Florian explains why some news are anchored differently in our minds than others. Why are stories better remembered than numbers?

Listen now to the new episode, available on all common podcast platforms.

[Click here for the new episode.](#)

Carina Neisser is #Zia Science Fellow

[Carina Neisser](#) joins the [Zia – Women Visible in Science Program](#) by the Zeitverlag. The one year fellowship program brings together 25 young women in science.

The network offers continuing training opportunities on negotiation, communication, and leadership as well as networking opportunities and exchange of experiences live and digitally.

The first meeting took place in the beginning of November in Berlin.

Louisa Specht-Riemenschneider presents initial ideas for the newly founded Data Institute

Cluster member [Louisa Specht-Riemenschneider](#) was appointed as member of the founding commission for the new data institute under the coordination of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) and the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community (BMI). The Commission has now handed its interim report, "The Road to a Data Institute for Germany," to Federal Minister of the Interior and Community Nancy Faeser and Federal Minister Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck.

[Read the press release from the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community.](#)
Sustainability more important for young people than high wages | Thomas Dohmen

Young people would accept a lower salary for a job in a sustainable or socially oriented company.

“We have empirically proven with our study that a company’s mission is important,” says Thomas Dohmen. Companies could more easily recruit young professionals if they pursue sustainable or social goals. The study indicates that people with altruistic and prosocial personalities are particularly attracted to companies that demonstrate a commitment to society or climate protection.

Around 1500 master's students from the Netherlands were asked to evaluate fictitious job offers as part of the study. The researchers varied a range of characteristics in the job descriptions, such as the salary and the chance of a permanent contract, the importance of sustainability in the company, and whether the work is done independently or as part of a team.

Further Information & publication

Covid-19: Vaccination status polarizes population | Luca Henkel

Researchers analyze association between Covid vaccination status and social cohesion: People who strongly identify with their Covid vaccine status discriminate more strongly against the respective other group. This is shown by a study conducted by the team around Luca Henkel, member of the Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute at the University of Bonn, with the participation of the Universities of Erfurt and Vienna and the Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine Hamburg. The study was published in the journal Nature Human Behaviour.

Further Information & publication
Public more likely to support climate action if other countries commit as well | Michael Bechtel

International climate agreements are not only essential to reducing carbon dioxide emissions worldwide, but also important. The public is more willing to bear the costs of climate action if other countries contribute as well. This is the result of a study conducted by Professor Dr. Michael Bechtel, member of the Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute (University of Cologne), Professor Dr. Kenneth Scheve (Yale University), and Dr. Elisabeth van Lieshout (Stanford University), which has recently been published in the journal Nature Communications.

Further Information & publication
ECONtribute invites to the Call for Paper to the Cologne FRESH Meeting 2023: Historical Political Economy and Long-run Development.

The event will take place from May 24-25 at the University of Cologne. A keynote will be given by Sascha Becker, Xiaokai Yang Chair of Business and Economics at Monash University. The meeting welcomes economic and social historians, political scientists, and scholars from related disciplines with a shared interest for causal inference using historical data.

**Deadline for submissions:** 10th of February 2023

**Date:** 24th and 25th of May 2023, University of Cologne

[More information](#)

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**Workshop on Political Behaviour and Institutions**

ECONtribute and the CCCP invite to a half day workshop on Political Behaviour and Institutions.

The workshop will showcase research on this topic being conducted by leading researchers from top-departments, alongside presentations by early career researchers at the University of Cologne and the ECONtribute research area “Political Economy”.

Confirmed speakers are Kenneth Scheve (Yale University, United States), Matthew Gabel (Washington University in St. Louis, United States) and Paula Rettl (Bocconi University, Italy).

**Date & time:** 10th of January 2023, 13:00-18:30, Dozierendenzimmer

Main Building, University of Cologne

[More information and registration](#)

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**Inaugural Lecture by Cluster member Michael Bechtel**

Michael Bechtel, Professor of Political Economy at the University of Cologne and member at ECONtribute, will give his inaugural lecture on 16th of January at the University of Cologne on the topic: “Why Are We Underprepared? Democracy, Sustainability, and Long-Term Policy Challenges”.

**Date & time:** 16th of January, 14:00-16:00, Seminar building (106) at the University of Cologne.

[More information and registration](#)
New ECONtribute Members

Zainab Iftikahr

Zainab Iftikahr joins ECONtribute as Associate Professor of Macroeconomics in at University of Bonn in February 2023.

Her research focuses on International Migration, Family Economics, Development and Growth, Labour Economics.

Welcome, Zainab!

Anne Burmeister

Anne Burmeister will join our Cluster Faculty in January 2023 when starting her position at University of Cologne as Professor of Organizational Behaviour.

Her research is focused on knowledge transfer processes and social interactions at work with a focus on aging and age-diverse workforces, contributes to the more effective management of knowledge and diversity in organizations.

Welcome, Anne!
Our website informs about new publications by our members and fellows. Please send new publications to research@econtribute.de. If you want to be up-to-date to the latest publications, subscribe to our mailing list.

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Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
ECONtribute Law and Econ Workshop

Tuesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
ECONtribute and C-SEB Design & Behavior Seminar

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
ECONtribute Seminar
e.g. Arianna Ortaghi, Matthias Thoenig

Tuesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
ECONtribute and C-SEB Design & Behavior Seminar

MPI Research Seminar
At the Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods and via Zoom.

MORE ABOUT THE SEMINAR
A warm welcome to our new...

...YEP Students Robin Musloff, Alexander Laubel, Malin Siemers!

...Cluster faculty member Zainab Iftikahr
Website

...Cluster faculty member Anne Burmeister
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