

Publications Justina A.V. Fischer

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Academic Journals/Periodicals:

1. “Public sector decentralization and school performance: International evidence”, (with Torberg Falch). Forthcoming in *Economics Letters*, 2012.
2. “Do Positional Concerns Destroy Social Capital: Evidence from 26 Countries”, (with Benno Torgler). Forthcoming in *Economic Inquiry*, 2012.
3. “Does government decentralization reduce domestic terror? An empirical test“. (with A. Dreher). *Economics Letters* 111(3), 223-225, 2011.
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6. “The Effect of Direct Democracy on Income Redistribution: Evidence for Switzerland”, (with L.P. Feld & G. Kirchgässner). *Economic Inquiry* 48, 817-840, 2010.
7. “Does Job Satisfaction Improve Workers’ Health? New Evidence using Panel Data and Objective Measures of Health”. (with A. Sousa-Poza). *Health Economics* 18, 71-89, 2009.
8. “Is Competition Good for Trust? Cross-Country Evidence Using Micro-Data“. *Economics Letters* 100, 56-59, 2008.
9. “Cross-Country Determinants of Life Satisfaction: Exploring Different Determinants across Groups in Society”. (with C. Bjørnskov and A. Dreher). *Social Choice and Welfare* 30, 119-173, 2008.
10. “On Decentralization and Life Satisfaction”. (with C. Bjørnskov and A. Dreher.) *Economics Letters* 99, 147–151, 2008.
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12. „Personality, Job Satisfaction and Health - The Mediating Influence of Affectivity“, (with A. Sousa-Poza), *Swiss Journal of Statistics and Economics* 144, 379-435, 2008.
13. “Is It Culture or Democracy? The Impact of Democracy and Culture on Happiness”. (with D. Dorn, G. Kirchgässner, and A. Sousa-Poza.) *Social Indicators Research* 82, 505-526, 2007.

14. "The Bigger the Better? Evidence of the Effect of Government Size on Life Satisfaction around the World". (with C. Bjørnskov and A. Dreher.) *Public Choice* 127, 267-292, 2007.
15. "The Effect of Relative Income Position on Social Capital". (with B. Torgler.) *Economics Bulletin* 26, 1-20, 2006.
16. "Die Konzeption des homo oeconomicus im "Isolierten Staat" als Grundlage für eine ideale Ordnung" (The concept 'homo oeconomicus' in v. Thunen's *The Isolated State* as basis for an ideal order). Sonderheft: Johann Heinrich von Thünen, *Zeitschrift für Agrarpolitik und Praxis* 215, 228-248, 2002.

Publications in non-refereed journals

Fischer, J.A.V. (2010), Stuttgart 21: mit direkter Demokratie aus der Sackgasse?, *Wochenbericht, DIW Berlin*, German Institute for Economic Research, vol. 77(51/52), 19-25.

WORK in PROGRESS

1. *Globalization effects for political trust* (working title).
2. *Consumption of Arts and Happiness* (working title).
3. *Social Trust and Development Aid* (working title).
4. *Immigration and Social Trust* (working title).
5. *Heterogeneity in trust and economic growth* (working title) (with Lars Siemers), January 2010.
6. *Enforced versus voluntary tax compliance* (with Fritz Schneider and Jan Schnellenbach), first version presented at the IAREP/SABE conference 2008.
7. *Testing the Evolution of Democracy in the Laboratory* (with Urs Fischbacher)

Selected recent working papers

1. "Living under the 'right' government: does political ideology matter to trust in political institutions? An analysis for OECD countries", MPRA Paper 33344, University Library of Munich, Germany.
2. "Immigration, integration and terrorism: is there a clash of cultures?", MPRA Paper 27690, University Library of Munich, Germany.

3. "Inequality and Happiness: When Perceived Social Mobility and Economic Reality Do not Match", (with Christian Bjørnskov, Axel Dreher, and Jan Schnellenbach), CESifo Working Paper No. 3216, 2010.
4. "The Impact of Institutions on Firms' Rejuvenation Policies: Early Retirement with Severance Pay versus Simple Lay-Off. A Cross-European Analysis", (with A. Sousa-Poza), Working Papers 034, Chair for Economic Policy, University of Hamburg.
5. "Subjective Well-Being as Welfare Measure: Concepts and Methodology", MPRA Paper 16619, University Library of Munich, Germany, 2009.
6. "Does a Generous Welfare State Crowd out Student Achievement? Panel Data Evidence from International Student Tests", (with Torberg Falch), CESifo Working Paper No. 2383, 2008.

Other Publications

Books: (Dissertation)

1. *The Impact of Direct Democracy on Society*. Doctoral Thesis No. 3074, University of St. Gallen, October 2005. Available through:
[http://www.biblio.unisg.ch/www/edis.nsf/wwwDisplayIdentifier/3074/\\$FILE/dis3074.pdf](http://www.biblio.unisg.ch/www/edis.nsf/wwwDisplayIdentifier/3074/$FILE/dis3074.pdf)

Contributions to 'Conference Proceedings' or 'Books of Abstracts':

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2. „Competition and subjective Well-being: does competition make people unhappy?“ In: *Values and Economy, Proceedings of the 32nd IAREP Conference*, Univerza v Ljubljani, Ljubljana, 478-483, 2007.
3. „Are happy people more satisfied with their lives – The Impact of National Culture on the Difference Between Life Satisfaction and Happiness?“ with Gebhard Kirchgässner. In: *Values and Economy, Proceedings of the 32nd IAREP Conference*, Univerza v Ljubljani, Ljubljana, 75-79, 2007.
4. „The Impact of Political Institutions on Suicide in U.S. States.“ In: *Abstracts of the XXXth International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Padua, Italy*, p.241, Dordrecht: Springer, 2007

Book Reviews:

1. Alice E.S. Tay and Günther Doeker-Mach (eds.): Asia-Pacific Handbook, Vol. I and II: People's Republic of China, *Aussenwirtschaft* (2003), IV, 577-580.
2. Jianfu Chen, Yuwen Li, and Jan Michiel Otto (eds.): Implementation of Law in the People's Republic of China, *Aussenwirtschaft* (2003), III, 446-448.
3. Review of: Nicholas R. Lardy (2002): Integrating China into the Global Economy, *WTO-News*, No. 6, June 2002, p. 4.

Miscellaneous (e.g. press articles)

Weltweit steigende Milchpreise: Ursachen und Bedeutung für den Thurgau?
[Worldwide rising prices for milk: causes and consequences for the canton Thurgau]
(TWI Kolumne der Thurgauer Zeitung), 9 May 2008.

Book Collaborations and Book Contributions:

1. "Direct Democracy in Switzerland and Public Education: Student Achievement in Reading, Mathematics and Natural Science". In: N. Soguel, (ed.), *Governance and Performance of Education Systems*. Conference Proceedings. Springer. 2007. (based on my doctoral thesis)
2. Henneberger, F. & Sousa-Poza, A., with collaboration by Justina Fischer: *Arbeitsplatzwechsel in der Schweiz: Eine empirische Analyse der Motive und Bestimmungsgründe*, 2nd edition, Paul Haupt Verlag, Bern-Stuttgart – Wien, 2007.
3. *Society at a Glance* (2009). OECD, Paris 2009.
4. Report for the OECD to the European Commission on the determinants of SWB in OECD countries. Scope for its policy application, particularly in the fields disability, work and leisure, retirement, and income redistribution, chapters 1-3 (author), chapters 4, 5, and 7 (contributor).