What matters to people – innovation and society!

26.01.2015 – Prof. Jürgen Howaldt followed the invitation from the German Chancellor Angela Merkel to discuss with other experts from around the globe about innovations and how they can improve wellbeing, prosperity and progress.

More about: What matters to people – innovation and society!

Social Innovations for Germany. Declaration published

23.12.2014 – Social innovations have increasingly to be considered and implemented in order to overcome the grand societal challenges of our societies today. This is the key message of the declaration "Social Innovations for Germany".

More about: Social Innovations for Germany. Declaration published

GERMAN "HIGH-TECH STRATEGY““ puts social innovation on the agenda. Social Innovation on governmental level

22.12.2014 – In its “High-Tech Strategy” publication the German Federal Government is defining its overall innovation concept and its research and innovation approach for the upcoming years. The strategy used to outline the market potentials of different technologies in order to improve Germany’s competitiveness in global markets.

More about: GERMAN "HIGH-TECH STRATEGY““ puts social innovation on the agenda. Social Innovation on governmental level
TU Dortmund University – sfs at „Innovation dynamics: responsible innovation in finance, social innovation and innovation in the public sector – theory, practices and policies“ congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina

23.12.2014 – Prof. Dr. Jürgen Howaldt, director of sfs, and Dmitri Domanski, research associate, held a lecture on “Social Innovation as Driving Force for (Transformative) Social Change”.

More about: TU Dortmund University – sfs at „Innovation dynamics: responsible innovation in finance, social innovation and innovation in the public sector – theory, practices and policies“ congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina

FIRST SI-DRIVE REPORT COMPLETED. THEORETICAL approaches to social innovation - a critical literature review


More about: FIRST SI-DRIVE REPORT COMPLETED. THEORETICAL approaches to social innovation - a critical literature review


04.12.2014 – International activities by sfs Dortmund show the growing importance of social innovations for solving societal problems with strong participation of civil society, business, government and academia. New theoretical and methodological approaches are emerging.

SI-DRIVE@SI-LIVE: European event brings together social innovation research and practice

21.11.2014 – SI LIVE was a two-day international event exploring the future of social innovation research, incubation and action. The event brought together leading social innovators, academics and practitioners to discuss and explore the future research agenda for social innovation, how best to incubate and scale social innovations, and how the EU can help to strengthen and develop the field of social innovation in Europe.

More about: SI-DRIVE@SI-LIVE: European event brings together social innovation research and practice

SI Live Report and Video:
The report is available here: SI LIVE report
The Video can be found here: SI LIVE video

sfs Dortmund at two events on social innovation in Colombia

14.11.2014 – Dmitri Domanski, researcher at sfs Dortmund, participated with a lecture and a workshop in Pereira and Cali.

More about: sfs Dortmund at two events on social innovation in Colombia

6.11.2014: Keynote from Prof. Jürgen Howaldt und Dr. Ralf Kopp on the international Symposium at the Università Ca Foscari Venezia/ Fondazione Studium Generale Marcianum.

14.11.2014 – Marcianum chose to work during 2014 on the topic: Innovation and its bearers. the occupational disadvantage of young people and women, concluding with the Symposium of November the 6th 2014. The keynote was about “Social Innovation – International Trends”. In 2015 Marcianum would like to continue to work in this field organizing a field research, starting from the result of the activity 2014, including the proceedings of the International Symposium.

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Shakespeare on Twitter – how social media can be used as a pedagogical tool

24.10.2014 – Dr. Bastian Pelka hold key note on international conference for modern teaching methods. More about: Shakespeare on Twitter – how social media can be used as a pedagogical tool

EBS launches free online course on social innovation

23.10.2014 – Starting on 4 November, the Institute for Transformation in Business and Society at EBS Universität für Wirtschaft und Recht is offering for the first time an online course open to anyone interested – whether students or other participants. Social Innovation MOOC (= Massive Open Online Course) is the name of the interactive programme that combines lectures with discussions and exercises.

More about: EBS launches free online course on social innovation

SIMPACT’s first stake holder workshop produces insight into the vulnerable people’s view on driver and barriers for social innovation

17.10.2014 – SIMPACT held its first stake holder workshop with experts from various fields of social innovation for vulnerable people. The outcomes describe drivers and barriers for social innovation from the stake holders’ perspective.

More about: SIMPACT’s first stake holder workshop produces insight into the vulnerable people’s view on driver and barriers for social innovation

New curriculum for telecentres’ staff presented at TEAC 2014

03.10.2014 – Telecentres help people in danger of social and digital exclusion connect to the digital world and their local communities. They support employability, provide non-formal learning opportunities using digital media and a place to spend leisure time. At TEAC 2014, the annual conference of the Telecentre Europe network on September 24-26 in Zagreb, a consortium led by TU Dortmund / Sozialforschungsstelle presented a new curriculum matching the broad competence needs of e-facilitators working in telecentres.

More about: New curriculum for telecentres’ staff presented at TEAC 2014
„Learn to teach by social web“: New vocational training course for teachers presented

03.10.2014 – The project „Learn to teach by social web“ has launched its brand new vocational training offer on a conference at Gloucestershire College, Cheltenham. Dr. Bastian Pelka and bestseller author Prof. Frank Coeffield introduced the topic of social media based learning.

More about: „Learn to teach by social web“: New vocational training course for teachers presented

sfs Dortmund at the 2nd EICCAT conference in Buenos Aires

25.09.2014 – Dmitri Domanski, researcher at sfs Dortmund (TU Dortmund University), gave a lecture on social innovation. More about: sfs Dortmund at the 2nd EICCAT conference in Buenos Aires

Sozialforschungsstelle at two workshops on social innovation at the University of Antioquia in Medellín, Colombia

18.09.2014 – Dmitri Domanski, researcher at sfs Dortmund, taught about methods for developing social innovations.

More about: Sozialforschungsstelle at two workshops on social innovation at the University of Antioquia in Medellín, Colombia

Regional and local Social Innovation discussed at “ESIW 2014”

18.09.2014 – How can European cities engage in Social Innovation, and why is it time for fresh learning networks on regional and local SI? Dr. Christoph Kaletka discussed these topics in his presentation at the European Social Innovation Week 2014 in Tilburg / Netherlands on September 15th (see http://www.esiw.nl). Directly connected to a contribution by Prof. Josef Hochgerner (Zentrum für Soziale Innovation, Vienna) on the state of social innovation in Europe, he introduced the five-day event organised by the city of Tilburg, local social innovation stakeholders, and other players from the Midpoint Brabant region. A World Café on SI methods and skills was part of ESIW 2014 as well as many presentations of innovative solutions to local problems – such as the Tilburg based “Into D’Mentia” project (see http://www.intodmentia.com/#experience), offering a simulation training which takes care providers into the world of people with dementia.
New training curriculum for teachers is online: Learn to teach by social web

12.09.2014 – The EU funded (Comenius strand of the life long learning programme) project “Learn to teach by social web” (L2t), http://www.learn2teach.eu is developing an e-learning curriculum for teachers who wish to use social media in their classroom teaching. Teachers from six schools from six European countries have developed the curriculum in the past two years. Sozialforschungsstelle (Dr. Bastian Pelka and Dr. Christoph Kaletka) had the project lead. The Learn to teach online curriculum for teachers is online and available for free: The Learn to teach online curriculum. It is shaped in a wiki in order to invite external teachers to contribute to the improvement of the existing resources.

Project conference „Lopec“ in Wiesbaden

11.09.2014 – The project LOPEC (Logistics Personal Excellence by continuous Self-Assessment) celebrated its final meeting in Wiesbaden, Germany. With its final conference, the project consortium discussed project achievements and further steps for an international rollout of the project outcomes. Dr. Bastian Pelka introduced results of an end user survey that TU Dortmund applied.

More about: Project conference „Lopec“ in Wiesbaden

2nd project meeting "SIMPACT"

28.08.2014 – On 27th and 28th August the second project progress meeting of the EU funded (FP7) project “SIMPACT” (http://www.simpact-project.eu) was celebrated in Reims. NEOMA Business school (http://www.neoma-bs.com/en/) hosted the two day meeting, concentrating on elaborating the state of the art of economic underpinnings of social innovation for vulnerable persons. Bastian Pelka and Christoph Kaletka introduced TUDO’s concept of stake holder involvement.

The SIMPACT newsletter is ready for subscribing: http://www.simpact-project.eu/dialogue/subscribe.htm
Rethinking Social Innovation between Invention and Imitation - Web-Essay from Sebastian Olma

21.08.2014 – Critical acclaim of the book “Zur Theorie sozialer Innovation” (Howaldt/Kopp/Schwarz) as “the first serious academic effort to develop a theoretical foundation for the notion of social innovation.”


new EUWIN Newsletter

07.08.2014 – Topics:
- The motivation cycle
- Responsible Management: Lipstick or Empowerment? Guest Essay
- Workplace Innovation and quality of work: Belgian trade unions rising to the challenge!
- rally’nov
- Advanced Workplaces for Advanced Business - 29th September 2014: EUWIN’s Sofia Workshop
- How is quality of work connected to the competitive strength of companies? 6th November 2014: EUWIN’s Rouen Workshop


sfs and TNO organize session from 13th to 19th of July at the XVIII. ISA Worldcongress in Yokohama (Japan)

07.08.2014 – The session was titled “Workplace innovation” – Social Innovation shaping Work Organisation and Working Life. Amongst others, experiences were introduced from two projects where the sfs holds a leading position (SI-DRIVE) or collaborates (EUWIN). The sfs was represented by Prof. Dr. Jürgen Howaldt.

More about: sfs and TNO organize session from 13th to 19th of July at the XVIII. ISA Worldcongress in Yokohama (Japan)
Panel discussion on „Digital Social Innovations“

10.07.2014 – How can digital social innovations contribute to solving societal challenges? How can social enterprises be sustainably developed, and what traps and support should social entrepreneurs look out for? These questions were discussed by a panel of social innovation researchers and practitioners on July 8th in Berlin. Dr. Christoph Kaletka (TU Dortmund / sfs), Ryan Little (BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt), Dennis Hoenig-Ohnsorg (Ashoka Germany, IT4Change), Julia Kloiber (Open Knowledge Foundation Germany) and Robin Nachtrab-Ribback (Verbavoice GmbH) participated and answered the audience’s questions. The panel was moderated by Prof. Jasminko Novak from the „European Institute for Participatory Media“. The panel is part of a project in the EU’s 7th framework programme: The CHEST project is integrating social media, crowdsourcing and collective intelligence techniques to support social innovation.

http://www.chest-project.eu/

Info-Service SI-Drive newsletter

03.07.2014 – If you want to get constantly news from SI-Drive project you can receive SI-Drive eNewsletter.

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Awareness Raising for Adult Learning and Education (ARALE Conference October 2013 in Brussels)

03.07.2014 – In October 2013 adult learning and education organization from all over Europe met to discuss the possibilities of awareness rising for the lifelong learning of adults. Antonius Schröder raised in his input to the conference the importance of the learner perspective. By changing the perspective from the institutions to the learner and the learning process, new regional-local structures for education and learning are necessary: a binding cooperation going beyond pure networking of education and learning/training institutions. HESSENCAMPUS (a project of the social research centre of the TU Dortmund University) is a good example for these new kind of structures: Project website: HESSENCAMPUS
Interview with Agnès Hubert: How has social innovation changed in Europe?

03.07.2014 – Louise Pulford, Director of SIX, interviewed Agnès Hubert, adviser in the Bureau of European Policy Advisers and author of the influential report ‘Empowering people, driving change: Social innovation in the European Union’ first published in 2010. Agnès has been instrumental within the Commission for championing and recognising the importance of social innovation as a pillar of European policy. The 2010 report later informed EU policy and the allocation of resources, with €919 million eventually being earmarked specifically for social innovation.

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/socialinnovationeu/node/4674

Sozialforschungsstelle at a workshop in Colombia: Medellín as a Laboratory for Social Innovation

27.06.2014 – Dmitri Domanski (researcher at sfs Dortmund) spoke about the current international research project „SI DRIVE – Social Innovation: Driving Force of Social Change“.

More about: Sozialforschungsstelle at a workshop in Colombia: Medellín as a Laboratory for Social Innovation

Project conference „Lopec“ at Split University

20.06.2014 – During the project conference at Split University, Dr. Bastian Pelka highlighted European standards of recognition and standardization of vocational training in order to achieve a high state of the art for the developed solutions.

More about: Project conference „Lopec“ at Split University

SI-Drive project at "SIX Summer School 2014" and "Social Frontiers" research workshop in Vancouver

13.06.2014 – Where can we make resilient and systemic change most effectively? What is at the edge of our social innovation thinking, and how can we scale to the next level of impact?
And what is the role of culture in shaping how change happens within society, sectors and ourselves? These and other questions were discussed by more than 150 social innovators, researchers, civil society representatives, politicians and others who joined the 2014 edition of the social innovation summer school hosted by Social Innovation Exchange (SIX), Social Innovation Generation (SiG) and BC Partners for Social Impact.

More about: SI-Drive project at "SIX Summer School 2014" and "Social Frontiers" research workshop in Vancouver.

**Project conference at Microsoft office Riga**

13.06.2014 – Which competences are needed to support disadvantaged persons on their way to the “digital society”? A conference of the project “trans eFacilitator”, held on 3rd and 4th June at Microsoft office in Riga, Latvia, tried to give an answer to this question by designing a vocational training curriculum for social workers. Christoph Kaletka and Bastian Pelka addressed success factors in their key notes.

More about: Project conference at Microsoft office Riga

**EUWIN’s Knowledge Bank available**

15.05.2014 – EUWIN’s Knowledge Bank is a rich resource for practitioners and researchers alike, including articles, case studies and practical guides. By joining our unique community of people in more than 30 countries you can share knowledge and experience, ask questions and collaborate with EUWIN members across Europe.

http://portal.ukwon.eu/euwin-knowledge-bank-menu-new

**Official CASI Homepage is online now**

08.05.2014 – Since today the official Homepage of the CASI-project is online. It shows the latest news, upcoming events and announcements. Furthermore is has a little library with interesting texts regarding to the topic.

http://www.casi2020.eu
Prof. Jürgen Howaldt talks on CRISES conference in Montreal + Seminar at the Waterloo Institute for Social innovation and Resilience (SIG) at Waterloo University + Visitation of the Centre for Social Innovation in Toronto

08.05.2014 – At the 4th International Conference of CRISES at the 3rd and 4th of April in Montreal Prof. Howaldt gave a presentation about the emergence of a New Innovation Paradigm. He also held a seminar at the Waterloo Institute for Social innovation and Resilience (SIG) at Waterloo University and visited the Centre for Social Innovation in Toronto.

More about: Prof. Jürgen Howaldt talks on CRISES conference in Montreal + Seminar at the Waterloo Institute for Social innovation and Resilience (SIG) at Waterloo University + Visitation of the Centre for Social Innovation in Toronto

+ Can smart cities be sustainable innovation actors? + Casi policy brief summarizes first results of CASI-Project +

08.05.2014 – The brief shows how sustainable innovations and public participation help to develop “smart cities”. The brief enables first impressions according to targets, methods and processes.

Policy brief

Information Platform for SI-DRIVE is online + see video on facets of social innovation + www.si-drive.eu

29.04.2014 – The SI DRIVE project will pull theory and praxis of Social Innovation together by proposing both a European and global mapping of social innovation practices, based on a coherent methodology, and the development of the empirically tested foundations of social innovation, conceptualised as a means to empower people, reduce poverty gaps and influence on-going societal changes towards ‘smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

http://www.si-drive.eu
Social Innovation: Which book or article should everybody read?


Project „Learn2teach by social web“ on CeBit

25.03.2014 – Social media in classroom teaching – inspiring examples presented on the world’s largest ICT fair

The project L2T, funded by the EU lifelong learning programme (Comenius), and coordinated by Sozialforschungsstelle at Technical University of Dortmund, has presented its findings on CeBit, the world’s largest ICT fair in Hannover, Germany. Students from vocational training colleges in six countries (DE, CZ, DK, IT, UK, ES) presented the project outcomes to more than 120 professionals from the world of ICT based learning.

More about: Project „Learn2teach by social web“ on CeBit

New OECD Publication

19.03.2014 – Green Growth Study „Green Skills and Jobs“ is published now. It contains results from OECD/Cedefop forum on green skills in February 2012 in Paris. This forum brought together representatives of academia, policy and international organisations aiming at the impact of the green economy on skills development and training policies. Antonius Schröders presentation and contribution is about the topic “Greening Technical Vocational Education and Training in the European Steel Industry”

More about the publication

HORIZON 2020: Launch Event in the Mediterranean Region in Cairo (9th of February 2014)

12.03.2014 – The European Commission invited Antonius Schröder to present the SI-DRIVE project of the TU Dortmund University – sfs at the Launch Conference of Horizon 2020 in the Mediterranean region.

More about: HORIZON 2020: Launch Event in the Mediterranean Region in Cairo (9th of February 2014)
European Horizon 2020 Launch for Socio-economic Sciences & Humanities (SSH) in Athens (26th / 27th of February 2014)

12.03.2014 – TU Dortmund University – sfs was invited to host and moderate Session C “Making sense of Social Innovation!” within the international conference and brokerage event “Achieving Impact – Socio-economic Sciences & Humanities (SSH) in HORIZON 2020” at the 26th and 27th of February 2014. Main objective of this event was to show the impact of SSH, especially referring to Social Innovation.

More about: European Horizon 2020 Launch for Socio-economic Sciences & Humanities (SSH) in Athens (26th / 27th of February 2014)

SI DRIVE: PROJECT KICKOFF AT SOZIALFORSCHUNGSSTELLE / TU DORTMUND

26.02.2014 – How do social innovations work, and how do they change society? These are questions the research project „Social Innovation – Driving Force of Social Change (SI Drive)” is focusing on. More than 50 researchers from all over the world have met at Sozialforschungsstelle (sfs) for the project kickoff on February 17th and 18th. „SI Drive“ is the most prominent of three projects on social innovation in which sfs will be involved in during the next years.

More about: SI DRIVE: PROJECT KICKOFF AT SOZIALFORSCHUNGSSTELLE / TU DORTMUND

EU-Project simpact

17.02.2014 – EU-Project simpact starts with kick-off. Sfs is one of the project partners. Website: http://www.simpact-project.eu
Tarde’s disregarded contribution to social innovation theory building

14.02.2014 – Jürgen Howaldt, Ralf Kopp, Michael Schwarz published an article about Gabriel Tarde (French sociologist 1843–1904) and the potential of his theory in context of social innovation.

More about: Tarde’s disregarded contribution to social innovation theory building

Appendix: Tag-Cloud: “Social Innovation”
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