Highlight 1: Trans-Atlantic Platform: Expert Workshop on emerging research topics at TU Dortmund University - sfs

11.12.2015 – Over thirty funding agencies and researchers from South and North America and Europe took part in the expert workshop on „Resilient and Innovative Societies“ of the Trans-Atlantic Platform for Social Sciences and Humanities (T-AP).

More about: Trans-Atlantic Platform: Expert Workshop on emerging research topics at TU Dortmund University - sfs

Highlight 2: Social Innovation conference: 320 participants from 44 countries and all continents met in Vienna


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Highlight 3: TU Dortmund University – sfs participates in two social innovation events in New York

29.10.2015 – Prof. Dr. Jürgen Howaldt took part as an expert in the panel discussion at a public event on social innovation at the German Centre for Research and Innovation and made a presentation at the workshop “Transatlantic Perspectives on Social Innovation”.

More about: TU Dortmund University – sfs participates in two social innovation events in New York
Highlight 4: Conference on social innovation in Santiago de Chile

29.10.2015 – On 2nd October 2015 the University of Talca, Chile and the Chilean think tank CIEPLAN (Corporación de Estudios para Latinoamérica) invited to an international conference on social innovation in Chile – according to the motto “from practice to public policy” (original title: “La innovación para Chile. De la praxis a las políticas públicas”). Questions about processes that foster social innovation, the roles of government, civil society, academia and businesses took centre stage during the seminar. Prof. Dr. Jürgen Howaldt held keynote, Dmitri Domanski led panel on the role of businesses in social innovation.

More about: Conference on social innovation in Santiago de Chile


11.12.2015 – The special issue of WREMSD (Vol. 12, No. 1, 2016) on social innovation and workplace innovation is now available. Guest editors are Prof. Dr. Jürgen Howaldt (director of the Social Research Centre of TU Dortmund University – sfs) and Peter R.A. Oeij (TNO, Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research), introducing the special issue together with Prof. Steven Dhondt (TNO) and Prof. Ben Fruytier (Utrecht University of Applied Sciences) with the article "Workplace innovation and social innovation: an introduction".

Link to the journal

The projects SIMPACT, SI-Drive and I-LINC at Social Innovation 2015 Conference – Pathways to social change, Vienna (Austria)

25.11.2015 – The workshop session “Empowerment for vulnerable people through ‘digital social innovation’”, moderated by Bastian Pelka and Christoph Kaletka (both sfs TU Dortmund University) dealt with a triple intersection: It asked for social innovations empowering vulnerable people and focused on those social innovations which are either “supported” or “enabled” (Millard/Carpenter 2014) by digital technology (“digital social innovations” DSI, Bria 2014).

More about: The projects SIMPACT, SI-Drive and I-LINC at Social Innovation 2015 Conference – Pathways to social change, Vienna (Austria)
I-LINC at eapril conference 2015

25.11.2015 – The “European Association for Practitioner Research on Improving Learning in Education and Professional practice” (eapril) is hosting its annual conference from 24th to 27th November at the University of Luxemburg (Luxemburg). EAPRIL tries to increase the impact of practice-based and applied educational research on educational policy. The conference offers diversity in presentation formats that all aim for interaction and interesting cloud sessions in which practitioners and practitioner-researchers meet to discuss their expertise in different topics. Eva Wascher (sfs TU Dortmund University) presents different features of the I-LINC portal for stakeholder collaboration.

I-LINC at ICERI 2015

25.11.2015 – At the 8th annual "International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation" (ICERI) held in Seville (Spain), on the 16th, 17th and 18th of November, 2015 more than 600 participants presented their projects and discussed their experiences in the field of teaching and learning methodologies, educational projects and innovations and new technologies applied to Education and Research. ICERI is one of the largest international education conferences attended by participants from all over the world. Eva Wascher (sfs TU Dortmund University) presented the findings from I-LINC’s initial survey with a specific focus on multi-sector cooperation in the field of digital learning and youth employability in Europe.

Wascher, Eva; Rissola, Gabriel (2015): STAKEHOLDER COOPERATION FOR ICT (FOR) LEARNING AND INCLUSION WITH REGARD TO YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP. (Ed.) ICERI Conference Proceedings. 8th annual International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation.

New Publication: "New Frontiers in Social Innovation Research"

05.11.2015 – The book “New Frontiers in Social Innovation Research”, edited by Alex Nicholls, Julie Simon and Madeleine Gabriel, is now available. With a contribution from Prof. Dr. Jürgen Howaldt (director of the Social Research Centre of TU Dortmund University – sfs), Dr. Ralf Kopp (researcher at sfs) and Michael Schwarz (Köln): "Social Innovations as Drivers of Social Change – Exploring Tarde’s Contribution to Social Innovation Theory Building".

Guide to the conference "Pathways to Social Change" / Vienna, November 18-19, 2015

05.11.2015 – SIMPACT researcher Bastian Pelka (sfs) and Judith Terstrip (IAT) with their – very personal – suggestion on which sessions to visit if you are interested in “economic underpinnings of social innovation”. Read their guide to the conference.

More about: Guide to the conference

2nd Social Innovation MOOC: EBS launches free online course on social innovation

05.11.2015 – Starting on 2nd November, the Institute for Transformation in Business and Society at EBS Universität für Wirtschaft und Recht is offering for the second time a free online course open to anyone interested. Social Innovation MOOC (= Massive Open Online Course) is the name of the interactive programme that combines in six chapters lectures with discussions and exercises.

More about: 2nd Social Innovation MOOC: EBS launches free online course on social innovation

(Digital) Social Innovation on ICT 2015: Dr. Bastian Pelka presents SIMPACT findings

29.10.2015 – On Thursday 22nd, SIMPACT researcher Bastian Pelka presented an overview on social innovation research on "ICT 2015 - Innovate, Connect, Transform" in Lisbon, Portugal, organised by the European Commission, together with the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia.

More about: (Digital) Social Innovation on ICT 2015: Dr. Bastian Pelka presents SIMPACT findings

Dmitri Domanski held keynote at the Second Shared Value Congress in Bogotá, Colombia

29.10.2015 – The event on 13th and 14th October focused on innovation as strategy to generate shared value.

More about: Dmitri Domanski held keynote at the Second Shared Value Congress in Bogotá, Colombia
TU Dortmund University – sfs at Globelics conference "Innovation to reduce poverty and inequalities for inclusive and sustainable development" in Havana, Cuba

29.10.2015 – Dmitri Domanski presented the international research project „SI-DRIVE – Social Innovation: Driving Force of Social Change“. From 23rd to 25th September 2015 the annual Globelics conference brought together scholars from different disciplines to discuss current questions in innovation studies. This time development and growth in the context of globalization and accelerating pace of change took centre stage at the conference.

More about: TU Dortmund University – sfs at Globelics conference "Innovation to reduce poverty and inequalities for inclusive and sustainable development" in Havana

SIMPACT releases report on empirical findings

21.10.2015 – The FP7 funded project „Boosting the Impact of Social Innovation in Europe through Economic Underpinnings“ (SIMPACT) has published its „Comparative Report on Social Innovation across Europe“.

More about: SIMPACT releases report on empirical findings

Report of the 2nd International German Forum

13.10.2015 – At the beginning of the year the German Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel invited relevant experts to discuss the topic “What matters to People – Innovation and Society”. Prof. Dr. Jürgen Howaldt attended the conference on behalf of the sfs.

Link to the report

Conference: Social innovation 2015 – "Pathways to Social Change"

09.10.2015 – "Pathways to Social Change" is going to be the key event on social innovation in the year 2015. It is planned and designed by mutually complementary research projects on social innovation that reach out to world-wide experiences and concepts of social innovation. The conference will connect researchers with policy makers and practitioners of social innovation.

Visit the conference website
I-LINC at conference: “Teaching and learning through cooperation with business”

24.09.2015 – The “Teaching and Learning through cooperation with business” conference took place on 24th of September 2015, hosted by the Artesis Plantijn Hogeschool Antwerpen – Belgium. Its goal was to promote discussion and exchange of good practices between academics, researchers, practitioners and business representatives on Higher Education / business cooperation, giving an overview of the state of the art as well as upcoming trends related with this thematic area. Eva Wascher, researcher at sfs (TUDO), presented I-LINC’s contribution to linking stakeholders for ICT (for) learning and inclusion at higher education institutions (HEI) in cooperation with industry partners.

I-LINC – Platform for ICT learning and inclusion for youth employability and entrepreneurship gets online

24.09.2015 – Today, the I-LINC portal www.i-linc.eu will be officially launched at Telecentre Europe’s annual conference in Belgrad (Serbia). The I-LINC project has developed an online platform focusing on establishing a sustainable, overarching platform for ICT (for) learning and inclusion to boost the employability of young people. The project’s main objective will be the connection of existing initiatives, networks and platforms, which act in the field of youth unemployment, learning and social-participation of young people.

More about: I-LINC – Platform for ICT learning and inclusion for youth employability and entrepreneurship gets online

On the role of teachers for digital inclusion

23.09.2015 – Dr. Bastian Pelka (TU DO) and Stuart Mitchell (University of Birmingham) presented their paper “Mind the (digital) gap! Exploiting the educational potential that social media offers teachers in bridging their learners’ skills and knowledge in creating a just and sustainable world.” on the conference “Teacher Education for Equity and Sustainability” in Liverpool.

More about: On the role of teachers for digital inclusion
New publication on social innovation in Latin America

07.09.2015 – Prof. Dr. Jürgen Howaldt and Dmitri Domanski release together with Chilean colleagues the study “Social Innovation in Latin America: The Chilean Case”. The publication gives an insight into some trend-setting developments in the field of social innovation in Chile and Latin America.

More about: New publication on social innovation in Latin America

On Telecentre staff as Social Innovators

20.08.2015 – What are public access spaces such as telecentres, how are they promoting digital inclusion, and in how far can they be considered social innovators? Dr. Christoph Kaletka (TU Dortmund / Sozialforschungsstelle) discussed these questions in a presentation at the 17th International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) in Los Angeles on August 6.

More about: On Telecentre staff as Social Innovators

TU Dortmund University – sfs at the training course “Social innovation as driving force of economic, technological and social development” in Valencia, Spain

24.07.2015 – The three-day event at the Polytechnic University dealt with the potential of social innovation in the Pacific region of Colombia.

More about: TU Dortmund University – sfs at the training course “Social innovation as driving force of economic, technological and social development” in Valencia, Spain

Relation of Social Innovation to Social Change...

17.07.2015 – "How does social innovation relate to social change, and how can social innovation transform society? A team from SI-DRIVE discussed these questions with high-profile social innovation researchers at a two-day theory workshop in Stockholm on 27th and 28th May."

http://www.si-drive.eu/?p=1123
State of the art REPORTS on the seven SI-DRIVE policy fields

17.07.2015 – "SI-DRIVE published the “Compilation of the state of the art reports on the seven policy fields” by end of June. The report provides insights into the analysis of the key dimensions, elaborated in each of the seven policy fields, the practice fields identified in the different world regions (a “practice field” is a general type or “summary” of projects and expresses general characteristics common to different projects such as micro-credit systems and car sharing) and first observations concerning the relation between social innovation and social change. In addition, it offers cases/examples implemented in the different practice fields that relate to societal challenges."

http://www.si-drive.eu/?p=1351

EUWIN conference on 9 of September 2015 in Leuven's Brabanthal

15.07.2015 – To stay ahead of the competitors it is not enough to invest in the newest technologies. Companies which want to win the global race also need to find the right connection to non-technological aspects of running a business. How? Leading workplace innovators will present their cases during the EUWIN conference in Leuven on 9th of September (Wednesday). You will hear stories of Bombardier (Belgium), Normet (Finland), Bosch Thermotechnik (Portugal) and Saint-Gobain (UK).

More about: EUWIN conference on 9 of September 2015 in Leuven's Brabanthal

SI-DRIVE and SIMPACT discussed at Summer School

13.07.2015 – What do we know about social innovation ecosystems, both from a theoretical and practical perspective? And what are the economic underpinnings of social innovation? These questions, among others, were discussed at the European Summer School on Social Economy (ESSE), organized by the University of Bologna on July 7-11. In a session dedicated to social innovation, students from 16 countries learned about two current TUDO projects, SI-DRIVE and SIMPACT, their specific view on SI and its interrelation to social entrepreneurship, and the project results achieved so far. Christoph Kaletka (TU Dortmund) discussed theoretical and empirical perspectives from SI-DRIVE and let the students reflect upon their own experiences with social innovation. Judith Terstriep and Maria Kleverbeck (IAT) presented the SIMPACT project, its interest in the economic foundations of SI and the innovation biographies methodology used for analysis.
TU Dortmund University – sfs at “Exploring Ecosystems of Social Innovation – creating capacity for systemic change in Europe”

09.07.2015 – International experts followed an invitation by Social Innovation Europe (SIE), in co-operation with the BMW Foundation, for a two-day event in Berlin.


SIMPACT’s second stakeholder workshop produces new insight into the vulnerable people’s view on drivers and barriers for social innovation

02.07.2015 – On 25 June 2015 SIMPACT held its second small-scale stakeholder workshop with experts from various fields of social innovation for vulnerable people.

More about: SIMPACT's second stakeholder workshop produces new insight into the vulnerable people’s view on drivers and barriers for social innovation

Social Entrepreneurship under the Perspective of Socio-scientific Innovation Research

25.06.2015 – Article “Rethinking Social Entrepreneurship: The Concept of Social Entrepreneurship under the Perspective of Socio-scientific Innovation Research” by Howaldt, Domanski and Schwarz published in the current issue of the “Journal of Creativity and Business Innovation” and available online.

More about: Social Entrepreneurship under the Perspective of Socio-scientific Innovation Research

TU Dortmund University – sfs at Eu-SPRI Conference in Helsinki

25.06.2015 – A large international community from the field of innovation research came together for three days in the capital of Finland on the initiative of the Eu-SPRI Forum.

More about: TU Dortmund University – sfs at Eu-SPRI Conference in Helsinki
On June 1, 2015 Jürgen Howaldt presented first results of the SI Drive Project at a Trans-Atlantic Platform workshop being held in Ottawa, Canada at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences 2015

18.06.2015 – Formed in October 2013, the Trans-Atlantic Platform for the Social Sciences and Humanities (T-AP) is a collaboration between key humanities and social science funders in South America, North America and Europe. The Platform aims to enhance the ability of humanities and social science funders, research organizations and researchers to engage in transnational collaboration.

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2nd I-LINC Meeting in Madrid

18.06.2015 – sfs researchers present workpackage results

More about: 2nd I-LINC Meeting in Madrid

Expert group discussing e-skills needs at EU’s Digital Agenda Assembly

18.06.2015 – Equipping European citizens with the skills needed to participate in the digital society is a monumental task for the EU and its national member states. But action is required also on the local level: Cities and communities need intermediaries analyzing and facilitating digital skills. These and other topics were discussed during the EU Digital Agenda Assembly’s opening workshop on “Digital Skills for the Digital Single Market”, bringing together stakeholders that can play a key role in helping to develop a digital skills action plan for Europe.

More about: Expert group discussing e-skills needs at EU’s Digital Agenda Assembly

SIMPACT discussed interim results

15.06.2015 – Sfs researchers are discussing interim results on stakeholder involvement

More about: SIMPACT discussed interim results
TU Dortmund University – sfs at international seminar on social innovation in social work at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

11.06.2015 – The seminar focused on the development of an instrument to improve the evaluation of the quality of social programmes.

More about: TU Dortmund University – sfs at international seminar on social innovation in social work at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

Info: Springer Book Performance Report 2014

11.06.2015 – Since its online publication on October 18, 2012, there has been a total of 17,571 chapter downloads for the eBook on SpringerLink.

Workshop discusses frontiers of social innovation theory

11.06.2015 – How does social innovation relate to social change, and how can social innovation transform society? A team from TU Dortmund / sfs discussed these questions with high-profile social innovation researchers at a two-day theory workshop in Stockholm on May 27/28.

More about: Workshop discusses frontiers of social innovation theory

Social innovation and regional development: Dmitri Domanski holds speech at the University of Cauca in Popayán, Colombia

11.06.2015 – On May 6 2015 InnovAcción Cauca and Cicaficultura, two projects that deal with social innovations in Colombia, invited to the University of Cauca to discuss social innovations in regional context.

More about: Social innovation and regional development: Dmitri Domanski holds speech at the University of Cauca in Popayán, Colombia

Save the date: Workplace Innovation Festival

01.06.2015 – Workplace innovators are invited for a vibrant week of connecting workplace design communities in Leuven, Belgium, September 7-11. The Festival of Connecting gathers members of IWOT, EUWIN and the Global STSD Network for a unique get-together.

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