The (de-)regulation of employment, the challenges of reconciling work and family life, and the processes of inclusion and exclusion on the labor market have been key topics in the social sciences in France and Germany for many years. However, little attention has been paid to direct comparisons and transfer analyses across national boundaries. The conference will therefore open a binational dialogue to find answers to the following questions: What are the central changes, transformations, and conflicts within the fields of work and family life in Germany and France? What are examples of best practices in both countries? And how can they help us to respond to the new issues of our times?

The annual conference is organized within the Franco-German program "New Frameworks for Societal Policies and Decision Making".

Sharing the focus on the conditions and quality of paid and unpaid work, the conference is being organized in cooperation with the new Graduate School “Good Work” at the WZB.
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

3 pm
Registration

4 pm
Welcome
Jutta Allmendinger, WZB

4.15 pm
**Panel I: “Politics of Work & (Un)Employment”**

Politics of Social Investment and Labor-market Challenges in France and Germany
René Lehweß-Litzmann, Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut Göttingen (SOFI)

Shifted Labor Market Risks? Policy Change and the Consequences of Job Loss in Germany 1984–2011
Martin Ehlert, WZB

Informal and Illegal Work in Germany’s Skillcrafts Sector
Tracy Corley, Institut Arbeit und Qualifikation, Universität Duisburg-Essen and WZB

Steps Towards Normalization of Penitentiary Labor: Historical Perspective and Franco-German Comparison
Melchior Simion, Paris-Sorbonne University

Moderation: Myriam Gaitsch, University of Vienna

6.40 pm
Reception

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

9.15 am
Introduction, Organizational Issues

9.30 am
**Panel II: “Transformations of Care Work and Family Life”**

Care Policies in Germany and France: a Biographical Policy Evaluation with Migrant Child Minders as an Example
Janina Glaeser, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main

Which Frameworks for Elderly Care Work?
Annie Dussuet, University of Nantes

Home Help Personnel in France: Public Policies against Quality of Jobs?
Emmanuelle Puissant, Grenoble Alpes University, and François-Xavier Devetter, Lille 1 University

Love, Distance and a Future Together – How do Long-Distance Couples Manage the Fragile Balance of Intimacy and Distance and the Transition to Co-Residence?
Markus Klingel, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences

Moderation: Lydia-Maria Ouart, WZB

Noon
Group Picture

12.15 pm
Lunch Break

1.15 pm
**Panel III “The Integration of Migrants into the Labor Market in France and Germany”**

The “Ethnicization” of Labor Among Foreign Workers and Immigrants from Africa South of the Sahara in France
Ulrike Schuerkens, Rennes University

When Biographies Cross National Borders: Socio-economic Dis/continuities in Life Course Trajectories of Immigrants Compared to Native Germans
Janina Söhn, SOFI

Ethnic Discrimination on the German Labor Market? Empirical Evidence from a Large-scale Field Experiment
Susanne Veit, WZB

Moderation: Anja Röcke, Humboldt University of Berlin

3.15 pm
Concluding Discussion

Moderation: Lena Hipp, WZB
Discussant: Alexander Stingl, Leuphana University of Lüneburg

4 pm
Coffee Break

5 pm
Opening Graduate School “Gute Arbeit”

5.30 pm
Good Work: Why Valuation and Capability Matter
Bénédicte Zimmermann, EHESS, and Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

6.20 pm
Panel Discussion
“Was ist gute Arbeit?”

7.20 pm
Presentation of Doctoral Projects

8 pm
Reception