

## News from the Department of Sociology & Social Psychology – Spring 2025

### Farewell to the ISS – and welcome to the *Department of Sociology & Social Psychology!*

As part of organizational reforms at the WiSo Faculty, the ISS has changed its name to *Department of Sociology & Social Psychology* (bear with us for a new logo 😊). While we are thus saying “Farewell ISS!”, we will – of course – continue our dedicated work aiming at excellence in research and teaching!



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### Selected new publications by DSS researchers

- Czymara, C.S., Eisentraut, M., Kolkwitz-Anstötz, P., Davidov, E., & Schmidt, P. (2025). Antisemitism among Muslim immigrants in Germany. *European Sociological Review*.
- Jesse, L. & Carr, D. (2025). Parent-child disconnectedness and older European adults' mental health: Do patterns differ by marital status and gender? *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*.
- Pietrzyk, I., Erdmann, M., Schneider, J., Jacob, M., & Helbig, M. (2025). Guidance counseling can reduce inequality on university enrolment in Germany: Results from a randomized controlled trial. *Sociology of Education*.
- Reiner, A., De Gioannis, E., & Steinhoff, P. (2025). Social networks and their association with depression in community-dwelling older adults: A meta-analysis. *Aging & Mental Health*.
- Schulz-Nieswandt, F. (2025). *Rechtsphilosophie und Ethik der Rolle kommunaler Krankenhäuser im Kontext der Vision der Primärversorgungszentren und der Idee der Gesundheitsregion*. Nomos.

### DSS on the road ...

Today's ideas: The DSS contributes several presentations to the upcoming *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America* in Washington!  
Tomorrow's impact: *Alexia Katsanidou* followed an invitation of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs to provide scientific expertise on last year's European elections to the *European Parliament*.



And even though it is always great to travel, we are excited to announce that the local organizing team (many thanks to Ansgar, Lisa, Gordey & everybody else!) has selected almost 400 papers for the [ECSR Annual Conference](#) at home, which we will host from September 3-5.

### Last, but not least ...

We are very grateful to the *Fritz Thyssen Foundation*, which generously agreed to continue their funding of the annual Prize for the best article in a German social science journal. The Prize has been coordinated at the DSS and its predecessor institutions since 1981, when it was awarded for the first time. Click [here](#) for further information.

**The DSS wishes you a good start into the summer term!**

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