

Special Note

Announcement

LIS Scandinavian/European Workshop

The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) has gathered in one central location (Walferdange, Grande Duché de Luxembourg) and made comparable over 40 large micro-data sets which contain comprehensive measures of income and economic well-being for over 20 modern industrialized welfare states. The data set is accessible to researchers at a low cost via electronic mail. Because of the breadth and flexibility afforded by microdata, researchers are free to make several choices of perspective (definition of unit; family, household, measure of income; or population to be studied: e.g., males, females, urban families, elderly households) within the same research paper. These truly comparable microdata create a rich resource for applied comparative and policy research in economics, sociology, and public policy.

As part of the LIS Project, a two-week Summer Workshop is conducted in Luxembourg every summer. Because of the growing number of LIS users, we are offering targeted workshops in the summer of 1995. In conjunction with the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Oslo, we will be offering the first Scandinavian/European Workshop. The workshop will begin with an opening dinner on Sunday, July 30, 1995. It will be followed by five days of morning lectures, and afternoon

computer work time. Guest lecturers will cover topics such as aging, poverty and inequality, and regional issues in Europe. The new LIS operating system, which includes access modes using SAS as well as SPSS, will be used at this workshop. Workshop faculty will include Frank Cowell STICERD, UK; Markus Jantti, Abo Akademi, Finland; Johan Fritzell, Swedish Institute for Social Research, as well as LIS staff members.

Instructional materials will be distributed prior to the workshop so that students may fully participate in lectures and efficiently make use of computer time. The tuition will be 2800NOK (\$400US), which covers tuition and materials, accommodations, breakfast and lunch. Additional dinners and transportation are the responsibility of the students. The main target group of participants is doctoral students within the field of social sciences. Researchers, research scholars and advanced students working within the topic of comparative social science and methodology are also welcome to apply. The workshop is limited to 25 individuals, chosen on the basis of interest and ability to work with large data sets, and interest in LIS topics related to social policy and cross national comparisons of economic well-being. Applications are available by writing to Nicole

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85-48-25). Applications are due on or before May 15, 1995 with admission decision on or before May 31, 1995.

Access to the LIS data set to continue one's research project is free. Students accepted for the workshop will be sent LIS user-packages upon acceptance and are advised to familiarize themselves with LIS prior to the workshop.

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