

Special Note

Announcement

Sixth Luxembourg Income Study Summer Workshop

The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) has made comparable several large microdata sets which contain comprehensive measures of income and economic well-being for a set of modern industrialized welfare states. The LIS databank currently covers countries including Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Ireland, Poland, Netherlands, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States from 1980 through 1990. Data for Taiwan, Finland, Spain and several Eastern European nations including Hungary and the Czech Republic are also expected to be available by 1994.

The *LIS Summer Workshop* is a two week pre- and post-doctoral workshop designed to introduce young scholars in the social sciences (economics, sociology, other) to comparative research in income distribution and social policy using the LIS database. The 1993 workshop attracted 35 attendees from 19 countries. The sixth workshop will be held July 17–29, 1994 in Luxembourg. The cost will be 40,000 Belgian Francs (about \$1,200) which includes tuition, local travel, and full room and board. International transportation is not included. Students are expected to be subsidized by home countries, national and international research foundations,

universities, and other sources, including at least two special scholarships for Eastern European or Russian/CIS scholars sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

The language of instruction will be English. The course of study will include a mix of lectures and assistance and direction using the LIS database to explore a research issue chosen by the participant. Faculty are expected to include Frank Cowell (UK), Peter Gottschalk (US), Richard Hauser (Germany), Stephen Jenkins (UK), Shelly Phipps (Canada), and the entire LIS staff. Several topics to be analyzed in 1994 include income security programs in Eastern Europe, cross national trends in income inequality from 1980 to 1990, the economics of gender, and Asian–Western comparisons of income and poverty status.

Additional information, including application forms and brochure are available from Tim Smeeding, LIS Project Director (Professor of Economics & Public Administration, 400 Maxwell Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244, U.S.A.); Lee Rainwater, LIS Research Director (Sociology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138, U.S.A.); or Caroline de Tombeur (LIS at CEPS/INSTEAD, B.P. #65, L-7201 Walferdange, LUXEMBOURG).

Applications are due by May 2, 1994.