Special Note

Luxembourg Income Study Summer Workshop

The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) has made comparable over 20 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 eleven countries in its first round – Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States with data from 1979–82. The second round of data sets for 1985–87 includes several new countries: Italy, Poland, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Finland, and most of the first round LIS countries and will be in place by spring 1990.

The LIS Summer Workshop is a two week pre- and post-doctoral workshop designed to introduce young scholars in the social sciences (economics, sociology, and others) to comparative research in income distribution and social policy using the LIS database. The 1988 and 1989 workshops attracted over 50 attendees from 18 countries. The third workshop will be held July 15–27, 1990 in Luxembourg. The cost will be 36,000 Belgian Francs (about $950) which includes tuition, local travel, and full 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 from the Ford Foundation LIS Development Initiatives Fund. The language of instruction will be English. The course of study will include a mix of lectures and assistance/direction using the LIS database to explore a research issue chosen by the participant. Faculty are expected to include Anthony B. Atkinson (UK), Aldi J. M. Hagenaars (Netherlands), Richard Hauser (Germany), Cristof Starzec (France), Frank Cowell and Stephen Jenkins (UK), Shelly Phipps (Canada), Colin Gillion and Michael O'Higgins (OECD), Peter Gottschalk (USA), and Jan Eivind Kolberg (Norway).

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