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International Seminar **28/10/2024**, 12:45 - 14:15

European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, 1090
Wien, Berggasse 17, Conference Room 2nd Floor

The effect of COVID-19 on poverty and material deprivation of children in Austria

In our series of international seminars, in this face-to-face event the main results of the project „The effect of COVID-19 on poverty and material deprivation of children in Austria“, funded by the Jubiläumsfonds of the Austrian National Bank (project number 18785), will be presented and discussed.

Eszter Zólyomi and **Michael Fuchs** will focus on the following research questions:

- How did the prevalence of at-risk-of-poverty (AROP) and material deprivation of children in Austria develop during the COVID-crisis?
- Are the family characteristics of children concerned somewhat different compared to the situation before the crisis?

Leonard Geyer and **Felix Groß-Wohlgemuth** will provide evidence on the following research questions related to the performance of the Austrian tax-benefit system in mitigating the COVID-induced consequences on market incomes:

- How effective was the Austrian taxbenefit system in preventing an increase in child poverty due to COVID-19?
- How would additional policies to counter child poverty have performed during the COVIDcrisis?

The analyses are based on a secondary analysis of EU-SILC data and on tax-benefit microsimulation (model EUROMOD).

Karin Heitzmann will comment the main findings of the project from the perspective of a socio-economist and contextualise them with a view on previously available scientific evidence on the (financial) outcomes of the COVID-crisis on children in Austria.

Katrin Gasior will bring in her expertise on comparative social policy research using tax-benefit microsimulation models, in particular related to the situation of vulnerable groups and evidence-based policy making.

The seminar will be moderated by Anette Scoppetta.

Chair and Speakers:

- Anette Scoppetta is Deputy Director of the European Centre
- Eszter Zolyomi, Michael Fuchs, and Felix Groß-Wohlgemuth are researchers in the European Centre's *Social Protection and Inclusion* team
- Leonard Geyer is a researcher in the European Centre's *Employment and Labour Mobility* team
- Karin Heitzmann is an associate university professor at the Institute for Social Policy of the WU-Vienna University of Economics and Business
- Katrin Gasior is a Senior Research Fellow at SASPRI (Southern African Social Policy Research Insights) and a Research Affiliate at the Centre for Microsimulation and Policy Analysis, University of Essex and the European Centre.

For more information, please visit the websites below:

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