

# **IHS Newsletter July**

#### Dear Reader,

A large-scale experiment ended at IHS last week. In our symposium Living with Corona, which lasted for three days, we discussed the various aspects of the COVID-19 crisis. This unique event involved a combination of physical presence and live streams – a big thank you to everyone involved who made the event such a success! Before our newsletter takes a short summer break, read the current IHS publications in the renowned Science Magazine, and note the call for the Labor Market Economy Workshop in November.

We wish you a relaxing summer and stay healthy!

#### With warm regards,

Martin Kocher, *Director IHS* Eva Liebmann-Pesendorfer, *Secretary General at IHS* 



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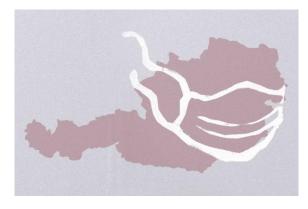
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#### Science Magazine: Alignment of R&I Politics with Social Values

Under the heading *Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)*, the European Commission is trying to better reconcile research and social values. In an article for Science Magazine, Robert Braun and Erich Griessler, in collaboration with other researchers, state that the political project has so far been unsuccessful in practice.

#### Labor Market Economy Workshop 2020

On November 6, IHS will host the 5th workshop for labor market economists in Austria. The aim is to discuss current research projects in labor market economics. By September 30, talks of theoretical and/or empirical nature can be sent to Imsp@ihs.ac.at. Contributions will be selected by mid-October.



#### Living with Corona - Review

Last week the Symposium *Living with Corona* took place at IHS. Across three days, various aspects of the COVID-19 crisis were discussed virtually and in person from Social Sciences perspectives. Discussions revolved around issues relating to working environments, health, economic development, school and education. Pictures, summaries and recordings of the talks can be viewed online.

## **News Highlights**

### Economic Forecast: COVID-19 Related Recession Requires Extraordinary Economic Policy Efforts

The COVID-19 pandemic and the measures necessary to contain it have triggered an extremely deep global recession. The Austrian economy has shrunk significantly in the first half of the year. The current IHS economic forecast concludes, if there is no major second wave of infection, economic output is expected to decline by 7.3% in 2020 as a whole.

### IHS Blog: What we know, what we don't know

The COVID-19 pandemic and measures to contain it have spurred research activities. In his contribution, Thomas König details the discussions had at the Symposium *Living with Corona*.

### Student Social Survey 2019

In May 2019, all students in Austria were invited to participate in the online survey. The results have now been published.

### Martin Kocher Appointed Head of the Fiscal Council

The Federal Government appointed IHS Director Martin Kocher as the new President of the Austrian Fiscal Advisory Council. The Fiscal Advisory Council monitors compliance with the fiscal rules in Austria. The tasks also include budgetary policy recommendations, fiscal policy analyzes and studies as well as participation in public opinion formation.

# **Publications**

- IHS Policy Brief: Research and Development in Times of Crisis
- Health System Watch: Planning of Health and Care Professions
- Austrian Labor Market Policy in the Context of the Covid-19 Crisis
- Gender Equality Policy: Austria Germany, and Switzerland
- IHS Working Paper 16/2020: Idiosyncratic Shocks, Lumpy Investment and the Monetary Transmission Mechanism
- Security meets Science Governance: The EU Politics of dual-use Research

- <u>Between Participation and Party Strategy: Direct Democracy in Austria's Federal</u>
  <u>States</u>
- <u>Tempest in a Teapot? Toward new Collaborations between Mainstream Policy</u> <u>Process Studies and Interpretive Policy Studies</u>

You can find all current publications by IHS employees in the Institutional Repository.

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