

Dissertation Project „Arbeitnehmermitbestimmung und Strukturwandel“

Structural changes are a main attribute of economic history. The main changes in the last years are higher heterogeneity of the works force and the switch from the “industry-age” to the “knowledge-society”.

In its first part, the project will deal with the theoretical effects of the structural changes on the current laws concerning codetermination and the necessity to regulate these kinds of labour relations. Codetermination on the firm and the company level will be treated separately to account for differences between the levels. Accordingly, the empirical analysis in the second part will be carried out separately for both levels as well.

Parts of the project are already published in the following publications:

‘Dynamic Efficiency of Supervisory-Board-Codetermination in Germany’, *Labour – Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations* (forthcoming).

‘Betriebsräte und Strukturwandel’, *Industrielle Beziehungen*, Vol. 14, No. 1, 2007, pp. 55-73.

‘Works Councils and Heterogeneous Firms’, *Jenaer Schriften zur Wirtschaftswissenschaft*, 16/2006.

‘Arbeitnehmermitbestimmung und Strukturwandel’, in: Ulrich Blum und Joachim Starbatty (eds.) *Globale Wirtschaft - nationale Verantwortung: Wege aus dem Druckkessel*, Veröffentlichung der Hanns Martin Schleyer-Stiftung, Vol. 67, 2005, pp. 115-122.