

# Call for papers

## Workshop: Concerns for status and social image

**June 8-9, 2017, WZB Berlin**

The human desire for social status and prestige has recently received increasing interest in economics. Despite the huge body of theory and evidence, our understanding of how social image concerns affect social welfare remains limited, and it is unclear whether or to what extent social and industrial policy should be concerned with potential negative effects of the quest for status. Moreover, not only are the empirical results mixed and point to important behavioral heterogeneity, but also the theoretical approaches have taken different routes with at times strikingly different conclusions.

The goal of this workshop is to bring together scholars from Europe and beyond working with different approaches and methodologies on the various facets of status concerns in order to engage in a discussion about what we know about the mechanisms behind and the economic consequences of status-seeking behavior, and to discuss when these concerns call for policy interventions and how these could be designed. The workshop will take place June 8-9, 2017 at WZB Berlin.

### Submissions:

In addition to a number of external participants, the workshop is open to participants from the CRC. We are inviting submissions of both empirical and theoretical work that fits into the workshop theme.

Submissions in the form of a full paper should be sent to [statusconference2017@wzb.eu](mailto:statusconference2017@wzb.eu) by **March 15, 2017**. Decisions of acceptance or rejection will be sent out no later than April 1, 2017. In addition, there is a limited number of slots for researchers who want to participate without presenting a paper. These should send an email to [statusconference2017@wzb.eu](mailto:statusconference2017@wzb.eu) including a brief motivation, an academic CV, and indicate whether they are willing to act as a discussant.

### More information:

Updates of the program can be found on the workshop homepage at: <https://www.wzb.eu/de/veranstaltungen/concerns-for-status-and-social-image-theory-evidence-and-implications-for-welfare-and-policy>

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [statusconference2017@wzb.eu](mailto:statusconference2017@wzb.eu) if you have any question.

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