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MESARAS 2013:  
Mobility, Expectations, Self-Assessment  
and Risk Attitude of Students

- Questionnaire -
# Mobility and preferences of students

Survey, winter term 2013/2014

## 1 Miscellaneous

### 1.1 Gender

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### 1.2 Age (in years)

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### 1.4 Place of birth

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- If abroad: please state the country

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### 1.5 Highest education attainment

- A levels (Abitur)
- University degree
- Vocational baccalaureate
- Other:

### 1.6 Where did you obtain your university entrance certificate (e.g. Abitur)?

- If in Germany: please state PLZ (alternatively city and state)
- If abroad: please state the country

### 1.7 In which year did you obtain your university entrance certificate?

### 1.8 Which average grade did you attain in your university entrance certificate (e.g. Abitur)?

### 1.9 Mother’s highest education attainment

- Lower secondary education (Hauptschule)
- Secondary education (Realschulabschluss)
- A levels (Auch Fachabitur)
- University degree (Inc. University of Applied Sciences)
- None
- Other:

### 1.10 Father’s highest education attainment

- Lower secondary education (Hauptschule)
- Secondary education (Realschulabschluss)
- A levels (Auch Fachabitur)
- University degree (Inc. University of Applied Sciences)
- None
- Other:

### 1.11 Are you currently in a relationship?

- No
- Yes

If yes, for how long have you been in this relationship?

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### 1.12 Did you complete any vocational training?

- No
- Yes, the following:

### 1.13 Did you work in one (or several) of the following employment relationships before your current study programme? (multiple responses allowed)

- Full-time (100%)
- Part-time (< 100%, mehr als Minijob)
- Minijob, temporary help (e.g. on 450 Euro-basis)
- No
## Mobility

### 2.1 Did you still live at the place of birth when you enrolled in elementary school?

- [ ] yes
- [ ] no

If other location in Germany: please state PLZ (alternatively city and state)

If other location abroad: please state the country

### 2.2 How often did you change your place of residence during school years?

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If in Germany: PLZ or city and state
If abroad: country

### 2.3 How often did you change your place of residence after completion of your school years?

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### 2.4 Did you participate in a school exchange programme during your school years? (usually a one or two week mutual exchange)

- [ ] no
- [ ] yes, in the following country

### 2.5 Did you spent in the past a considerable time (more than one month) without your family abroad? (multiple responses allowed)

- [ ] yes, as part of a semester abroad during school or studies
- [ ] yes, within an internship abroad or as "Au-Pair"
- [ ] yes, work-related (if you have been previously employed)
- [ ] yes, within "Work and Travel"
- [ ] yes, for another reason:
- [ ] no

Country:
2.6 In your opinion, which would be the most severe obstacle to a move to another country? 


3 Studies

3.1 Please state your current study programme.


3.2 Which type of study programme is it?

- [ ] Bachelor
- [ ] Master
- [ ] other: ____________________

3.3 In which semester are you currently?

- study semester (semesters enrolled in your current programme)
- university semester (total number of semesters enrolled at higher education institutions)

3.4 Do you intend to enrol in a consecutive study programme after completion of your current study programme?

- [ ] no
- [ ] yes
- [ ] perhaps

3.5 Are you planning on studying one semester abroad during studies?

- [ ] no
- [ ] yes
- [ ] perhaps

If yes or perhaps, what would be your preferred destination country?


3.6 Did you apply for an economics programme at other higher education institutions in the winter term 2013/2014?

- [ ] no
- [ ] yes

If yes, please state these higher education institutions in your preferred order.

- Institution 1: ____________________
- Institution 2: ____________________
- Institution 3: ____________________

In the winter term 2013/2014, did you obtain at other higher education institutions admission to an economics programme?

- [ ] no
- [ ] yes

If yes, please state these higher education institutions in your preferred order.

- Institution 1: ____________________
- Institution 2: ____________________
- Institution 3: ____________________

3.7 Did you apply for any other programme at other higher education institutions in the winter term 2013/2014?

- [ ] no
- [ ] yes

If yes, please state these higher education institutions in your preferred order.

- Institution 1: ____________________
- Institution 2: ____________________
- Institution 3: ____________________

In the winter term 2013/2014, did you obtain at other higher education institutions admission to any other programme?

- [ ] no
- [ ] yes

If yes, please state these higher education institutions in your preferred order.

- Institution 1: ____________________
- Institution 2: ____________________
- Institution 3: ____________________
3.8 Is your current study programme the preferred one?
- [ ] no
- [ ] yes

3.9 Is your current university the preferred one?
- [ ] no
- [ ] yes

3.10 Is the current university the closest university (higher education institution) in relation to your place of residence immediately before enrolment?
- [ ] no
- [ ] yes
- [ ] don’t know

3.11 How important were the following aspects concerning your decision for studying at your current university?
- Reputation of university / department: [ ] very unimportant, [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ] very important
- Curriculum (programme features): [ ] very unimportant, [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ] very important
- Resources of university / department: [ ] very unimportant, [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ] very important
- Proximity to previous place of residence: [ ] very unimportant, [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ] very important
- Friends study / live here as well: [ ] very unimportant, [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ] very important
- Living costs: [ ] very unimportant, [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ] very important
- Interest in city: [ ] very unimportant, [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ] very important
- Admission criteria: [ ] very unimportant, [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ] very important
- Availability of accommodation: [ ] very unimportant, [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ] very important

3.12 Did you already find an accommodation, you would like to stay for some semesters?
- [ ] no
- [ ] yes

3.13 Please state the postal code of your current place of residence.
- PLZ: [ ] (if PLZ unknown, please state city and state)

3.14 In which housing situation are you currently living?
- [ ] parental home
- [ ] private flat share
- [ ] student dorm
- [ ] own (rented) flat
- [ ] other: [ ] (alone or with partner)

3.15 How long does it take you to reach your university (your campus) from your current residence?
- [ ] < 10 minutes
- [ ] 10 - 20 minutes
- [ ] 20 - 30 minutes
- [ ] 30 - 45 minutes
- [ ] 45 - 60 minutes
- [ ] 60 - 90 minutes
- [ ] 90 - 120 minutes
- [ ] > 120 minutes

3.16 What are your monthly accommodation costs (including all known service charges)?
- [ ] Euro

3.17 Which sum do you have at your disposal - after deduction of your accommodation costs - for your livelihood per month?
- [ ] Euro

3.18 How do you intend to finance the current semester?
(Please state the approximate share. The sum has to add up to 100%.)
- Parents: [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ]
- Working: [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ]
- Own savings: [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ]
- BAFöG: [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ]
- Student loan: [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ]
- Scholarship: [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ]
- Other: [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ]
- Row sum: [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ], [ ]

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### Preferences and valuations

#### 4.1 To what extent do the following statements apply?

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#### 4.3 Option A: You have a 50:50 CHANCE either to pay 4 € or receive 10 €

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#### 4.4 Option A: You receive the following amount TODAY

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Option A: You receive the following amount IN ONE MONTH

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Option B: You receive the following amount IN TWO MONTHS

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12 €
13 €
14 €
15 €
16 €
17 €
18 €
19 €
20 €

How certain do you feel that you would behave in a real situation accordingly to your statements in the last four questions?

very uncertain

Which amount would you request as a payoff in one month so you would be willing to forego today a payoff of 1000 Euro?

Highly willing to take risks

How would you see yourself: Are you in general willing to take risks, or do you try to avoid risks?

Driving

Financial matters

Leisure and sports

Career aspects (your studies)

Health aspects

Trusting other persons

New experiences

Imagine you won a prize of 1000 Euro from a local bank. You have now the choice between either to take the money with you right away or to invest it for one year at the bank. Which interest rate would you request, so you would be willing to leave the money at the bank?

Highly willing to take risks

What would be the minimum monthly net income* you expect to receive after you eventually will have graduated from university?

(*corresponds to the income after taxes and social insurance contributions have been deducted)

How would you rate your income after you finally graduated from university in relation to the income of your ...

... mother?

... father?

Imagine, that after graduation, you will receive an interesting job offer in the vicinity of your current residence, realising the monthly net income you expect (see Question 5.1). What would be the minimum monthly net income for an otherwise comparable job offer, which made you willing to move for this alternative job to an unfamiliar environment:

to another state

to another country
5.4 In your opinion, how likely is it that you will move within five years after you graduated from university?

- within town
  - highly unlikely
  - unlikely
  - neutral
  - likely
  - highly likely

- to another town in the same state
  - highly unlikely
  - unlikely
  - neutral
  - likely
  - highly likely

- to another state
  - highly unlikely
  - unlikely
  - neutral
  - likely
  - highly likely

- to another country in Europe
  - highly unlikely
  - unlikely
  - neutral
  - likely
  - highly likely

- to another country outside Europe
  - highly unlikely
  - unlikely
  - neutral
  - likely
  - highly likely

5.5 Please state, how far you would be willing to move for the following aspects.

(Within the state < to another state < to another European country < to a country outside Europe)

- Larger proximity to family or friends
  - not willing to move at all
  - within the state
  - to another state
  - to another European country
  - to a country outside Europe

- Better income opportunities (higher income)
  - not willing to move at all
  - within the state
  - to another state
  - to another European country
  - to a country outside Europe

- Better housing conditions
  - not willing to move at all
  - within the state
  - to another state
  - to another European country
  - to a country outside Europe

- New living environment
  - not willing to move at all
  - within the state
  - to another state
  - to another European country
  - to a country outside Europe

- Better infrastructure
  - not willing to move at all
  - within the state
  - to another state
  - to another European country
  - to a country outside Europe

- Better employment chances when unemployed
  - not willing to move at all
  - within the state
  - to another state
  - to another European country
  - to a country outside Europe

- Climatic preferences
  - not willing to move at all
  - within the state
  - to another state
  - to another European country
  - to a country outside Europe

5.6 Imagine, that despite intensive job search after graduation, you will NOT receive an interesting job offer in the vicinity of your current residence, realising the monthly net income you expect (see Question 5.1).

What would be the minimum monthly net income for a job offer you were interested in, which made you willing to move for this alternative job to an unfamiliar environment:

- to another state
  - Euro per month (net)

- to another country
  - Euro per month (net)

6 Self-assessment

6.1 Please think of your university entrance certificate. How would you rate your average grade in relation to your ...

- School cohort?
  - strongly below average
  - average
  - strongly above average

- Fellow students in your programme?
  - strongly below average
  - average
  - strongly above average

6.2 In relation to your fellow students, how do you expect to graduate from university?

- strongly below average
- average
- strongly above average

6.3 To what extent do the following statements apply? I see myself as someone who ...

- Is reserved
  - applies not at all
  - applies completely

- Is generally trusting
  - applies not at all
  - applies completely

- Tends to be lazy
  - applies not at all
  - applies completely

- Is relaxed, handles stress well
  - applies not at all
  - applies completely

- Has few artistic interests
  - applies not at all
  - applies completely

- Is outgoing, sociable
  - applies not at all
  - applies completely

- Tends to find fault with others
  - applies not at all
  - applies completely

- Does a thorough job
  - applies not at all
  - applies completely

- Gets nervous easily
  - applies not at all
  - applies completely

- Has an active imagination
  - applies not at all
  - applies completely

6.4 Imagine you had the choice between either going to the cinema or meeting with fellow students in the university library to learn together. Please mark for consistency reasons, independently from the initial situation, both the outmost left and the outmost right check box.

I can easily chose between these alternatives.

- applies not at all
- applies completely
6.5 How often do you go out with your friends per week?

☐ less than once  ☐ once  ☐ twice
☐ three times  ☐ more than three times

6.6 How often are you active on Facebook or other social networks?

☐ several times a day  ☐ once a day  ☐ several times a week
☐ once a week  ☐ less frequent  ☐ never

6.7 How do you see yourself regarding the following aspects?

I have a hard time adjusting to new circumstances.  ☐ applies not at all  ☐ applies completely
I am willing to bear costs in the present, so I can benefit from related benefits in the future.  ☐ applies not at all  ☐ applies completely
I would like to live or work abroad later in my life.  ☐ applies not at all  ☐ applies completely
Spatial proximity to my family plays an important role for me.  ☐ applies not at all  ☐ applies completely
Spatial proximity to my friends plays an important role for me.  ☐ applies not at all  ☐ applies completely
I am a patient person.  ☐ applies not at all  ☐ applies completely

6.8 How would you rate your language proficiencies?

business fluent: You are able to discuss and understand complex topics and details in the respective language.
fluent in daily routine: You are able to get along and communicate without problems in daily life with your vocabulary.
basic: You have a basic language proficiency, however, speaking fluently or understanding details remains a substantial challenge.

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6.9 How do you assess yourself / the following statements?

If someone treats you unfairly, it is legit to reciprocate this unfairness.  ☐ applies not at all  ☐ applies completely
Since you cannot expect fairness from a stranger, I sometimes treat an unknown person in an unfair manner.  ☐ applies not at all  ☐ applies completely

6.10 There are different demographic groups, some closer to the top and others closer to the bottom of our society. Thinking of yourself, where would you locate yourself on such a scale ...

☐ in comparison to the overall society?  ☐ in comparison to your immediate social environment?  ☐ top

Thank you for your participation.

Please wait until the persons sitting beside you have finished as well. You then may pass through all questionnaires.