

Contents of ISSP 2005
(modified table 1 taken from the German ISSP 2005 methods report)

2005			Abbreviated Version of Questions	1989		1997	
Question Numbers	Variables	No. of Items		Question Numbers	Variable 1989	Question Numbers	Variable 1997
Work-life balance							
1		8	Preference to spend more / less time	1		1	
a	V4		... in a paid job	a	V4	a	V4
b	V5		... doing household work	b	V5	b	V5
c	V6		... with the family	c	V6	c	V6
d	V7		... with friends	d	V7	d	V7
e	V8		... in leisure activities	e	V8	e	V8
14	V43		Difficulty of taking time off during working hours				
15			How often do you feel that				
a	V44		...demands of job interfere with family life				
b	V45		...demands of family life interfere with job				
Work centrality							
2		10	Meaning of Work	2		2	
a	V9		Job is just a way of earning money	a	V10	a	V9
b	V10		R would enjoy having a paid job even if did not need money	b	V11	b	V10
3			How important to you ...?	6		4	
a	V11		Job security	a	V24	a	V13
b	V12		High income	b	V25	b	V14
c	V13		Opportunities for advancement	c	V26	c	V15
d	V14		An interesting job	e	V28	d	V16
e	V15		Work independently	f	V29	e	V17
f	V16		Help other people	g	V30	f	V18
g	V17		Useful to society	h	V31	g	V19
h	V18		Allows s.o. to decide their times or days of work	i*	V32	h	V20
Employment arrangements							
4		8	Preferred working environment				
a	V19		Employed/self-employed	8a	V40	8a	V27
b	V20		Small/large firm	8b	V41	8b	V28
c	V21		Private/public enterprise	8d	V43	8c	V29
5			Agree/disagree...				
a	V22		Employees have more job security than self-employed.				
b	V23		Being employee interferes more with family life than self-employment.				
7	V26		Full-time or less	11*	V47	9	V30
9	V28		Work longer, earn more – or what?	14	V50	13	V34
27	V63		Other work for additional income?				
Solidarity and conflict							
6		4	Agree / disagree...				
a	V24		Trade unions important for job security of employees				
b	V25		Without trade unions working conditions worse				
19			Work relations	20		21	
a	V49		Between management and employees	a	V77	a	V52
b	V50		Between workmates/colleagues	b	V78	b	V53
Currently working for pay/parental leave							
8	V27	1	Employment yes / no			11	V32

* 1989 wording differs from 1997 and 2005 wording

2005			Abbreviated Version of Questions	1989		1997	
Question Numbers	Variables	No. of Items		Question Numbers	Variable 1989	Question Numbers	Variable 1997
Job characteristics							
10		8	My...	16		14	
a	V29		Job is secure	a	V59	a	V35
b	V30		Income is high	b	V60	b	V36
c	V31		Opportunities for advancement are high	c	V61	c	V37
d	V32		Job is interesting	e	V63	d	V38
e	V33		I can work independently	f	V64	e	V39
f	V34		I can help other people	g	V65	f	V40
g	V35		Job is useful to society	h	V66	g	V41
h	V36		Job gives me a chance to improve my skills				
Subjective experience of job							
11		4	How often do you	17		15	
a	V37		...come home from work exhausted?	a	V68	a	V42
b	V38		...have to do hard physical work?	b	V69	b	V43
c	V39		...find your work stressful?	c	V70	c	V44
d	V40		...work in dangerous conditions?	d	V71	d	V45
Worker flexibility							
12	V41	6	Working hour arrangements			16	V46
13	V42		Organisation of daily work				
26			In order to avoid unemployment I would be willing				
a	V59		...to accept a job that requires new skills.				
b	V60		...to accept a position with lower pay.				
c	V61		...to accept temporary employment.				
d	V62		...to travel longer to get to work.				
Human capital							
16	V46	3	How much of past skills and experience used in present job?			19	V49
17	V47		How helpful would skills and experience be in seeking new job?				
18	V48		Training to improve job skills during past 12 months: yes/no				
Outcome of work							
20	V51	4	How satisfied are you in your (main) job?	21	V79	22	V54
21			Identification with firm			23	
a	V52		Willing to work harder than I have to, to help firm succeed			a	V55
b	V53		Proud to be working for firm			b	V56
c	V54		Would turn down another job and more pay to stay with organisation			d	V58
New job							
22	V55	4	How easy or difficult				
23	V56		...to find a job at least as good as current one				
24	V57		...for your firm to replace you			25	V61
			How likely try to find a job with another firm within next 12 months?				
25	V58		Extent you worry about the possibility of losing your job?			26	V62
If not currently working for pay: Demographic							
28	V64	3	Ever had a paid job for one year or more?			27	V63
29	V65		When last paid job ended?			28	V64
30	V66		Main reason job ended?			29	V65
If not currently working for pay: Work wanted?							
31	V67	1	Like to have a paid job, either now or in the future?			30	V66
If not currently working for pay: Find job							
32	V68	2	How likely is it that you would find a job?			31	V67
33	V69		Are you currently looking for a job?			32	V68
If not currently working for pay: Strategies to find employment in last 12 months							
34		6				33	
a	V70		Registered at public employment agency			a	V69
b	V71		Registered at private employment agency			b	V70
c	V72		Answered advertisements			c	V71
d	V73		Advertised in newspapers or journals			d	V72
e	V74		Applied directly to employers			e	V73
f	V75		Asked relatives, friends, colleagues to help find work			f	V74

2005			Abbreviated Version of Questions	1989		1997	
Question Numbers	Variables	No. of Items		Question Numbers	Variable 1989	Question Numbers	Variable 1997
If not currently working for pay: Training to improve job skills over past 12 months							
35	V76	1	Yes/No				
If not currently working for pay: Income							
36	V77	1	Main source of economic support			34	V75
Personality items*							
		10	I see myself as someone who				
a	V78		...is reserved				
b	V79		...is generally trusting				
c	V80		...does a thorough job				
d	V81		...is relaxed, handles stress well				
e	V82		...has an active imagination				
f	V83		...is outgoing, sociable				
g	V84		...tends to find fault with others				
h	V85		...tends to be lazy				
i	V86		...gets nervous easily				
i	V87		...has few artistic interests				

* Optional ISSP 2005 background variables; without number in ISSP 2005 source questionnaire

Reference

Scholz, Evi and Timo Faaß (2007), ISSP 2005 Germany, Work Orientation III, ZUMA Report on the German Study, ZUMA Methodenbericht 2007/03.