

# *Replication Instructions*

Good Bye Lenin Revisited:

East-West Preferences

Three Decades After German Reunification

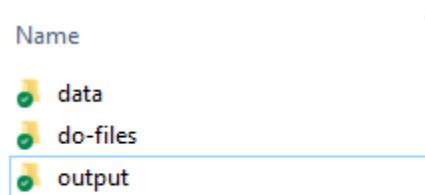
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## 1 Structure of the folder

The replication folder *Output* consists of the following subfolders:



- *data* folder contains the intermediate dta files generated by the do-files (empty)
- *do-files* folder contains the four do-files used to replicate the results of the paper
- *output* folder contains tables and figures that are produced by the do-files and are included in the paper

We do not include the raw Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) data or the SOEP-based intermediary data files, as access to these data is restricted and requires a signed agreement with DIW Berlin. We are using the 2019 release (version 35) of the SOEP. The unemployment rate time series can be extracted from the Statistisches Bundesamt.<sup>1</sup> Some monetary variables that were recorded in Deutsche Mark had to be transformed into EUR. We used the exchange rates provided by Eurostat.<sup>2</sup>

## 2 Executing the do-files

The *do-files* folder includes four do-files that have to be executed in the following order:

Name
 lenin_part1_2023_v35
 lenin_part2_2023_v35
 lenin_part3_2023_v35
 lenin_part3_2023_v35_appendix

1. `lenin_part1_2023_v35` reads in the raw data, collects and renames variables which are necessary for the analyses. The following SOEP dta files are used: **pl**, **ppathl**, **pkal**, **pgen**, **pequiv**, **hbrutto**, **hl**, **hgen**, **kidlong**, **ddr18**. The do-file saves the intermediate data `mergedall_part1.dta` in the *data* folder. To execute the do-file, it is necessary to adjust the path in globals ORIGINAL and CREATED according to the user's settings.
2. `lenin_part2_2023_v35` reads in the intermediate file `mergedall_part1.dta`, creates and labels necessary demographic, income, and preference variables, and cleans the dataset. The do-file saves the final data `mergedall_part2.dta` in the *data*

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<sup>1</sup><https://www-genesis.destatis.de/genesis>, Table 13211-0011

<sup>2</sup>[https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/ERT\\_H\\_EUR\\_A](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/ERT_H_EUR_A)

folder. To execute the do-file, it is necessary to adjust the path in globals CREATED according to the user's settings.

3. `lenin_part3_2023_v35` reads in the final data file `mergedall_part2.dta` and produces figures and tables from the main text of the paper. It also reads and uses the unemployment data, as well as the raw file **bioparen** from SOEP. To execute the do-file, it is necessary to adjust the path in globals CREATED, ORIGINAL and RESULTS according to the user's settings.
4. `lenin_part3_2023_v35_appendix` reads in the final data file `mergedall_part2.dta` and produces figures and tables from the Appendix of the paper. Note, that tables A5, A7, and A8 of the Appendix were produced manually after running regressions, so there is no code generating these tables. To execute the do-file, it is necessary to adjust the path in globals CREATED, ORIGINAL and RESULTS according to the user's settings.