

# Good bye Schumpeter!? – Hello again Keynes?

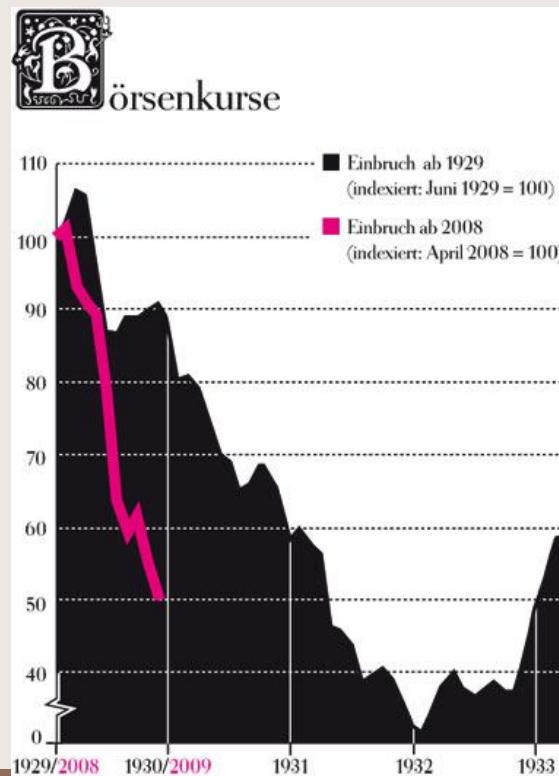
New or old strategies to cope with crisis,  
unemployment and social security

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# Patterns of World-Economic-Crisis in 2008/9 I

Crisis initiated by collapse of financial systems like ‚Black Friday‘ (1929) – big losses at stock exchange – leverage effects as multiplier (source of pictures: Die Zeit 16.4.09)

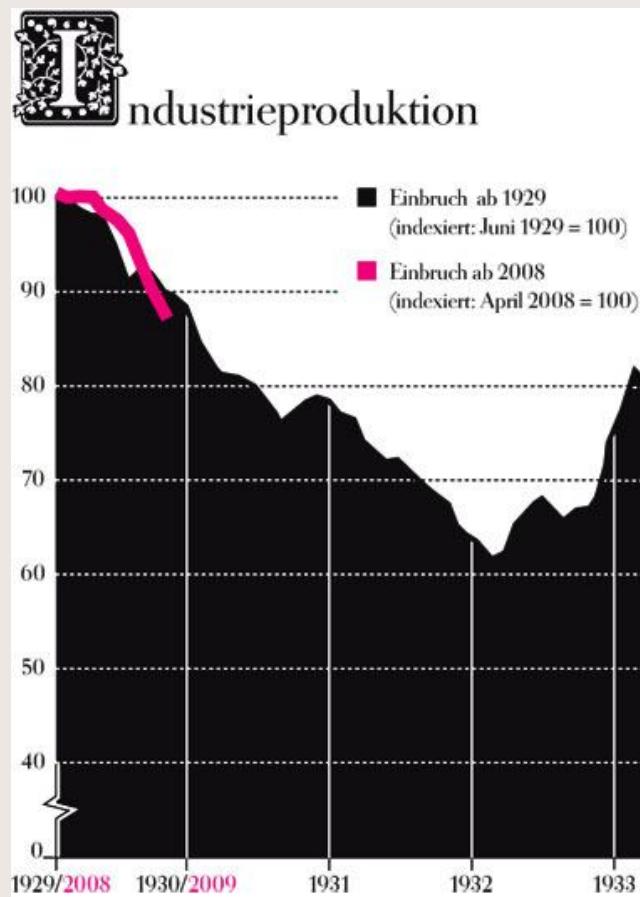


Rising risks and profits via leverage deals – an example:

- Invested own capital 100 €, profit 3€, profit rate 3 %;
- invested own capital 10 €, credit capital 90 € (interest rate 1% = 0,9€), profit = 3-0,9 = 2,1 €, profit rate 21%
- Own capital 10 €, credit capital 90 € (interest rate 1%), loss 6 € - 0,9€ = 6,9 €, profit rate = -69%,

# Patterns of World-Economic-Crisis in 2008/9 II

Immediate transfer of breakdown to real economy of OECD-countries  
(industrial production) and – with time lags – to the labour markets

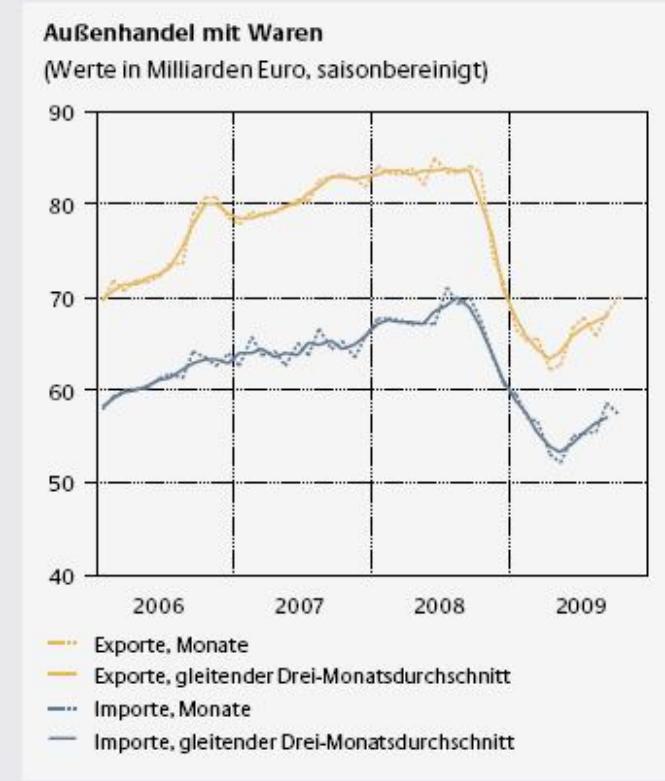
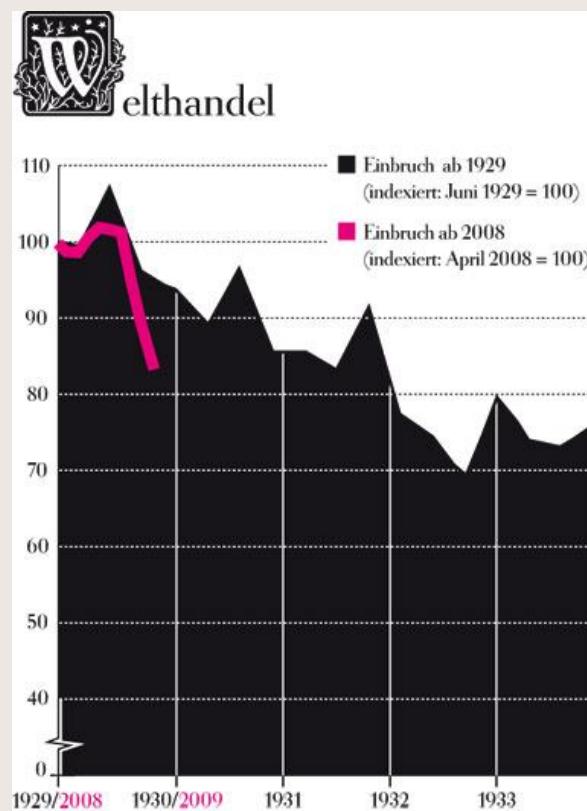


**Industrieproduktion**  
(Volumenindex 2005 = 100, saisonbereinigt)



# Patterns of World-Economic-Crisis in 2008/9 III

- Massive reduction of exports ( $D - 10\%$ ) and imports ( $D - 5\%$ ) – problems for export-oriented countries (Ch, D, J)



# Patterns of World-Economic-Crisis in 2008/9 IV

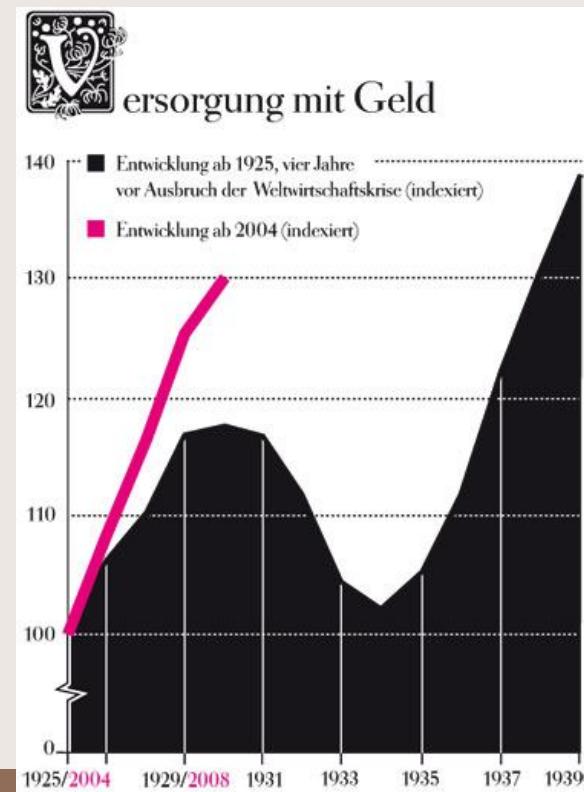
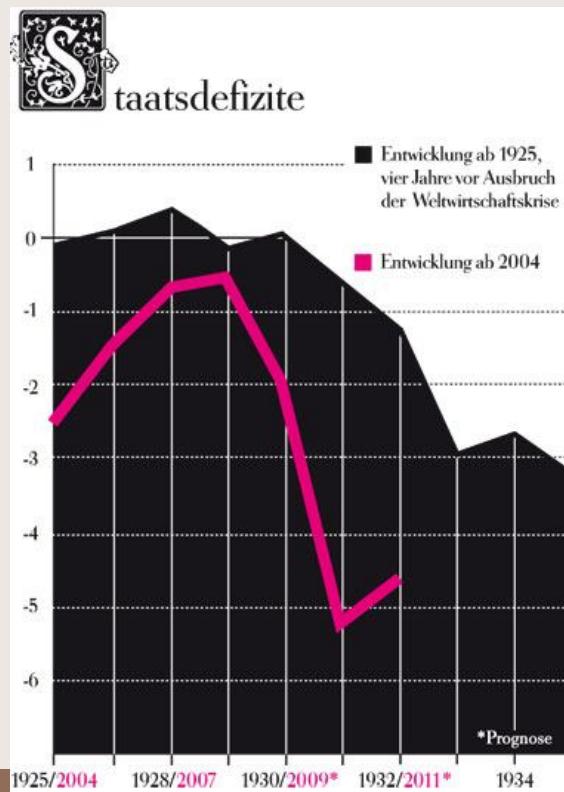
- Reduction of private investment (D - +3,1%/2008, -8,9%/09)

Quelle: BMWI, Schlaglichter der Wirtschaftspolitik

Bruttoinlandsprodukt und Komponenten	Veränderungen gegen Vorjahreszeitraum in % <sup>6</sup>										
	2007			2008		2009		2008		2009	
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Bruttoinlandsprodukt (BIP)	+ 2,5	+ 1,3	- 5,0	- 1,7	- 6,4	- 7,0	- 4,7	- 1,7			
Inländische Verwendung	+ 1,0	+ 1,7	- 2,1	+ 1,7	- 1,2	- 2,7	- 1,6	- 2,8			
Private Konsumausgaben <sup>2</sup>	- 0,3	+ 0,4	+ 0,2	- 0,6	0,0	+ 0,8	+ 0,2	- 0,1			
Konsumausgaben des Staates	+ 1,7	+ 2,1	+ 3,0	+ 2,3	+ 2,9	+ 2,7	+ 3,7	+ 2,6			
Bruttoanlageinvestitionen	+ 5,0	+ 3,1	- 8,9	- 1,2	-11,3	-11,0	- 7,2	- 6,2			
Ausrüstungen	+11,0	+ 3,3	-20,5	- 3,0	-20,1	-23,4	-20,8	-17,9			
Bauten	0,0	+ 2,6	- 0,8	+ 0,3	- 5,7	- 2,9	+ 1,4	+ 3,3			
Sonstige Anlagen	+ 6,5	+ 5,3	+ 4,9	+ 4,7	+ 4,2	+ 4,5	+ 5,3	+ 5,7			
Exporte	+ 7,5	+ 2,9	-14,2	- 5,7	-17,1	-20,0	-15,2	- 3,8			
Importe	+ 4,8	+ 4,3	- 8,9	+ 1,2	- 7,4	-12,6	- 9,3	- 6,5			

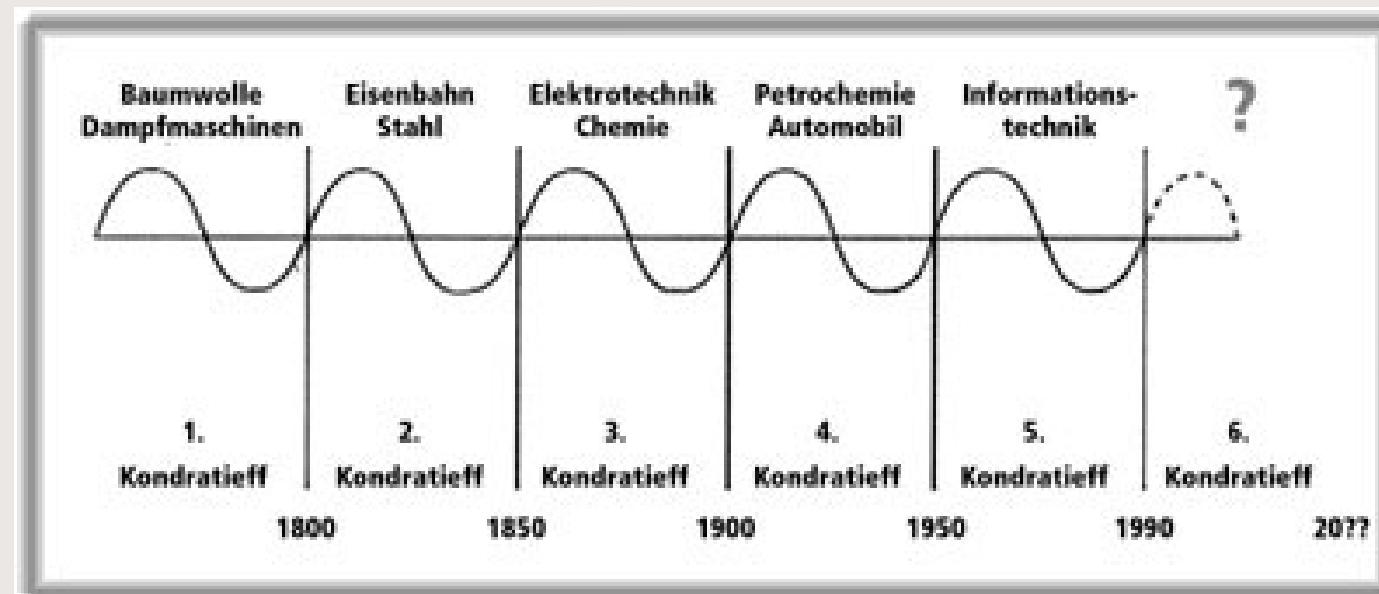
# Patterns of World-Economic-Crisis in 2008/9 V

- Renaissance of Keynesian Fiscal- and Monetary Policies in all industrialized countries (G 7/G 20):
  - first aid for „system-relevant banks,
  - expansion of money supply,
  - massive deficit spending programs without preparation



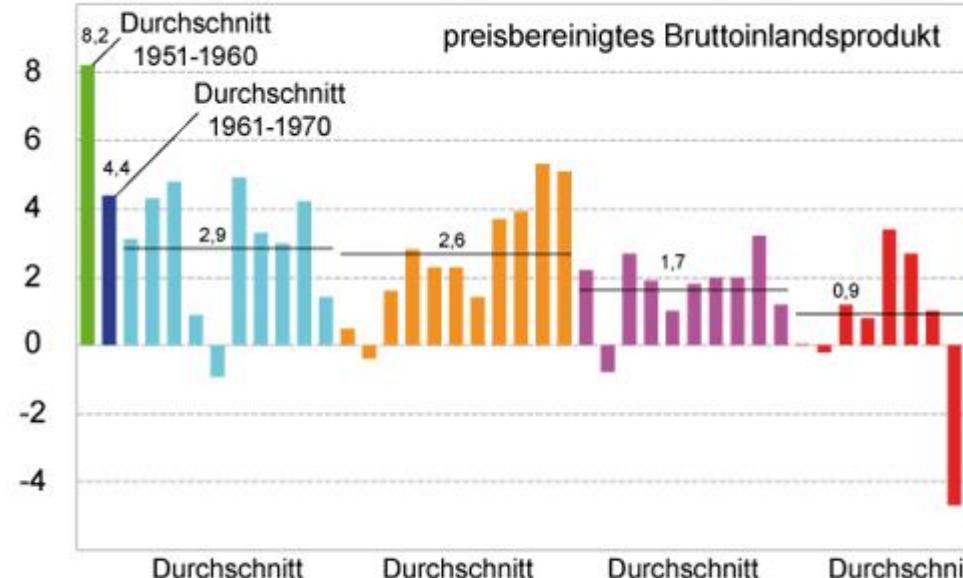
# Good bye Schumpeter?! — Experiences of Supply-Side Economics during the last 30 years I

- Schumpeter-Renaissance: technological innovation and economic growth via deregulated markets and dynamic entrepreneurs
- Service function of public institutions from „Kindergarten“ to university – technological leadership / innovation management
- No Microelektronic Kondratieff since the 80ies - fairy-tales for a Biotech Kondratieff future



# Economic Growth: the real Development:

Wirtschaftswachstum in Deutschland gegenüber Vorjahr in %

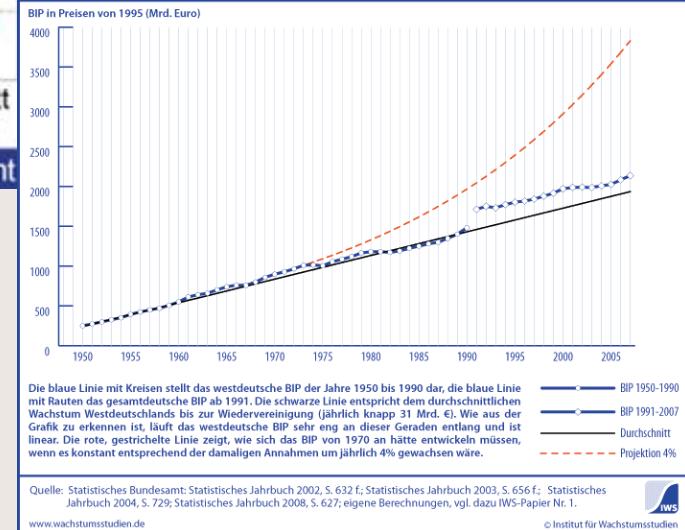


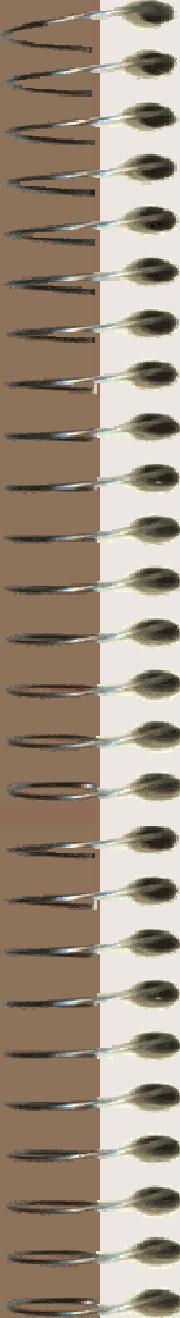
Infografik: [boerse.de](#)

Quelle: Statistisches Bundesamt

Grafik

Linear statt exponentiell -  
Wachstum des BIP der Bundesrepublik Deutschland





## Good bye Schumpeter?! — Experiences of Supply-Side-Economics during the last 30 years II

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- Innovation as an all including fashionable approach
- Product Innovations as schumpeterian Anti-Crisis- Key: dramatic break down of risik-capital supply after every bursting bubble
- New markets and new needs - a „dream of a new mankind“ – improvement of (environmental-)quality and fashion the last niches in the saturation trap
- USA, GB: „financial innovation“ and growth of services
- Social needs as public goods – conflict with the tax-cutting competition

# Good bye Schumpeter?! — Experiences of Supply-Side-Economics during the last 30 years II a

USA, GB: „financial innovations“ and growth of services



# Hello again J.M. Keynes! – Are we better prepared now?

Shift of political paradigms: Survival strategy driven by bubble economy

G 20: International fiscal policy? – EU: Symbolic fiscal policy on macro-regional level – GER: Way back to constitutional order of fiscal policy? Symetric reduction of deficits to early (new „deficit brake“)?

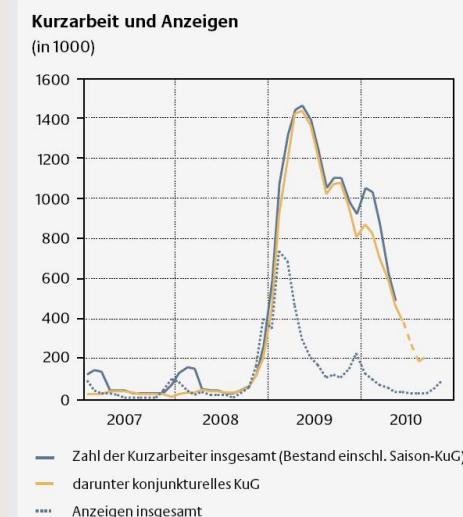
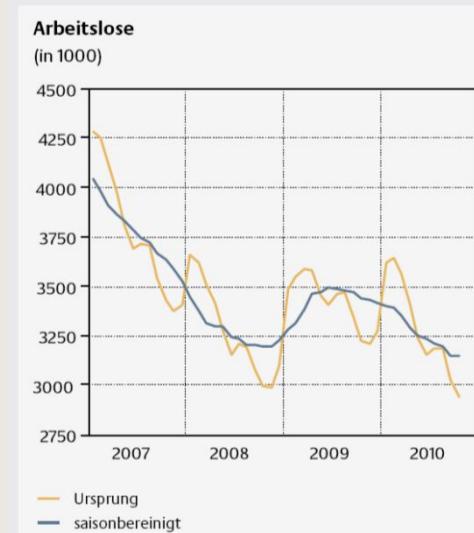
## Limits of fiscal policy today:

- (1) instable financial systems and currencies
- (2) international spill overs – free rider problem
- (3) structural crisis – limits of national interventions

GER: Poor quality or pre-prepared programs for deficit spending: break-up-bonus for automobile demand, time lags of public investment – missing crisis reserve programs (medium term fiscal planning)

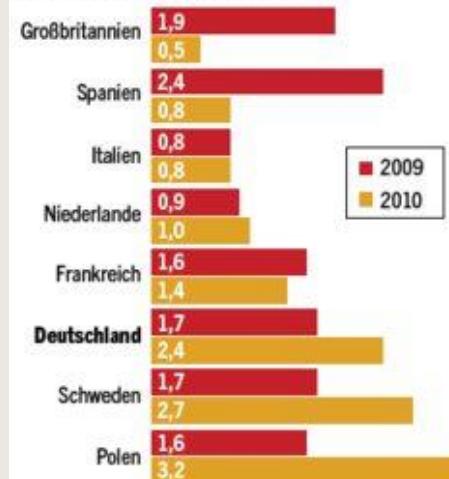
Fiscal Policy and the Labour Market: Advantages of countries with strong social insurance systems  
– build in flexibility

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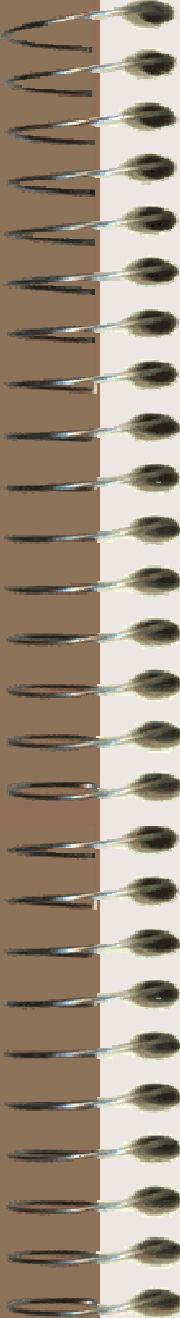
## Verzögerte Reaktion

Umfang der staatlichen Konjunkturprogramme (in Prozent des BIPs)



Quelle: Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft Köln

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# Investment in Human Capital – a long term anti-crisis strategy I

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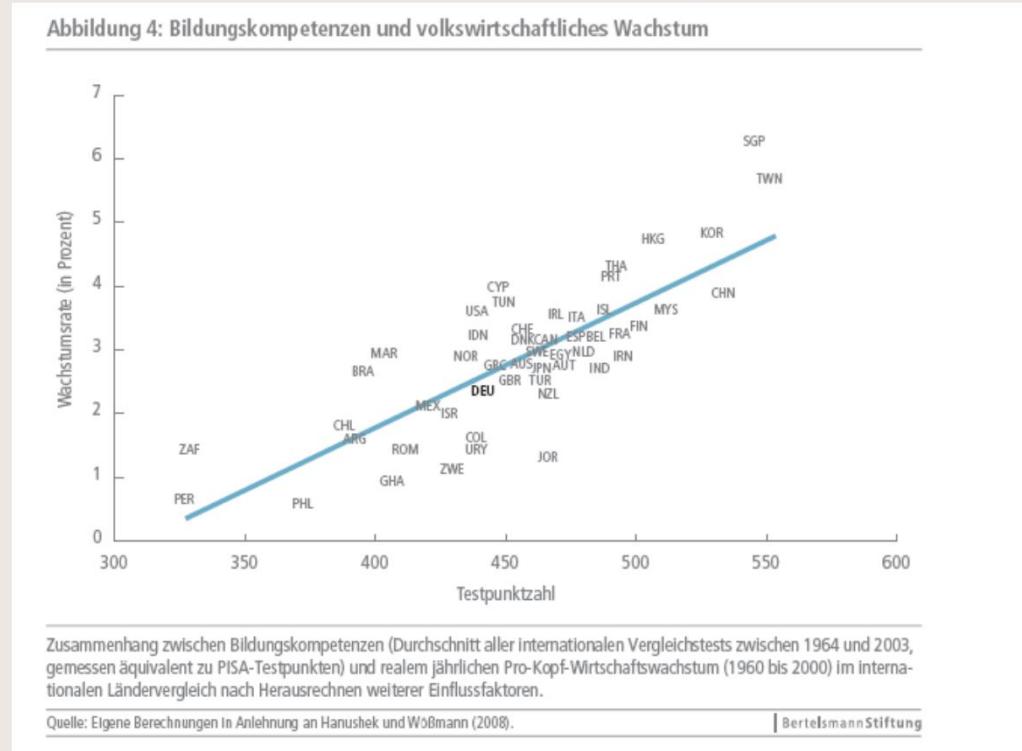
*„It was not by gold or silver, but by labour, that all the wealth of the world was originally purchased, ...“ A. Smith 1776*

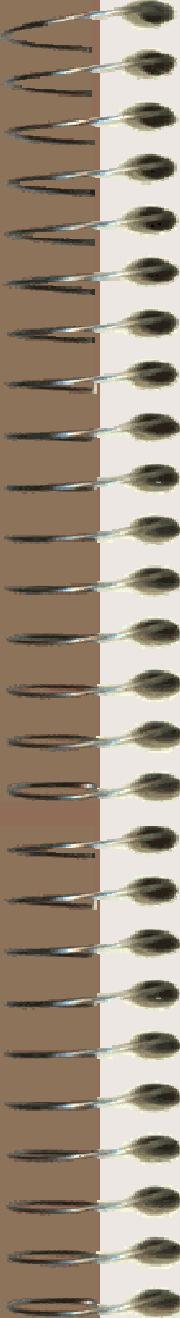
- Value of work theory  $\Rightarrow$  Bildungsökonomie / Human Capital Theory  
 $\Rightarrow$  Knowledge based society  $\Rightarrow$  Knowledge Management
- Value of work theory  $\Rightarrow$  not a successful price theory but a modern part of endogenous growth theories (EGT)
- Results of EGT und empirical findings: Investment in human- and social capital (strong institutional framework of a society: health, democracy, rule of law, ...) rising growth rate – high fertility – slow down of growth – („stupid“)-physical capital not the only key to welfare

Result: Stimulating private investment in physical capital (central assumption of supply-side economics and demand oriented approaches):  
Not the best way for a long term anti-crisis strategy!

# Investment in Human Capital – a long term anti-crisis strategy II

Investment in human- and social capital (strong institutional framework of a society: health, democracy, rule of law, ...) rising growth rate





# Lessons for anti-crisis and labour market policies

- **Faults since the 80ies:** ⇒ excessive deregulation; ⇒ tax cutting competition; ⇒ compulsive subsidization
- **Problematic Labour policies:**
  - ⇒ competition by labour cost cutting;
  - ⇒ income support without work;
  - ⇒ continuing education as waiting room;
  - ⇒ early retirements
- **Evaluation of recent instruments:**
  - ⇒ „Hartz IV“ / income support + help/pressure to work;
  - ⇒ subsidies for short time workers;
  - ⇒ short term interventions against demand gap and deflation;
- **Missing long term strategy:**
  - ⇒ structural change to sustainability – no additional efforts
  - ⇒ investment in human and social capital – more symbolic action than increasing inputs and reforms for efficiency
  - ⇒ Who pays for the crisis? – Readjustment of income and tax policies?