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PANEL ECONWATCH
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Panel discussion of ECONWATCH

“Underrepresentation of women in economic policy advice - causes, consequences and remedies”

Women are underrepresented in academia, especially in tenured positions. They are also underrepresented as economic policy advisers in advisory boards such as the German Council of Economic Experts and in the media.

Research seems to show that women are held to higher standards than men when assessing their research as well as when applying for an academic job. The media often resort to the same few experts for their coverage at the expense of many men but of a lot of women, too. While men cover a variety of subjects in their research and consequently in their expert advice, women focus their research and advice on “soft” themes related to family, education and the environment.

Amongst the first 50 ranking positions of the 2019 edition of the FAZ’s ranking of the most influential economic policy advisers only five women are to be found, the best on position 15. An additional ranking including only women lists 34 who meet the criteria of the ranking, namely sufficient clout in academia, media and politics.

The panel discussion aims at analysing why female economists are underrepresented in academic policy advice and how this could be changed. Moreover it shall be discussed what difference more female policy advisers would make.

Panel discussion:

- **Britta Gehrke** (University of Rostock)
- **Karen Pittel** (ifo Institute / University of Munich / German Advisory Council on Global Change)
- **Monika Schnitzer** (University of Munich / German Council of Economic Experts)
- **Katharina Wrohlich** (DIW Berlin)

Moderation: Karen Horn (Journalist)