IfM President again in the top 20 in the F.A.Z. economists ranking

The Siegen University professor and IfM-President Friederike Welter is once again one of the most influential economists in Germany this year. The current F.A.Z.-ranking puts her at 20th place, with Prof. Dr Ernst Fehr (University of Zurich), Prof. Dr Clemens Fuest (Ifo Institute) and Prof. Dr Marcel Fratzscher (DIW Berlin) again on the top places.

In the "Science" section of the economist ranking, Prof. Dr. Friederike Welter is even ranked 6th behind Prof. Dr. Ernst Fehr (University of Zurich), Prof. Dr. Bruno Frey (University of Basel), Prof. Dr. Arnim Falk (Briq Bonn), Prof. Dr. Matin Qaim (University of Göttingen) and Prof. Dr. Ottmar Edelhofer (PIK Potsdam). For a good reason: During past pandemic months, Prof. Dr Friederike Welter regularly prepared background papers with two IfM researchers. She both examined the situation of the Mittelstand companies and presented recommendations for the Mittelstand policy. In addition to her international research activities on the contexts in which entrepreneurship develops, she is currently working on the social contribution of SMEs, on (pre-)images of companies and on the needs of people interested in starting a business.

Prof. Dr Friederike has already received several international awards for her research. In July of this year, she was most recently invited as a member of the renowned Academia Europaea – an initiative of the British Royal Society and other European national academies. The Academia Europaea aims to promote European research, to advise governments and international organisations on scientific issues, and encourage interdisciplinary and international research.

The F.A.Z. Ranking "Germany's Most Influential Economists" only considers economists who have made a particular scientific impact in the past year and present their research results in the media and on Twitter. At the same time, their publications and advice must be appreciated by those responsible for politics.

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