

The Statute of the Doctoral Students at the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies



Preamble

The following is stated in §12 (Doctoral student representatives) of the *Empfehlungen zur strukturierten Förderung des wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchses in der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft* of 12.10.2009:

“The doctoral students of an institute can elect a doctoral student representative to represent their interests vis-à-vis the institute’s management.”

The doctoral students of the GIGA have followed this recommendation and decided upon the following regulations regarding their self-administration and their interaction within the GIGA Doctoral Programme (hereafter: DP) as well as vis-à-vis GIGA affiliates and committees.

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§ 1 Doctoral Students at the GIGA

The funding of the doctoral students within the DP is heterogeneous. Because of their common interests, this statute is valid for all people who are pursuing their doctoral degree at the GIGA part- or full-time, regardless of their employment relationship with GIGA, their status within the DP (Fellows, Associates) or their university affiliation.

§ 2 General Assembly

The doctoral students' general assembly normally convenes once a year. Four weeks prior to the assembly, the doctoral student representatives send out the invitation via the DP mailing list and announce the convening of general assembly on the information board of the DP. At the general assembly, the doctoral student representatives are elected according to §3 of this statute. Further agenda items regarding any prevailing situations and problems can be introduced by any doctoral student before or during the assembly. Extraordinary doctoral student general assemblies can be convoked as needed at the request of the doctoral students by the doctoral student representatives.

§ 3 Doctoral Student Representatives

Once a year in the context of the doctoral students' general assembly a minimum of two and maximum of three doctoral student representatives are elected by simple majority from among the GIGA doctoral students. The doctoral student representatives represent the interests of all doctoral students at the GIGA, regularly exchange information with the committees mentioned in §4–6, are members of the Supervisory Committee according to §7 and perform other tasks assigned to them by the

doctoral students. The doctoral student representatives regularly inform the doctoral students about their activities.

The doctoral students recommend that both Fellows and Associates run for the position of doctoral student representative in order to ensure that the diverse interests resulting from the different degree-financing models are taken into account.

§ 4 Cooperation with the Academic Director and the Coordinator

The Academic Director, the Coordinator and the doctoral student representatives regularly exchange information (at least once a month). They work together on important issues that concern the DP, the working conditions of the doctoral students and the course programme.

§ 5 Cooperation with the Works Council

The doctoral student representatives regularly report to the works council on the working conditions and any developments in the DP. In matters that concern the doctoral students, the works council consults the doctoral student representatives. The doctoral student representatives may then be invited to meetings of the works council.

§ 6 Cooperation with the Executive Board and the Research Council

An exchange takes place between the Executive Board, the Research Council and the doctoral student representatives about matters pertinent to the DP and/or the working conditions of the doctoral students. To this end, the Executive Board and the Research Council brief the doctoral student representatives in advance about any relevant items on the agenda of their respective council meetings in advance.

When decisions to be made by the Executive Board and the Research Council concern the DP or the working conditions of the doctoral students, the doctoral student representatives are heard by the Executive Board and/or the Research Council in a timely fashion prior to the respective council meeting and may be invited to the meeting.

§ 7 Supervisory Committee

One doctoral student representative takes part in an advisory capacity in the council meetings of the Supervisory Committee.

One doctoral student representative takes part in an advisory capacity in all the selection committees in which DP-related positions are decided upon (doctoral students, Coordinator, Academic Director).

§ 8 Legal Validity and Changes to the Statute

This statute was adopted by the doctoral students' general assembly. It came into force through a decision of the Executive Board. The statute can be changed by two-thirds of the attendees at the doctoral students' general assembly. For this to be valid, the intended changes must be announced in written form to all doctoral students at least four weeks prior to the assembly. Any doctoral student who is unable to attend the meeting has the right to express their views in written form and give their vote in absentia.

ⁱ *Recommendations for the Structured Funding of the Next Generation of Researchers within the Leibniz Association*