April 2015

Dear GIGA doctoral students,

this week the GIGA Doctoral Programme is hosting the PRIMO Method Workshop Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) on behalf of the EU-funded PRIMO Network. We are offering courses on the foundations, techniques, and current developments of QCA taught by distinguished scholars.

April is the time when we admit new members to the GIGA Doctoral Programme. We cordially welcome our new Associates Max Montgomery, Anna Gielbas, and May Darwich. May introduced herself in the last newsletter. Max, who is currently on field research in Tanzania, introduces himself in today’s section “I am currently working on...”. Unfortunately, our new Fellow is still waiting for the approval of her DAAD scholarship and can only join us in October.

The DP Summer Term Programme will start next week with a Welcome Week for all new and not-so-new GIGA staff members. You can still register for individual events until 19 April 2015. The entire Summer Term Programme is available on our website. Please note that the registration deadline for Interpretive Methods (L. Wilcox), Triangulation (N. Fielding), and Causal Case Studies (D. Beach) is on 10 May 2015.

I wish you an interesting and successful summer term!

Best wishes,

Ina

P.S. Are you going on a conference trip or research stay? Did you come across an interesting job announcement or summer school? This newsletter lives on your input – therefore, just send an email to: ina.peters@giga-hamburg.de.

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News

Nicola Nymalm submitted!
Nicola Nymalm has submitted her dissertation to the University of Kiel. Her work is entitled “From ‘Japan Problem’ to ‘China Threat’? Dissecting the Economic Discourses on Japan and China in the United States Congress”. Congratulations, Nicola, and best wishes for the defence!

Leibniz Association confirms commitment to junior researchers
The Leibniz Association has confirmed its commitment to ensure adequate qualification and working conditions for junior researchers. Already in 2012, the association adopted guidelines for the working conditions and career development of pre-doctoral and post-doctoral researchers in the institutes of the Leibniz Association. For more information, please see the press release (in German) and the guidelines (in German and English).

Evaluation Report
The evaluation report from the Leibniz Association was presented at the staff meeting on Monday, 13 April 2015. The report states that the GIGA should continue developing its doctoral programme. We are proud of the past achievements in the DP and look forward to cooperating with all of you with a view to further developing the DP in the coming years.

Guidebook on finding, citing, and documenting research data
The ZBW, GESIS, and RatSWD have published a guidebook on the correct use, documentation, and dissemination of original research data for social scientists and economists. The guidebook (in German only) can be downloaded from this website.

Graduation - and what next?
Information on residence permits, job search, and work contracts for students and graduates from non-EU countries and Croatia
Date: 4 May 2015, 6 pm
Venue: Handwerkskammer Hamburg, Holstenwall 12, Room 303 (3rd floor)
No registration necessary.

New PIASTA Programme
PIASTA offers a variety of free-time activities, informative talks, workshops, and advising services. The program is open to all German and international students who are pursuing a PhD at the University of Hamburg. Learn more about the PIASTA programme and register online.

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More information and registration

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Venue: PUC-Rio, Rio de Janeiro
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I am currently working on ... Max Montgomery

Hello everyone,

I joined the GIGA as a Research Fellow in the project “The Territorial Dynamics of Colonial State-building” in August 2014, while simultaneously pursuing a PhD at the FU Berlin. Now I am very happy to have been accepted as an Associate in the GIGA DP.

In the project we explore the determinants of the spatio-temporal process of historic state-building in the former German colonies with a self-constructed dataset based on archival material from the German colonial administration. Using the project as a starting point, my own research focuses on the identification of long-term effects of the historic state-building process on the current salience of structural inequalities in development, governance, and gender roles in today’s Tanzania. I intend to conduct a quasi-natural experiment in which I aim to identify a causal relationship between the exposure to missionary influence and education and current levels of education, political influence, and violence.

I recently arrived in Dar es Salaam and get to stay another four weeks in order visit the national archives and collect data from the university, research institutes, and NGOs. So far, its been a great experience and I have met numerous very talented and inspiring people that conduct incredible work at the local and the national level. Furthermore, I arrived at a very interesting time: fearing to loose the upcoming elections in October, the government of Tanzania has decided to pass a number of laws that severely curb the freedom of speech. This has caused quite some discontent and I now spend most of my non-research time discussing Tanzanian politics.

As I am based in Berlin, I have not been able to engage with most of you - but I look forward to do so when I move to Hamburg at the beginning of next year.

All the best and Karibu sana from Dar,

Max Montgomery

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I am currently working on ... Lisa Bunselmeyer

Hi Everyone,

I’m sending you greetings from Peru. Since a couple of months I’m doing my field research here in the rural area of the Andes. Right now I am looking at the plaza of a small village with a few women in original colourful dresses and hats selling fruits and meals of the region, at the background incredible mountains. I am at 3500 meters. The villages seems rather peaceful nowadays and one would not guess that exactly at this plaza 69 people were murdered in 1982, between them many women and children. More than 70,000 people died or disappeared in the internal armed conflict between the rebel group Shining Path and the government forces in the 1980s.

In my dissertation project I investigate the post-conflict development of the Peruvian society. Through interviews and focus groups I am learning how the communities have experienced these processes. My results so far are emphasizing the fact that the conflict has destroyed the whole social structure of the society; whole generations of adolescents are missing. Thirty-five years after the beginning of the war there are still hate and distrust prevalent within the communities, solidarity is missing which hinders the development of the society. I have seen that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and other governmental programs did not or only rarely contribute to the social development of the society.
So, what does a normal field work day look like? I am getting up at 4am before the first sun light, “showering” me in ice water dropping from a tube, grabbing some boiled potatoes, corn and cheese for breakfast – freshly harvested the day before – and starting my walk to the neighbouring village where I want to conduct interviews today. I bought a second hand motorbike some weeks ago to make getting around easier but it broke down before I could even use it. Therefore, there is only the possibility to walk or borrow a horse which is quite useful for the rise up the hill.

After a 2 hours walk I am arriving in the village and looking for people to talk with. As the peasants leave to cultivate their land and feed their animals every day, the only chance is to catch them is early in the morning. I am starting in the house of the communal president – a woman – which is outstanding in this society “tan machismo” and, according to her, thanks to capacity programs of international NGOs. The next person I meet is an old man – unfortunately he only speaks few words of Spanish and with my few sentences of Quechua “Imaynallataq kachkanki – How are you?” it is not possible to conclude the interview. I will come back with a translator another day (I am not sure if he understood “another day – huk punchaukama”). With the next woman I am having a tough start, she is a bit reluctant “I don’t know about these things, you have to ask my husband” but after a while she is telling me her very interesting view of the situation of the village. “The state has never reached us here, we are forgotten, they did not help us when the rebels invaded our village. And because we do not work as a community united, we will not advance”.

Later they invite me to a special soup they prepared with the sheep they gained in the competition of dances in carnival in which I participated as well – as part of the participant observation. The meat is very fresh – the bloody skin and head of the poor sheep still at the side of the big pot. A challenge for me as long-time vegetarian but I am consoling myself with the fact that the head has not entered the soup yet. Another day I had the luxury of eating the stomach of a cow for breakfast and a fried guinea pig for lunch. With the sheep soup rumbling in my stomach I am starting my way back up the hill before the sun goes down, glad with the information and experience I gained this day and looking forward to my bed (that I share with fleas). I am lucky, a car is passing and I find my place on the loading space next to chicken and guinea pigs jumping in a plastic sack.

Hope to see and talk to you soon in Hamburg!

Lisa Bunselmeyer

We are currently working on ... your student representatives

Dear all,

As the annual general assembly is approaching and some of us will not run again as student representatives, we would like to take the opportunity to say goodbye. It has been a privilege to represent the interests of the diverse crowd of doctoral students at GIGA during the past year and we hope that our engagement has contributed to making your work more fruitful and more enjoyable!
But as always, we would also like to update you on our current activities. The evaluation report, which also contains a section on the doctoral program, was presented at the staff meeting on 13 April. Feel warmly invited to share your thoughts on the report’s section on the doctoral program during the next DP Jour fixe and whenever the possibility arises.

The general assembly will take place on 22 April, 15h00 to 16h00 in room 550. We would love to see many of you there, not least to have as much participation as possible for the election of the new student representatives. We strongly encourage you to apply as a future (deputy) doctoral students representative. Our representation within GIGA bodies is of tremendous importance. If you have any questions about the tasks that it entails, please do not hesitate to contact us (stud-reps@giga-hamburg.de).

Currently, a number of (associate) doctoral student teach at the University of Hamburg. If you are interested in learning more about teaching opportunities or didactics trainings to prepare for it, feel free to contact us and we will put you in contact with them.

Best,

your student representatives

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**Jobs and Funding**

**Postdoctoral Fellow in Negotiation Engineering**
ETH Zurich

**Postdoctoral Research Positions**
Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies, University of Chile
Deadline: 20 April 2015

**5 Postdoctoral Fellowships: Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe**
Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin
Deadline: 24 April 2015

**Full-time doctoral researcher in Environment and Sustainable Development**
Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Deadline: 30 April 2015

**Researcher (Environmental Law)**
Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V., Potsdam
Deadline: 30 April 2015

**Lecturer in Conflict Resolution and Peace-Building**
Durham University
Deadline 12 May 2015

**2 Postdoc positions in Middle Eastern Studies**
Philippus-Universität Marburg
Deadline: 15 May 2015

**Postdoctoral Researcher**
University of Antwerp
Deadline: 30 May 2015

**Full Professor of Comparative Policy Analysis**
University of Vienna
Deadline: 31 May 2015

**Open Rank position: Economics**
**Open Rank position: Specialist in Public Management**
Nazarbayev University
Deadline: Until positions are filled
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