April 2016

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

Springtime brings great news! Several of our doctoral students submitted their dissertations in the last two months (see the news section). Congratulations to all of you and we wish you all the best for your defences!

We have also honoured and said farewell to our graduates last Wednesday. It was great to catch up with the alumni during the reception and we would like to thank all of you who came to celebrate with us! Many thanks also to those of you who delivered the laudatory speeches and to the Student Representatives for organizing the speeches.

In the meantime, we have finished the interviews in the context of the selection process of prospective doctoral students to join the programme on 1 October 2016. We had interesting talks and now have to decide who to offer a place as a fellow in the programme.

Furthermore, Tom Konzack has joined the Doctoral Programme as an Associate in April. He will introduce himself in one of the following newsletters.

Best wishes,
Maren

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 – just send an email to maren.wagner@giga.hamburg.

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News

Vita Thormann submitted her dissertation!


Thorsten Wojczewski submitted his dissertation!

On 15 March 2016, Thorsten Wojczewski submitted his dissertation about “India and the Quest for World Order: Hegemony and Identity in India’s post-Cold War Foreign Policy Discourse” to the University of Kiel. Congratulations, Thorsten!

Julia Grauvogel submitted her dissertation!


New Publication!


Coordinator position

As you might have noticed, there was an external call for the Coordinator position. The selection process is completed and we are happy to inform you that Maren Wagner will continue to be the Coordinator of the Doctoral Programme.

Jour Fixe, 20 April 2016

Our next Jour Fixe will take place on Wednesday, 20 April 2016 at 2pm in the doctoral students’ meeting room (EG 23). I will give a brief update on the selection process of the DP fellows and the Coordinator position. Furthermore, we will talk about the board of examiners at the University of Hamburg and slight revisions of the DP Curriculum. Of course, there will be time for your questions. Please save the date!

External Courses and Lectures

J-PAL Europe Executive Education Course

The J-PAL Europe Executive Education Course in Mannheim teaches participants how to measure the effects of poverty programs scientifically and help shape better policies through the use of randomized evaluations.

Date: 29 August – 2 September 2016
Deadline: 31 May 2016

Information and registration online.

Lecture series on the agenda for sustainable development

The Society for International Development (SID) in Hamburg announced its lecture series 2016 on the agenda for sustainable development.

Date: 5 April – 5 July 2016
More information online.
PIASTA-Summer Programme

The PIASTA of the Department of International Affairs at the University of Hamburg announced its programme for doctoral students for this summer semester. They offer seminars and workshops, but also cultural events and leisure activities.

Date: 30 April – 16 July 2016
Information and registration online.

Who is where?

Several doctoral students are currently on field research. Tabea Lakemann is in Uganda and Michael Strautmann is in Antananarivo – read more about their work in the “I am currently working on...” section.

Svenja Schöneich is in Mexico where she aims to get in contact and stay with a local community that is affected by a fracking project. At the moment she is in Xalapa where her field research has already picked up speed. Svenja spoke to some activists regarding the issue of resource depletion and fracking and had an interview with an anthropologist who is working in the area. All in all, she is quite confident that these contacts will help her to get safe contacts in the communities themselves.

I am currently working on … Tabea Lakemann

Hello and gyebaleko!
My name is Tabea Lakemann and work at the Institute of African Affairs in the project “Risk, Investment, and Poverty: Dynamics of Micro and Small Firms in Developing Countries”. My dissertation at the University of Göttingen, supervised by Jann Lay, is on the same topic, which allows me to fully concentrate on the issues facing urban micro and small entrepreneurs in developing countries. The project’s main focus is currently on innovation. While innovation was long believed to happen almost exclusively in the Research and Development Departments of large corporations, more recent studies have shown that considerable shares of micro-entrepreneurs are indeed innovative.

Our project studies the incidence, determinants and effects of marketing innovation in a sample of 500 micro and small entrepreneurs in Kampala, Uganda. Lena Giesbert and I are currently in Uganda implementing a Randomised Control Trial in which entrepreneurs are encouraged to use mobile marketing. The idea is that when faced with high competition in clustered markets, entrepreneurs can benefit from establishing closer relationships with their customers, and that mobile phones are a simple and cost-effective way of doing so.

Our first impression based on detailed baseline information we collect is that many en-
entrepreneurs are already quite active and creative in cultivating customer relationships, which would be an interesting finding in itself. To what extent it is possible for a policy intervention to actually boost marketing innovation, and whether this will make businesses more successful, will become clearer towards the end of the year, once follow-up data have been collected. The photo shows us with the enumerator team at the Centre for Basic Research (CBR).

I am currently working on … Michael Strautmann

Dear fellows,
as this is already my third and last year in the doctoral program, I want to give you a quick heads-up about my work. Having conducted a series of expert interviews in Jakarta between October and December, I am now in Antananarivo to carry out the comparative case study and the respective interviews. As most of you might already know, my research deals with interorganizational cooperation among development organizations. I want to find out how these organizations communicate and collaborate with each other, and how this can contribute to the effective delivery of development cooperation. Therefore, I interview representatives of bi- and multilateral development organizations, NGOs, and the local government. That means I am talking for example with the Country Director of the World Bank, the German Ambassador, and the Advisor of the Madagascan President. I also conduct a network analysis to identify key players, and to look at relationship patterns between the organizations.

My preliminary results show for example that development organizations should not try to harmonize their activities. Instead, they should manage for the complementarity of their actions, e.g. through “informal” roundtables. Besides, my data also points to the great importance of local employees' knowledge and network.

In summer, I will present my findings at the Annual Meeting of the ACUNS (Academic Council of the United Nations System) as well as at EISA’s Pan-European Conference on International Relations.

So long, see you soon at the institute, Michael

Jobs and Career Opportunities

**Post-doctoral researcher for the EU-STRAT project**
University of Leiden
Deadline: 19 April 2016

**Departmental Lecturership in International Political Economy**
University of Oxford
Deadline: 27 April 2016

**Assistant Professor in International Relations (with Quantitative Methods)**
University of Nottingham
Deadline: 28 April 2016

**Lecturer in International Security**
Cranfield University
Deadline: 27 April 2016
Post-doctoral researchers area of “Development Processes, Actors and Policies”
University of Antwerp
Deadline: 15 May 2016

Director of Studies, International Relations/International Politics
Evangelische Akademie Loccum
Deadline: 15 May 2016

Upcoming Events

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