Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

The courses of our Summer Term Programme have just recently started with a workshop on “Rapid Reading” last week. We are looking forward to more interesting seminars coming up in the next few weeks and hope that they will meet your interests.

In the meantime, we have completed the DP selection process and have decided on whom of the candidates we will offer a place as a fellow. We are excited to see who will join the programme in October.

Some of you will join the doctoral students’ retreat later this week. We wish you a fun and productive time and look forward to a short report in the next newsletter!

As you might notice, we have updated the headings of the newsletter to make them more concise and hope that you like the adjustment.

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 madina.bizhanova@giga-hamburg.de.

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News

March and April were fruitful in terms of dissertation submissions. Carolina Guerrero and Eduardo Velosa have submitted their dissertations on “First Ladies in Politics: Lesson from Latin America, 1990-2016” and “Formalizing Roles to Assess Extra Regional Powers’ Influence on Foreign Policy. South America, China, and the United States, 1990-2015”, respectively. Congratulations!

On 15th of April, Leonardo Bandarra presented the paper on “The Prestige-Perception Link in Nuclear Non-Proliferation: The case of Brazilian participation in international institutions” at the Nuclear Disarmament Colloquium, organised by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Apart from that Leonardo Bandarra and Tharcisio Leone are organising the next meeting of the Working Group on Latin America of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. The topic is Climate Change and Clean Energy in Latin America and it will be held between 26 -28 April in Göttingen.

On 3-5th of April, Clara Franco has successfully presented her paper in the 8th European CONACYT Symposium, which took place in Strasbourg, France, dedicated to “Legitimacy Gap: the International Dimension of the Normative Debate on Abortion in Mexico.”

Around 20 GIGA researchers, including doctoral students, attended the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA) on 27-30th of March, which took place in Toronto, Canada. Among the presenters were So Young Chang, Anna Fünfgeld, Markus Kirchschlager, and Rafael Castro.

Spotlight on … Doctoral Students at the ISA Conference

So Young Chang

It was my first time at an ISA conference and I presented the theory chapter of my PhD, entitled “Pre-Care-lous Work: A Global Comparison of Policies on Migrant Domestic Workers.”

I received helpful feedback from the discussant and audience members and gleaned a lot of useful insights from attending other panels organized by the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Studies Section. There was quite a range of presenters, from those sharing their undergraduate theses to the biggest names in the field testing out new hypotheses. Overall, the atmosphere was quite encouraging and convivial.

Unexpectedly, one of my favourite panels was “Quantum Social Theory” which may offer pivotal concepts for my doctoral research, as it turns out.
That is the charm and quirk of attending such a large conference like the ISA, with dozens of concurrent panels stretching over four days, that you will stumble across new ideas and meet many new and old faces along the way. I recommend presenting at the conference for those with a knack for anyone working in social sciences with either theoretical or empirical inputs.

Anna Fünfgeld

I had the chance to present two papers at this year’s ISA in Toronto. One of them was in a panel on infrastructure politics, where I presented a paper on ASEAN’s infrastructure planning and connected imaginaries of urbanity and development. This topic nicely matched with the view on Toronto downtown from the 36th floor of Sheraton center. My second paper was taking place in a special format. It was selected for the so-called ‘Junior Scholar Symposium,’ a format designed to bring a small number of PhD students together with two senior scholars from their field to ensure a more extended feedback as compared to in other panels. In my case, the topic did not exactly match with the general expertise of the other scholars. I presented a paper on civil society contestations in Indonesian energy politics, while the symposium was focusing on security matters in authoritarian regimes. Still, I received some interesting feedback from the two professors and also from my peers, and the format is great. Due to the small group, roundtable setting, it enables an intimate atmosphere and good feedback. Moreover, we had the challenge to present our papers in a poster presentation. I chose a very individual interpretation of that task: Due to my background in political education methods, I chose a more interactive way of presenting based on moderation cards on a sticky wall. This was obviously not exactly the kind of poster that was expected but it worked out well for my presentation. I would definitely recommend everyone to apply for the JSS.

Spotlight on … Anna Fünfgeld at fieldwork

As part of my comparative PhD project on energy politics in Indonesia and Brazil, I am currently on a three-month fieldwork trip in Brazil. After an intensive Portuguese language course during my first three weeks (and a brief stop-over in Toronto for participating at the ISA), I started my research in São Paulo and Rio. Here, I already conducted some interviews with different stakeholders, participated in an event on environmental politics, exchanged with other academics from my field, and had the pleasure to meet quite several former GIGA colleagues. Even though many people discouraged me in doing so, last weekend, I took a 17 hours bus trip to Brasília that gave me some empirical insight into how huge the country is. Brasília is an interesting place. It has
something of a trip into the past due to its 1960s futurism, but also to me personally as I am staying in a student residence again, sharing my apartment with fellow PhD students from different parts of the world. In Brasilia, I am staying for three to four weeks as a visiting fellow of the International Relations Department of the University of Brasilia (supervised by Prof. Eduardo Viola). As my research project aims to provide an insight into how emerging powers like Brazil deal with the challenge of growing energy demands, I hope to conduct many interviews with representatives of relevant state institutions in Brasilia during the upcoming weeks. On 4 May, I will have the chance to present some preliminary insights in the context of a PhD colloquium. After Brasilia, I will be heading back to São Paulo and Rio in order to conduct some more interviews there.

Jobs and Career Opportunities

**Postdoctoral Fellowship In Transnational Organized Crime**
Universidad Del Rosario, Faculty Of Political Science, Government, and International Relations, Bogota
Deadline: 15 May 2019

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
University of Bremen
Deadline: 3 May 2019

**Research Associate**
Project "CLICCS -Climate, Climatic Change, and Society" -B3 – Conflict and Cooperation at the Climate Security Nexus
Deadline: 17 May 2019

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
University of York
Deadline: 14 May 2019

**Head of Policy (Research and International)**
The Russell Group, London
Deadline: 15 May 2019

**LSE Fellow in International Political Economy**
Department of International Relations, LSE
Deadline: 10 May 2019

**Post-doctoral Fellowships in Social Science**
The Center for Metropolitan Studies (CEM), based at the University of São Paulo (USP) and the Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP)
Deadline: 30 April 2019

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
Department of Comparative Politics: Politics of wage regulation, University of Bergen
Deadline: 26 May 2019
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