Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer in Hamburg so far, even if the weather is not always playing along.

We are currently planning the GIGA Welcome Week for the new fellows who will join the programme in October. Furthermore, we are finalizing the winter term programme for which you can register from early September onwards.

Just before the start of the winter term programme, the Doctoral Programme offers a seminar on “Basic economic indicators: A theoretical and practical approach to Latin America” with Víctor González Sánchez on 21 September. Please also note that the winter term programme of the WiSo Graduate School has been released (see the section on courses).

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

Thorsten Wojczewski defended his dissertation!

On 28 June 2016, Thorsten Wojczewski successfully defended his dissertation titled “India and the Quest for World Order: Hegemony and Identity in India's post-Cold War Foreign Policy Discourse“ at the University of Kiel. Congratulations, Thorsten, and all the best for your future career plans!

Janina Pawelz submitted her dissertation!

On 14 July 2016, Janina Pawelz submitted her dissertation on “The Transformation of Violence-Prone Groups. The Cases of Trinidad and Tobago and Timor-Leste“ at the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Janina!

Next DP Colloquium

The colloquium took its summer break in July and, unfortunately, the scheduled colloquium in August has been cancelled. So, the next colloquium will take place on 28 September where Aline-Sophia Hirseland and Simone Schotte will present their dissertation projects. Please save the date!

Courses

DP Seminar: “Basic economic indicators: A theoretical and practical approach to Latin America”

Economics as a social science is connected, directly or indirectly, with other fields of knowledge. Therefore, understanding the meaning of economic indicators, as well as its relationship with other fields (political, sociological or anthropological) can be very useful for any researcher. The main objective of this seminar is to explain some concepts and basic economic indicators and their practical implication. In particular, GDP, prices, public finance, external sector and economic integration will be explained. Latin America studies can need the understanding of these concepts in Spanish, so a basic level of Spanish is required to attend the seminar, but not to have economics knowledge.

Lecturer: Victor González Sánchez (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia)

Date: 21 September 2016
Registration until 14 September by email to maren.wagner@giga-hamburg.de

University of Hamburg, WiSo GS

The winter term programme of the WiSo Graduate School has been released. You can download it online and register via Geventis.

Career Development, UHH

The Q*WIN Career Development Program for Young Researchers targets doctoral students and postdocs at the University of Hamburg. It focuses on three main areas: Talent and career development, successful scientific practice, and leadership and cooperation. You can find detailed information about the Q*WIN program and registration procedure online.
Who is where?

Martin Ostermeier presented his paper “Employment effects of large-scale agricultural investments” at the IAMO Forum (22-24 June) in Halle and at the Development Economics Conference in Göttingen (23-24 June).


Medha participated in the ECPR 2016 Summer School in Methods and Techniques at the Central European University in Budapest (28 July-13 August). She attended a course on “Knowing and the Known: The Philosophy and Methodology of the Social Sciences” with Patrick Jackson.

Do you know … our Visiting Doctoral Researchers

Dear all,

My name is Felipe Albuquerque, I am from Brazil, and for the last two years I have been living in sunny Portugal for my Ph.D. in Comparative Politics and International Relations at the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS). There, I am research assistant and a Marie Curie Fellow under the research program Power and Region in a Multipolar Order (PRIMOITN), which comprises the GIGA and several other partner institutions.

I have previously worked at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and as a lecturer both at the Political Science Department of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) and at the Brazilian unit of the IBMR-Laureate International Universities. The experience was much fulfilling.

My research interests comprise foreign policy analysis, developing powers, regionalism, and multilateralism. My thesis is focused on explaining Brazil’s foreign policy in multilateral regimes. Combining comparative case study and process tracing methods, I analyze Brazil’s behavior in three critical issue-areas: climate change, food security, and peace and security. By relying on systemic and domestic explanatory factors, I investigate to which extent Brazil’s endeavors are consistent with the norms and principles of the mentioned regimes and whether or not such country aims at altering the basics of current global order.

I will be at the GIGA until late September as part of the Research Program 4. During this period, I will be at the room 716 and very much looking to engage in ongoing events and to exchange views with the GIGA community.
Do you know … our new Research Data Manager: Birte Pfeiffer

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

I am the new research data manager at GIGA’s Information Centre.

I provide individual support for GIGA staff in all issues concerning research data management, such as the compilation of research data management plans, creating and processing data, analysing and preserving data, legal issues and data anonymization, as well as the publication of data sets in respective data repositories and on GIGA websites. You can also contact me if you have particular questions with regard to STATA or Zotero. At the end of November, I will offer an internal course on Zotero for interested doctoral students.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me via mail (birte.pfeiffer@giga-hamburg.de or research-data@giga-hamburg.de) or via phone (+49(0)40-428 25-733). Forthcoming, some further information about the new GIGA IZ services will be provided at GIGA’s EGON.

Looking forward to meeting you.

Best, Birte

I am currently working on … Ana Karen Negrete García

Dear all,

I hope that you are doing well and enjoying the summer. I am writing to give you an update about mine in rainy Mexico (yes, we are having plenty of rain! But the temperature is wonderful nonetheless). First, I must say that I have been happy to meet my family and my friends during the past weeks. It is precisely with this good energy that I am carrying on with my dissertation. As you may already know, I am doing a research stay at the Mexican Central Bank. Being at the research unit has been so far a particular experience because I am getting the chance of being among respectable economists.

During these months I have been writing my second paper and, since my focus is Mexico, I have got excellent feedback. I am lucky of receiving pertinent comments from the right people; but most of all, I really hope that this is good for the country. What I mean is that, by inviting researchers that are abroad and having a look at their work, the government has a mechanism to stay in touch with Mexican human capital and with recent ideas.

As you may know, the county is going through difficult situations in recent years. Despite this, I know that it has plenty of potential. To turn this “feeling” into more than an abstract perception I am focusing my re-
search in microenterprises that are not yet successful, but could be. The empirical evidence shows that some firms have high returns and that they might be facing external constraints. This observation is important because the promotion of the private sector is at core of the development plan of the country. Overall, I am convinced that an adequate exchange of ideas is fundamental to trigger actions and eventually reach goals that benefit society.

Greetings and best wishes to you all,

Ana Karen

We are currently working on ... your Student Representatives

Dear colleagues,

We are in mid-summer and hope that this time of the year is being satisfactory and pleasant for you. We would like to, first, share the results of the survey that we run about the needs of the DP students. In the following tables we summarize the contributions.

The main concerns were about career development and funding. We talked with various actors at GIGA and, even when getting additional resources is hard, they have shown good will. They are inviting us to engage more at GIGA and to express ourselves. Regarding this last point, we would like to ask you for specific ideas and feedback about the career development topic.

Which contributions of past student representatives have you valued the most or have been the most helpful for you?

- Improving cleanliness of doctoral room.
- Defending DP interests from optimisation policies.
- Better funding opportunities.
- Compiling documents that captured the gained experience and useful information.
- Stud.Reps section in the newsletter.
- Improving quality and suitability of DP courses.
- Attending selection procedures.
- Addressing opinion documents to institutional actors.
- Spreading information on time about ongoing events and relevant topics.
- Improving the visibility of doctoral program.
- Doctoral fellows were better integrated.

Do you have any concern or idea in mind that the new student representatives should follow up?

- Improve the access to complementary funding or opportunities to promote a fair development given the heterogeneity of the main funding sources.
- Additional funding or post-doc positions to smooth the transition after the completion of the PhD.
- Foster a GIGA identity.
- Strengthen cooperation between GIGA and other research institutes.
- Be attentive to the new regulations regarding the evaluation system.
- Develop strategies for career development.
- Closer exchange between doctoral students and their representatives.
- Promote synergies with senior researchers.

Regarding future plans, we are already starting to give a thought to the welcome week. Therefore, we make an attentive call for volunteers that would like to either show the new students the university or organize the first meeting at the pub.

Lastly, between September 21 and 22 the Meeting of the Leibniz Association will take place in Gatersleben. The idea is to strengthen the network and to share experiences. If you have in mind a particular contribution or wish, please feel free to write us. We thank you for your trust, remember that we build on your feedback.

Best regards, Ana Karen and Tom.

Doctoral Student Representatives
Jobs and Career Opportunities

**Research Fellow, Policy Analysis and Environmental Policy**
FernUniversität in Hagen
Deadline: 25 August 2016

**Several vacancies at the ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability - World Secretariat**
The world's leading association of cities and local governments dedicated to sustainable development, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability is currently offering several positions in its Capacity Center at the World Secretariat in Bonn, Germany (e.g. Officer, Local Action or Officer, Urban Research and Policy). Deadline: 29 August 2016

**Postdoctoral Position in Political Science**
University of Konstanz
Deadline: 28 August 2016

**Fixed-term Researcher in Political Science**
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa
Deadline: 5 September 2016

**Postdoctoral Research Position**
Department of Political Science, University of Zurich
Deadline: 11 September 2016

**Director of Studies for Sociopolitical Youth Education**
Evangelische Kirche der Pfalz, Speyer
Deadline: 15 September 2016

**Postdoctoral position - Global Education Reform Project**
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Deadline: 30 September 2016

**Research Fellow, Peace Studies**
Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Stadttschlaining
Deadline: 10 September 2016

**Postdoctoral Research Associate**
University of York, Environment Department
Deadline: 1 September 2016

**Teaching Fellow in International Relations**
University of St Andrews
Deadline: 30 September 2016

**Lecturer in International Development: Globalization and Political Economy**
University of Manchester
Deadline: 1 September 2016

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