

Doctoral Programme Newsletter



August 2017

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

Though the weather is not always playing along, I hope you are enjoying the summer in Hamburg so far. Many of you are currently also busy with attending conferences and summer schools. You can find more related details in our “Who is where” section.

We welcome back Miriam who has returned from her maternity leave (see also the news section). It is nice to see the DP coordination team complete again.

And, many congratulations to Julia Strasheim who has won the Körber Foundation’s Deutscher Studienpreis in the social science section (see also news)!

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 within the next month.

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.de.



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News

Jessica Wilczak has submitted her dissertation!

Jessica Wilczak has submitted her dissertation on “Reconstructing Rural Chengdu: Urbanization as Development in the Post-Quake Context” to the University of Toronto. She already had a successful first defense and is now awaiting her final thesis defense. Congratulations, Jessica!

Felix Haaß has submitted his dissertation!

On 19 May, Felix Haaß has submitted his dissertation with the title “Buying Democracy? The Political Economy of Foreign Aid, Power-Sharing Governments, and Post-Conflict Political Development” to the University of Greifswald. Congratulations, Felix!

Julia Strasheim honoured with dissertation prize!

Our alumna Julia Strasheim has won the Körber Foundation’s [Deutscher Studienpreis](#) in the social sciences section for her PhD thesis on “Interim Governments and the Stability of Peace.” Congratulations, Julia – what a fantastic achievement!

DP coordination team

Miriam has returned from maternity leave to her position as Academic Director on a part-time basis. Welcome back, Miriam! You can find Miriam in her office at Neuer Jungfernstieg on Wednesdays.

Maren Wagner will continue to work as coordinator of the DP and will take over additional tasks in the research management.

Who is where?

Leonardo Bandarra has participated in a Summer School on QCA at University of Göttingen (17 – 21 July) and he attended the [ECPR Summer School](#) in Budapest (31 July – 4 August).

Jessica Wilczak attended the [Made in China Summer School](#) co-organized by the Australian National University and the Venice International University in Venice (17 – 21 July). It focused on land and labour rights in China.

Katharina van Treeck and **Martin Ostermeier** presented their papers at the [5th Regulating for Decent Work conference](#) at the International Labour Office in Geneva, 3-5 July 2017.

Carolina Guerrero presented papers at three conferences: She participated in the [FLASCO Conference](#) in Salamanca (17 – 19

July) with a paper on “Former First Ladies in Latin American Elections: A Comparative Analysis, 1990-2016.” At the [ALACIP 9th Latin American Congress of Political Science](#) in Montevideo (26 – 28 July) Carolina presented a paper on “The Office of the First Lady in Latin America, 1990-2016.” The third paper on “Political Capital of Ex First Ladies: Lessons from Latin America, 1990-2016” was part of the [SAAP](#) (Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político) Congress in Buenos Aires (2 – 5 August).

Viviana García Pinzón participated in the [Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies](#) at the University of Oslo (24 – 28 July).

Ximena Zapata also participated in the FLASCO Conference in Salamanca. She presented a paper on “Dependencia y au-

tonomía: aportes conceptuales desde América Latina.”

Markus Kirchschlager has participated in the [Third Academic Conference on International Mediation](#) in Rio (17 – 19 July) where he presented a paper on “The Geographic Dimension of International Mediation.”

Lisa Hoffmann was on field research in Tanzania. You can read more about her experiences in her contribution below.

Richard Roewer is currently on a short field research trip in Yangon and Nay Pyi Daw,

Myanmar (11 August – 9 September). He aims to strengthen his contacts with politicians and policy makers of the National League for Democracy (NLD). He also plans to conduct a small survey and interviews in relation to a paper he is currently working on that seeks to explain why the NLD has de-democratised/centralized its party structure since coming to power.

Furthermore, Richard is going to present the paper at the [ECPR summer school on political parties](#) at the University of Nottingham (10 – 22 September).

External Courses

WiSo GS, University of Hamburg

The winter term programme 2017/18 of the WiSo Graduate School, University of Hamburg has been released. Courses are offered e.g. in MAXQDA, Process Tracing, or QCA and Fuzzy Sets. You can download it [online](#) and register via [Geventis](#).

Qualification Programme, University of Hamburg

The qualification programme of the University of Hamburg offers several events and trainings related to orientation and career development for young researchers. Further information can be found [online](#) (German only).

I am currently working on... Lisa Hoffmann

From mid-June to the end of July, I was in Tanzania on field research. In the scope of



the project “An engine or a brake? The effect of religion on sustainable development”, I spent an exciting time in Dar Es Salaam.

Together with Nora Kiefer, Florian von Stern and our local partners from the University of Dar Es Salaam, we conducted a general survey with 1,000 participants, an elite survey with 300 religious elites and economic experiments with more than 600 participants.

I was responsible for the coordination of the economic experiments. Here, we wanted to find out whether there is discrimination between the two predominant religions in

Tanzania – Christians and Muslims. Furthermore, we aimed at assessing the impact of different religious ideas on behavior. The results of the experiments will be compared with the results in Ghana where we conducted the same experiments.

After our field experiments were successfully finalized, I attended an anti-corruption workshop in the North of Tanzania and had talks with several actors from civil society organizations and local government authorities. As my own research focuses on how to design more effective anti-corruption initiatives, it was very interesting for me to

find out more about corruption and anti-corruption initiatives in Tanzania.



Do you know ... our Visiting Doctoral Researcher

Dear colleagues,

My name is **Tim Dorch**. Originally from Germany, I am a PhD candidate in Political Science and International Relations at Koç University in Istanbul, Turkey. During August and September, I am excited to be a visiting doctoral student at GIGA. I am affiliated with ILAS and RP1, but am also very interested in the work of IMES and RP3.



In my PhD thesis I study social policy expansion in middle-income countries. In the last two decades, many emerging economies have experienced significant welfare state growth. To expand our understanding of this transformation, I look comparatively at the politics of health and pension policy expansion in Chile and Turkey, two large emerging economies at a comparable level

of development. To put this expansion in context, I further examine the parallel decline of traditional mechanisms of social protection, such as agricultural subsidies and the permission of squatter housing.

While my PhD thesis concentrates on conventional ‘tax-and-spend’ policies, I also have an active research interest in health policy through regulation. Based on research conducted for my MA thesis, I have published on the politics of pharmaceutical price regulation in Turkey. Currently, I am working on a research project on the emergence of food labeling regulations in Latin America, with which policymakers seek to address the pandemic of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), such as cardio-vascular diseases, cancer, and diabetes.

I look forward to meeting many of you during my time at GIGA.

Best,
Tim

Hi everyone,

My name is **Bruno Theodoro Luciano**, I am a third-year PhD student at the University of Birmingham, UK and will be a visiting doctoral student at the GIGA from August to December as well as a member of ILAS and RP4.



Prior to that I was a Konrad Adenauer Fellow in European Studies at the Getulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil, and completed my BA and MA in International Relations at the University of Brasilia.

My thesis is about the parliamentary dimension of regional organisations, comparing the institutional development of the European Parliament, MERCOSUR Parliament and the Pan-African Parliament. My research interests also cover EU foreign and trade policy, EU-LAC relations and comparative regionalism (Europe, Africa and Latin America).

If any of you are interested in these topics or just would like to join me and have a German beer somewhere, feel free to pop in at room 621 or mail me at bruno.theodoro@giga-hamburg.de.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

Best wishes,
Bruno

Jobs and Career Opportunities

[Junior Professional Officer Programme](#)

If you are interested in a career within International Organizations you can still apply for the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) programme of the German government.

Deadline: 18 August 2017

[Lecturers in Politics/IR](#)

University of Exeter

Deadline: 28 August 2017

[Postdoctoral Researcher in Comparative Politics](#)

Leibniz University, Hannover

Deadline: 31 August 2017

[IKEA Research Fellowship in IR at Lady Margaret Hall](#)

University of Oxford

Career development post suitable for early-career academics; candidates should have

research interests in IR and int. development focusing especially on humanitarian programmes and intervention by state and non-governmental actors, and the promotion of human rights and legal protections.

Deadline: 29 August 2017

[Postdoc Researcher for project 'Transnational political engagement of African Diaspora communities'](#)

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Deadline: 1 September 2017

[Lectureship in Comparative Politics, Governance & Public Policy, Methods](#)

National University of Singapore

Deadline: 1 October 2017

[Assistant Professor of International Relations](#)

Singapore Management University

Deadline: 14 September 2017

Upcoming Events

30 August 2017	Colloquium: Ximena Zapata and Clara Franco
13 September 2017	DP Jour Fixe
4 – 5 October 2017	GIGA Welcome Days