December 2015

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

The past weeks at the GIGA have been characterised by the typical pre-Christmas bustle. The Christmas Party organised by the doctoral students was a great success. Thank you for your efforts and dedication! Many of you have been working hard to submit, defend, or reach other important milestones before the end of the year. We are impressed by the large number of dissertations that were finished this year. Congratulations to all doctoral students who successfully completed their projects!

As the year comes to a close, we look back on the successful development of the DP in the past years and make plans for the near future. The new Call for Applications has been published and we look forward to selecting new doctoral students who will join the DP in October 2016. During the next year we aim to sharpen the DP’s profile, revise the curriculum, and improve the DP’s integration into the GIGA, with the objective of attracting highly qualified candidates. Your input is of great value in this process and we encourage you to talk to your student representatives or Miriam and me about your experiences and ideas.

Wishing you a happy holiday season and all the best for the new year 2016,

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 – just send an email to ina.peters@giga.hamburg.

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News

Jorge Garzón submitted his dissertation!

On 27 October 2015, Jorge Garzón submitted his dissertation about “The Problem of Regions and Regionalism in a Multipolar World” to the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Jorge!

Maren Koß defended her dissertation!

On 16 December 2015, Maren Koß successfully defended her dissertation about “Islamist Resistance Organizations and Conceptions of Political Order” at the University of Hamburg. She received an outstanding summa cum laude. Congratulations, Maren!

Daniela García defended her dissertation!

On 18 December 2015, Daniela García defended her dissertation on “Solar Energy and the Problem of Path Dependency in Costa Rica’s Energy System” at the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Daniela!

Anna Barrera published her dissertation!

Former doctoral student Anna Barrera published her dissertation entitled “Violence Against Women in Legally Plural settings” with Routledge. The book addresses discriminatory gender norms in legally plural settings, focusing on indigenous women’s access to justice. Since July 2015, Anna has been working at the EU-LAC Foundation where she manages the Explore Programme. If you would like to get in touch with Anna or any other alumni, please contact us!

Applications for GIGA Doctoral Programme

The GIGA Doctoral Programme invites applications from prospective doctoral students to join the programme on 1 October 2016. The Call for Applications is now available on our website. Please circulate the news in your personal and professional networks.

ADLAF Dissertation Prize 2016

Doctoral students who finished their dissertation after January 2014 at a university in a German-speaking country are eligible to apply for the ADLAF dissertation prize 2016.

Deadline: 31 January 2016
More information on the ADLAF-website

DVPW Dissertation Prize 2016

The Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW) invites applications for the DVPW dissertation prize 2016. Graduates who published their dissertation in 2015 are eligible to apply.

Deadline: 31 March 2016
More information on the DVPW-website

Colloquium Presentations 2016

According to the “Agreement between doctoral students and the GIGA", Fellows are expected (and Associates are encouraged) to present at the colloquium once a year. We are currently scheduling colloquium presentations for 2016. Many of you have already informed us about your preferred dates. If you haven’t done so already, please tell us when you would like to present in the colloquium.

Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics

The Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics (BGPE) is offering seminars for doctoral students taught by renowned international experts. Participants from outside Bavaria can participate when vacancies are available. Please see the website or contact Rebecca Schrader for further information.
Who is where?

On 16 November 2015, Jorge Garzón represented the GIGA at the WeberWorldCafé on “Globalisation during the Cold War: Culture, New Geopolitics and Che Guevara”. He acted as table host at the table “International and Regional Organizations”.

The basic idea of the WeberWorldCafé is to start an open conversation in a relaxed atmosphere. Experts who act as table hosts welcome the participants and encourage hierarchy-free, lively debates. The event is organised by the Max Weber Foundation and the Forum Transregionale Studien and takes place twice a year.

Globalisation during the Cold War:
Culture, New Geopolitics and Che Guevara

November 16, 2015, from 6:30 to 8 pm
at Literaturcafé im Haus des Buches Leipzig,
Gerichtsstr. 28, 04103 Leipzig

I am currently working on ... Michael Bender

Dear fellow doctoral students,

My name is Michael Bender and I am visiting from Florida International University’s (FIU) department of Politics and International Relations located in Miami, Florida. After receiving BA’s in religious studies, Jewish studies and anthropology from Penn State University, while minoring in history, in 2009, I received an MA in religious studies from FIU in 2011. I entered the PhD program in international relations at FIU in fall of 2011. My regional interests include the politics and IR of South Asia (primary) and the Middle East (secondary), particularly those between India and Israel. The major sub-fields I work in are securitization, identity politics, foreign policy analysis and religion & IR.

Currently, my research interests specifically focus on the role of identity (in this case religious identity) in the Indian-Israeli historical relationship, most notably with regards to their security cooperation. This work aims to provide a greater understanding of the historical and contemporary dynamics of India’s foreign policy towards Israel within the context of: 1.) The role of identity regarding its religious majority of Hinduism and its largest religious minority of Islam at domestic and international levels 2.) The role of the religious identity in maintaining positive relations with the Arab-Muslim world and the resulting negative relations with Israel prior to normalization in the early 1990’s 3.) The progressive role religious identity has played/can play via shared meanings and identities of Israeli Jews with India’s Hindu majority post-normalization up until 2015. My current work is reflective of my dissertation project which I will be defending in Spring of 2016 under the title of “History, Identity Politics and Securitization: Religion’s Role in the Establishment of Indian-Israeli Diplomatic Relations and Future Prospects of Cooperation”.
Jobs and Career Opportunities

Career Fair: International Organizations
On 23 January 2016, the Federal Foreign Office is organising a career fair about employment in international organisations and European institutions. The event takes place from 10 am to 5 pm in the conference area of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. No registration necessary, but please check the website (in German only) for details.

Marie Curie Early Stage Researcher position
University of Hamburg
Deadline: 31 December 2015

Lecturer in Political Science
University College London
Deadline: 5 January 2016

Assistant Professor
Two full-time tenure-track positions in Political Science/International Relations
Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals
Deadline: 11 January 2016

Assistant Professor in Int. Political Economy
Central European University
Deadline: 14 January 2016

Lecturer in International Development (2 posts)
University of Bath
Deadline: 17 January 2016

Erasmus Mundus scholarships for the INSPIRE Project
Regions: European Union, South Africa
Academic focus: All fields of study / research
Deadline: 5 February 2016

Upcoming Events

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We wish you a joyful holiday season and a happy and healthy new year!