

# Doctoral Programme Newsletter



## December 2017

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

Christmas is drawing near with the individual regional institutes' Christmas Parties taking place as well as the GIGA Christmas Party. Thanks to those of you who have helped organising for your efforts.

In this newsletter, the third of our new fellows, Johannes Langer, introduces himself and Jessica Gomes reports from her stay in Brussels. Furthermore, Clara Franco, Tabea Lakemann, and Svenja Schöneich shortly introduce themselves as your newly elected student representatives.

As the year comes to a close, we look back on a busy year with many of you working hard to reach important milestones, submitting or defending your thesis. And we also

make plans for the near future with the new call for applications to the DP just being published.

Wishing you all a happy holiday season and a great start into the New Year!

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](mailto:maren.wagner@giga-hamburg.de).



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## News

### **Felix Haaß has defended his dissertation!**

On 11 December, Felix Haaß has successfully defended his dissertation on “Buying Democracy? The Political Economy of Foreign Aid, Power-Sharing Governments, and Post-Conflict Political Development” at the University of Greifswald. Congratulations, Felix!

### **Tim Glawion has submitted his dissertation!**

Tim Glawion has recently submitted his dissertation titled “Security Arena – Local Order Making in the Central African Republic, Somaliland and South Sudan” to the University of Freiburg. Congratulations, Tim!

### **Maria Bondes has defended her dissertation!**

On 17 November, Maria Bondes has successfully defended her dissertation on “A Burning Issue: Waste Incineration and the Diffusion of Environmental Contention in China” at the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Maria!

## Who is where

**Simone Schotte** participated in an event on Africa (“Afrika – ein Kontinent im Umbruch”, 15-17 November) at the “Akademie für Politische Bildung” in Tutzing. Her (one and a half hour!!) presentation on changing societies focused on the issues of social milieus, inequality and social policy.

### **Leibniz Dissertation Award for Julia Strasheim!**

Our alumna Julia Strasheim has been awarded the highly recognised Leibniz Dissertation Award in the category Humanities and Social Sciences for her thesis titled “Interim Governments and the Stability of Post-Interim Peace”. Although graduates of the GIGA DP have been nominated before (a big achievement in its own right) Julia is the first winner of this prize – Congratulations!

### **New Publication**

Our alumna Ina Peters recently published her book “Cohesion and Fragmentation in Social Movements” with [SpringerVS](#).

### **New Student Representatives**

During the last doctoral student general assembly three new student representatives have been elected: Congratulations to Clara Franco, Tabea Lakemann and Svenja Schöneich! Many thanks to the old student representatives Tom Konzack, Lisa Hoffmann, and Christian Ederer – we have always appreciated your input, commitment and efforts!

**Lisa Hoffmann** is currently participating in a DGPE PhD course on “Behavior and Incentives” at the department of economics, university of Copenhagen (13-15 December).

## I am currently working on ... Johannes Langer

Hello everyone,

I am Johannes Langer, known by my nickname Joe, and I grew up in Salzburg, Austria. After high school I could not await to leave my home town to discover the world; ever since I have lived in eight countries – whereby it is the first time that I have moved to Germany now in August 2017.



My PhD is about the truth commission in Colombia and how local communities perceive this transitional justice mechanism with the working title “Colombia’s attempt to overcome its violent past: Local perspectives on a truth commission”. My supervisors are Prof. Anika Oettler from Philipps University Marburg as well as Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach from GIGA.

Choosing Colombia as the topic of my dissertation may not come as a surprise as I lived there the last four years together with my Colombian wife and I have done some

research on truth commissions at the Universidad de San Buenaventura in Bogota. Swapping now from Bogota to Hamburg is quite a change on many levels, but I have had a very interesting start within the GIGA Doctoral Program where I particularly have enjoyed the conversations with my fellow doctoral students, the high quality of the workshops and the fantastic team from the library. The positive atmosphere and the openness of everyone I have met so far is something I cherish and has allowed me to have already many learning moments in the two months so far.

I am attached to ILAS and RP2 (RT2), even though I did not have the chance to attend many meetings as of yet. I have two magister degrees from the University of Vienna (political science and history) as well as a master in peace and conflict resolution from American University.

If we have not met as of yet, I hope we have the chance to meet in person soon and email me at [johannes.langer@giga-hamburg.de](mailto:johannes.langer@giga-hamburg.de).

Best,

Johannes

## I am currently working on ... Jessica Gomes

Hi, everyone!

As required by my GEM-STONES fellowship, I started my one-year-stay at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) last October. I am currently based at the Centre d'étude de la vie Politique (CEVIPOL), being supervised by Professor Frédéric Louault.

My research is about how key-countries affect regional integration processes. The selected cases were Brazil’s foreign policy towards MERCOSUR during Lula’s first admin-

istration (2003-2006) and Germany’s role in the EU on Merkel’s first term (2005-2009).



Brussels is a great place to live, very multicultural and vibrant. There are people here from all over the world, and it is common to hear English on the streets. ULB is a reflection of that. Students are in a very diverse group, and a third of them come from abroad. This is especially true for doctoral students, who are allocated among the 12 faculties and 20 doctoral schools that ULB has to offer.

In my time here, I've been not only focusing on my research, but on classes as well, which are mostly language-related: daily French lessons, a conversational group of German, and academic communication in English. I am also taking a mandatory course for the PhD programme, the Seminar on Theory, Methodology and Research in Politi-

cal Science – this one will be super useful, since I plan to develop the theoretical and methodological framework of my research during my stay at ULB.

I have been also participating in activities promoted by the Institut d'Études Européennes (IEE), like seminars, book conferences and PhD defences, which are a part of the GEM and GEM-STONES research network.

I would be happy to give a tour of Brussels if any of you are in town. Nevertheless, I will see you next year at GIGA!

All the best,

Jessica.

## We are currently working on ... your Student Representative

Hello all!

Our names are Tabea Lakemann, Svenja Schöneich and Clara Franco. We are very happy to have been recently elected, this past November, as the three new student representatives. We are happy to be your new representatives and we deeply thank Lisa, Tom and Chris for all their work this past year, as well as for handing us down their expertise!

You can find us in the Doctoral Room on the Ground Floor (Clara Franco), and in the 3rd floor, room 337 (Tabea Lakemann). Svenja Schöneich is currently in Mexico for her field research trip, and will be back in Hamburg early March. You can also, of course, contact us by e-mail at any time, at: [stud-reps@giga-hamburg.de](mailto:stud-reps@giga-hamburg.de).



We have engaged in some first meetings, in order to set out activities and agendas for the near future. We will be very happy to hear any contribution, idea, potential project, or complaint that you might have!

One upcoming item on our agenda is the preparation of the Doctoral Students Retreat,



which should take place around March or April next year. We will soon circulate a Doodle, in order to check everyone's availability!



We have, as well, had a preliminary meeting with representatives from the Works Council at the GIGA; hoping to start a path of ongoing collaboration with

the GIGA Administration in order to discuss various things of relevance for current and future doctoral students.

We look forward to a fruitful and fulfilling year of collaborating with all of you!

Tabea, Svenja and Clara

## Jobs and Career Opportunities

### [Research Officer to the Director](#)

Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam  
Deadline: 17 December 2017

### [Research Officer](#)

Einstein Forum, Potsdam  
Deadline: 18 December 2017

### [Personal Officer to the Director](#)

Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, Hamburg  
Deadline: 29 December 2017

### [Lecturer in Diplomacy and International Governance](#)

Loughborough University  
Deadline: 2 February 2018

### [Postdoctoral Research Associate](#)

University of York  
Deadline: 8 January 2018

### [Lecturer in Politics & International Relations](#)

University of Reading  
Deadline: 22 January 2018

### [Associate Professor in Political Economy](#)

University of Oxford  
Deadline: 15 January 2018

### [Assistant Professor, Political Economy](#)

IE University, School of IR, Madrid  
Deadline: 31 January, 2018

### [Assistant Professor, Security Studies](#)

IE University, School of IR, Madrid  
Deadline: 31 January, 2018

## Upcoming Events

15 December 2017	<b>GIGA Christmas Party</b>
31 January 2018	<b>Colloquium:</b> Tom Konzack, Aline Chianca Dantas
14 February 2018	<b>DP Jour Fixe</b>
28 February 2018	<b>Colloquium:</b> Aline Hirseland