Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

the deadline for prospective doctoral students has recently expired. This year, we have received almost 80 applications and are currently busy with screening them in order to determine a shortlist for interviewees.

Furthermore, we are finalizing the summer term programme (please see a first list and dates of courses in this newsletter) for which you can register by the end of this month. We are also planning the Graduation Reception 2017 to honour our graduates. It will take place on 19 April – please save the date to celebrate with us!

In addition, a new associate has joined the Doctoral Programme, Jessica Gomes, who will introduce herself in one of the following newsletter.

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

Sebastian Renner has defended his dissertation!

On 16 December, Sebastian Renner has successfully defended his dissertation about “Poverty, inequality and the decarbonisation of economic development” at the University of Göttingen. Congratulations, Sebastian!

Julia Grauvogel has defended her dissertation!

Julia Grauvogel has successfully defended her dissertation about “The 'Internal Opposition Effect' of International Sanctions: Insights from Burundi, Zimbabwe and a Qualitative-Comparative Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa” at the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Julia!

GIGA Doctoral Students’ Retreat

The student representatives are currently organizing a Doctoral Students’ Retreat, which will take place from 28 – 29 April 2017. Please see more information regarding the retreat in the section of the student representatives below.

Regular date for DP Jour Fixe

As agreed during one of our last Jour Fixes, we will have a regular date for the DP Jour Fixe from now onwards, which is the second Wednesday of each month at 3pm. Our next Jour Fixe will thus take place on Wednesday, 8 March 2017.

Graduation Reception 2017

You are cordially invited to this year’s Graduation Reception on Wednesday, 19 April 2017, starting at 2pm. There will be sparkling wine, soft drinks, and some small snacks. We look forward to celebrate with all of you!

Who is where?

Pau Palop García is currently in Madrid and Barcelona where he follows the external electoral campaign of Ecuador. He will interview Ecuadorian candidates and their supporters and will make use of this information in his dissertation and a paper.

Several doctoral students are participating in this year’s ISA Annual Convention in Baltimore (22 – 25 February).

Medha is going to present two papers: the first on “A solid wall of friendship and defence for India: An exploration of Islam in India’s post-Independence Third World Politics” and the second on “Non-alignment: An Untapped Theoretical Source for Building a Global IR?” (co-authored with Thorsten Wojczewski). She will also participate in a roundtable on the “Ethics of Translation, Storytelling, and Embodiment”.

Isabel Rosales is going to participate in a panel on “Unpacking the Sending State: Regimes, Institutions, and non-state Actors in Diaspora and Emigration Politics” where she will present a paper with the title “States beyond Borders: Central American Governments’ Responses to their Emigrants Abroad”. Isabel will also take pictures for our PR department at the GIGA reception.

Ana Soliz will also participate in the ISA, presenting a paper on “Chinese Strategic Partnership in South America: A Triangle with the US?”.
Courses and Summer Schools

GIGA Summer Term Programme

The course programme for this summer term is almost finalized. You can register for the courses by the end of this month via the DP website. Please see a first list of confirmed courses and dates below:

- Expert interviews in qualitative research, 24 – 25 April 2017
  Alenka Jelen-Sanchez, University of Stirling
- Introduction to R, 3 – 4 May 2017
  Florian Weiler, University of Kent
- Data Management, 8 May 2017
  Birte Pfeiffer, GIGA
- QCA and case selection, 18 – 19 May 2017
  Ingo Rohlffing, BIGSSS
- Process tracing methods – an introduction, 1 -2 June
  Derek Beach, Aarhus University
- Soft Skills: Almost there: prepare for the viva defense, 2 June
  Matteo Garavoglia
- Introduction to grounded theory, 13 – 14 June 2017
  Alice Mattoni, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence

Our CAS and Global Studies Series will also continue. The dates still have to be set.

GEM-STONES Spring Methods Workshop on “Concept building and consistency”

The GIGA is hosting a 4-day workshop within the framework of the GEM-STONES programme that focuses on issues of concept building and consistency. The final programme and further information regarding possibilities to participate and registration procedure will follow soon.

Masterclasses GIGA DP

Related to the GEM-STONES methods workshop the GIGA DP offers two masterclasses that focus on issues of concept building:

- 14 March, Gary Goertz, University of Notre Dame
- 15 March, Louis Bélanger, Université Laval

Applications in form of a short motivation statement should be addressed to Maren Wagner until Tuesday, 21 February 2017.

External Summer Schools

Summer School in Development Economics
19 – 22 June 2017
Prato, Italy
Deadline for applications: 16 April

Venice School of Human Rights
9 – 17 June 2017
Venice, Italy
Registration deadline: 27 April

International Politics Summer School 2017
30 July – 12 August 2017
St Antony’s College, Oxford
Focus on in depth analysis of key countries and regions outside of Western Europe and North America – including the Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and the Middle East

Global School in Empirical Research Methods (GSERM)
1 – 23 June 2017
St. Gallen, Switzerland

Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies
24 July – 4 August 2017
Oslo, Norway
Do you know … our Visiting Doctoral Researcher

Dear Colleagues,

Hello everyone! My name is Sinan Chu. I am a visiting fellow at GIGA Institute for Asian Studies. Original from Beijing, China, I left my hometown to pursue a BA in International Politics at Nanjing University from 2003 to 2007. In 2008 I began my graduate study in the United States, and I have been a doctoral student in Political Science at Syracuse University since 2011.

My interests cover a wide range of topics in comparative politics, international relations, and political theory. Among them, one thing that I have been particularly attracted to is the role of idea in politics. As a result, I tend to look at the politics of authoritarian regimes – another of my main research interests – from a historical and sociological perspective. In my on-going dissertation project, I seek to examine the impact of Chinese social scientific community on multiethnic governance of the post-Mao Chinese state. Part of this research will be presented at the coming research meetings of the Doctoral Programme as well as the Research Team “Authoritarian Politics”, with which I am currently affiliated.

Aside from my research, I love watching sci-fi movies, listening to pop-music from the ’90s, running with my FiveFingers, and chatting about Žižek, Gramsci, and John Searle.

Best, Sinan

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Jana Lenze and I am a new visiting researcher at the GIGA Institute of Middle East Studies. Currently, I am a PhD. candidate at University of Göttingen with an affiliation to the Research Training Group on “Globalization and Development” as well as to a project called “Gender and Good Governance Link”.

Prior to my PhD. study, I worked as a trainee at the Euro-Mediterranean-Arab Association for Cooperation and Development (EMA) in Hamburg. At EMA, I supported a mentoring project to develop women’s skills for entrepreneurship in Morocco and Tunisia. I have worked for several years in the MENA region as well. For instance, in a project to reduce youth unemployment by promoting fair and decent ‘Blue Collar’ jobs for Egyptian job seekers with the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) in Cairo.

My current research interest includes development economics and gender issues. However, I would like to use my opportunity at the GIGA to combine my research with my personal interest in the MENA region. It is my pleasure to be here and I am looking forward to discuss and exchange ideas with all of you here.

Warmest regards, Jana
We are currently working on … your Student Representatives

Dear DP-students,

the Doctoral Students' Retreat is coming closer: From April 28th to April 29th 2017, we will spend a night at „Altes Pfarrhaus“ in Bergstraße 21, 19258 Blücher. As our journey to Blücher as well as our accommodation are partly covered by GIGA, the costs for participating in the retreat are going to be tiny: We are going to collect 10 Euro from everyone who wants to participate. However, we need you to confirm your participation in the retreat by February 28th. We’d also like to ask you for input concerning the retreat’s agenda. So far, we came up with the following ideas:

- Getting to know each other/who works on which project?
- Brainstorming on GIGA’s Global Approach as put forward by Prof. Narlikar
- Information about the Leibniz Network
- Your feedback

If you have additional ideas about what should be discussed during the retreat, feel free to contact us – we look forward to your feedback. In the following weeks, we will also form working groups for the organization of the retreat.

At the moment, we’re working on:

- Closer collaboration with the workers’ council by meeting Thomas Richter and/or Pia Kleis once a month
- Advocating for better employment opportunities for doctoral students at GIGA (e.g. more 25% positions for doctoral students)
- Representation of doctoral students’ interests in the research council
- Building up an Alumni network (Laura currently works on the alumni network)

Best, Lisa, Christian and Tom

Jobs and Career Opportunities

2 Postdoctoral Research Fellow positions
Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen
Deadline: 19 March 2017

Postdoctoral position
Center of Methods in Social Sciences, University of Göttingen
Deadline: 21 February 2017

Postdoctoral Researcher
Research Department: Private Actors in the Transnational Sphere
Peace Research Institute (HSFK), Frankfurt
Deadline: 26 February 2017

Postdoctoral Research fellow - Environmental Economics (Natural Resources)
Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), Dublin
Deadline: 24 February 2017

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Political Science
Lund University
Deadline: 28 February 2017

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Focus on global refugee policy
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
Deadline: 28 February 2017
**Assistant Professor in Political Science**
Lund University  
Deadline: 28 February 2017

**Postdoctoral Fellow in Gender and Political Behaviour**
University of Calgary  
Deadline: 1 March 2017

**Assistant Professor of International Relations**
Leiden University  
Deadline: 1 March 2017

**Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme**
Political Theory and Political Philosophy  
Justifia Amplificata Centre for Advanced Studies, Goethe University Frankfurt and Free University Berlin  
Deadline: 1 March 2017

**Research Officer in Climate and Environment**
Institute of Development Studies, Brighton  
Deadline: 6 March 2017

**Research Associate in Econometric Modeling for Energy and the Environment**
University College London, Institute for Sustainable Resources  
Deadline: 12 March 2017

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow: From Conflict Actors to Architects of Peace: Promoting Human Security in Colombia and Internationally**
Department of Politics and IR, University of Oxford  
Deadline: 17 March 2017

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow – The Changing Character of Conflict Platform: Understanding, Tracing and Forecasting Change Across Time, Space and Cultures**
Department of Politics and IR, University of Oxford  
Deadline: 17 March 2017

**Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience (P.R.I.M.E.)**
Programme initiated by the DAAD to support the international mobility of postdoctoral researchers by temporary positions at German universities in place of conventional scholarships. Funding is provided for 18 months, in which 12 months have to be spent abroad and 6 months (re-integration phase) at a German university.  
Deadline: 15 May 2017

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