January 2016

Dear GiGA Doctoral Students,

I hope that you have had a nice Christmas break and a good start into the New Year. May 2016 be full of happiness, new ideas, productivity and success!

As you have probably heard by now, I will leave the GiGA at the end of January. Maren Wagner will take over as DP Coordinator and start working on Monday, 18 January already. In the next few months she will organise the course programme for 2016 and coordinate the selection of new doctoral students who will join the DP on 1 October 2016. The summer term programme will include fewer courses, but the offer will be tailored more precisely to the interests of doctoral and postdoctoral researchers. The winter term will focus on research designs and methods and will be particularly interesting for new doctoral students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your cooperation during the past year. It has been a pleasure and a great experience to coordinate the GiGA Doctoral Programme!

I wish you all the best and every success as you advance with your doctoral studies, and I hope to see you again in the near future.

Best wishes,
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 maren.wagner@giga.hamburg.
News

New Contents in EGON

We have recently updated the DP page in EGON and added a section on “Publishing your Dissertation”. The information refers to the regulations at the University of Hamburg. If you know the regulations at other partner universities, please do not hesitate to add them directly in EGON or send us an email including links and information sheets if available.

Changes in the DP Coordination Team

Ina Peters will leave the GIGA at the end of January to take up a new position as research manager at the Academy for Spatial Research and Planning / Leibniz Forum for Spatial Sciences in Hannover. Maren Wagner, GIGA doctoral student from 2010 to 2015, will take over as DP Coordinator. We are glad that Maren has agreed to step in, as she is familiar with the GIGA and its doctoral programme.

Moreover, we expect the executive board to take a decision on the new structure of the DP coordination team in the next few weeks. The future composition of the team depends on this decision – but with Miriam Prys-Hansen as the Academic Director and Maren Wagner as the Coordinator of the DP we will ensure continuity and a smooth transition.

Jour Fixe on Thursday, 21 January 2016

You are cordially invited to a DP Jour Fixe on Thursday, 21 January 2016 at 2pm in the meeting room in the doctoral students’ office (EG 23). We will talk about the changes in the coordination team, working space in the open plan office, the DP Website and EGON, among other things. Of course there will also be enough time for your questions and concerns.

External Courses

ECPR Winter School 2016

University of Bamberg
26 February – 4 March 2016
Registration deadline: 25 January 2016
Information and registration online

University of Hamburg, HUL

The HUL (Hamburger Zentrum für Universitätäres Lehren und Lernen) is offering a course programme called “Good Teaching Practice” for those who lecture at the University of Hamburg. Please see their website for more information.

University of Hamburg, WiSo GS

The summer term programme of the WiSo Graduate School has been released. Please see the attached document for details.

University of Hamburg, WiSo HR

The Human Resources department at the University of Hamburg is offering a variety of workshops and events to promote the career development of doctoral and postdoctoral researchers. Part of the programme is offered in English. Please find the complete programme in the attachment.
Who is where?

Medha is in New Delhi as a Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA). She is mainly doing archival research and interviews as part of her field research for her doctoral thesis exploring the place of Islam in India’s identity and foreign policy discourses. After the initial spurt of excitement at ‘actually doing research’ she has realized that working at the archives requires reserves of patience, especially at the National Archives of India (NAI). Although the staff is (mostly) helpful, procedures and regulations make accessing documents a cumbersome and time-consuming process. The digitization of documents is in progress and hopefully the task will be much easier in times to come. In the meantime, however, she would like to advise anyone wishing to do archival research in India to keep the time factor in mind and plan for alternate sources of information. Interviews with foreign policy elites and academic practitioners, on the other hand, are relatively easier and people are on the whole accessible and forthcoming. A tip would be to speak to retired diplomats and ambassadors—they usually like to speak about their experience. Towards the end of her Fellowship at IDSA, Medha will present a paper based on her work at a seminar organised by the institute. The paper will also, subsequently, be submitted to IDSA’s peer reviewed journal Strategic Affairs.

Photo: One of the unexpected perks of doing field research in India. At the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi

I am currently working on … Aline-Sophia Hirseland

Dear all,

My name is Aline-Sophia Hirseland. I’m a research fellow at GIGA Institute of Latin American Studies in the project “Ethnic Voting in Latin America” since May 2015. I’ve become part of the GIGA Doctoral Program as a doctoral student in October 2015. My research interests include the democratic participation and representation of marginalized groups. In my dissertation, I analyze the influence of government policies on the voting behavior of different ethnic groups, particularly the indigenous population, in Bolivia, Ecuador and Mexico. After my graduation, I was a member of a research team conducting a comparative study on welfare performance at the Department of Sociology at the University of Potsdam. Besides, I had the chance of working in conflict research – another research interest of mine – at Berghof Foundation and GIZ, and, based on this interest, certified as Peace and Conflict Consultant at Forum Civil Peace Service. Before joining GIGA, I coordinated and evaluated practical research projects in the areas of migration and intercultural coexistence at Camino. My regional interests in Latin America and the Middle East started with early and extended stays in those regions. I’m happy to now have the opportunity to work at a regional research institute with a broad global focus
and multidisciplinary international teams and wish to contribute to its research effectively. I hope you enjoyed the GIGA Christmas party 2015 which we organized amongst administrative staff and doctoral students. A good and successful 2016 to all of you!

Jobs and Career Opportunities

**Italian scholarships**
The purpose of this site is to bring together in one place all the resources available, grants and calls for scholarships to study in Italy.

**Post-doctoral fellowship in international security policy and public opinion**
Match-funding for individuals interested in applying for a Feodor Lynen fellowship by the Alexander von Humboldt foundation
Starting date: 1 October 2016

**Researcher in the department “Bi- and Multilateral Development Cooperation**
German Development Institute
Deadline: 17 January 2016
Position number: 2015-I-05

**DAAD Lecturer in Economics**
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Deadline: 20 January 2016

**Researcher in the department “Governance, Statehood and Security”**
German Development Institute
Deadline: 24 January 2016
Position number: 2016-III-01

**Consultant for Governance (Africa)**
GFA Consulting Group, Hamburg
Deadline: 2 February 2016

**Consultant (management of development funds)**
GFA Consulting Group, Hamburg
Deadline: 8 February 2016

**Postdoc: Economics of Migration**
Kiel Institute for the World Economy
Deadline: 12 February 2016

**Postdoc**
Goethe University Frankfurt
Deadline: 19 February 2016

**Funding Initiative “Knowledge for Tomorrow”**
VolkswagenStiftung
Call for Pre-Proposals for Postdoctoral Fellowships on Livelihood Management, Reforms and Processes of Structural Change (Cooperative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa)
Deadline: 6 April 2016

Upcoming Events

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