

Doctoral Programme Newsletter



January 2020

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed the holiday season and started motivated into 2020.

We are currently planning the courses for the summer term programme and are busy with coordinating the time schedule for the DP selection process. As you know, the deadline is approaching soon (1 February). Should you know anyone interested to apply, please spread the word.

In this newsletter, Jan is reporting from the COP 25 in Madrid that he attended in December and our new student assistant Seija

Schneider is introducing herself. We are looking forward to working with her!

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 Seija.Schneider@giga-hamburg.de.



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News

Welcome to this year's first Newsletter.

The new month has started with phenomenal news from [Cordula Tibi-Weber](#). She successfully defended her dissertation titled "The contested role of courts in new democracies: Political interferences in comparative perspective" at the University of Hamburg on 17th of December. Congratulations!

[Jessica Gomes](#) participated as an expert on MERCOSUR at the conference "Vamos! Zukunftswege gestalten – Perspektiven aus Lateinamerika", organized by MISEREOR in Munich on January 10th.

Next month [Sabine Mokry](#) will be in Bochum for a workshop on theories organized by DGA's junior scholars' group from January 31st to February 2nd.

[Pedro Costa](#) will participate the ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques organized by the Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences, attending a course on "[Introduction to Bayesian Inference](#)" from 17th-21st of February.

[Seija Schneider](#) has joined the DP coordination team as our new student assistant (see her introduction further below). Welcome on board and we look very much forward to working together! We would also like to thank Paula Denker for her support as student assistant in the past seven months.

Furthermore, as Kerstin Labusga has retired by the end of 2019, [Gabi Tetzlaff](#) will now take over secretarial tasks for the DP. Many thanks, Gabi, and also a warm welcome to the DP team!

Spotlight on ... Jan Klenke on fieldwork at COP 25 in Madrid

A story of disconnections between diplomats, politics and civil society.

In the first half of December, the annual international climate negotiations (COP 25) took place in Madrid. Originally, they should have taken place in Brazil, but after his election, president Bolsonaro announced his country would not host the summit – officially due to budget constraints. Chile afterwards jumped in, only to withdraw Santiago del Chile as the venue a month ahead of the event. Finally, Spain offered logistical support by organizing the summit physically in Madrid while Chile would still be the political host. On the mere organizational

level, this was an incredible act by the Spanish authorities, yet the messy prologue proved to be symbolic for the negotiations, including the interference of Brazil in the success of the negotiations.

But first things first. After a rocky start on Day 1, when parties were already arguing heavily about whether some items belonged on the agenda in the first place and Ukraine demanded to not continue with negotiations until Russia withdraws its reported emission savings from the temporarily occupied territory of Crimea from said report, the first week seemed to be intense yet to run relatively smoothly. The career diplomats

steadily worked their texts, confident to solve all issues so that the ministers who would come in in the second week would not even have to discuss these issues. However, two minor and the two bigger topics were stuck by Day 6: gender, the adoption of a certain report, and more importantly the issues of loss and damage, and international emission rights trading.

While the gender issues remained closed to observers for the whole negotiation process, they eventually would be resolved by the ministers. The same goes for said report, but here it is a story worth telling as it showcases the disconnections between diplomats, politics and civil society at this occasion: both weeks saw a plentitude of side-events of civil society organizations showcasing concrete solutions for climate issues like how to change fertilizers in order to allow tropical soils to recreated and absorb more greenhouse gases; civil society also staged some impressive protests at the venue to press for action. Yet, in a small room on the other side of the venue on Day 4, 60 diplomats argued for 45min straight whether the aforementioned report should be “welcomed” or just “taken note of”. The argument about this indeed continued behind closed doors until after the scheduled end of the negotiations on Day 14. Of course, this looks like a petty dispute, but the report had some controversial contents recommending mostly private financing for adaptation measures – and “welcoming” this report from a developing country perspective would have meant to provide excuses for developed countries not to spend additional public money. Furthermore, while diplomats

fought over words and civil society demanded more action, ministers in the second week were eager to highlight the great deeds they were already achieving. For example, Germany celebrated its added finance worth 48 million euros – a very small sum compared to the gap of 30 billion euros in climate finance.



Finally, the solution of the two major issues had to be postponed to 2020. While the publicly stated calls for action

by civil society, the COP 25 presidency and ministers in the plenary became evermore desperate, some states blocked agreement. On loss and damage, it was the EU and other developed countries who demanded more time for deliberation on the solution proposed last minute by the Group of 77 and China. On international emissions trading, the US – despite not a member to the Paris Agreement at the next COP anymore –, Australia and Brazil demanded to transfer their emissions rights from the Kyoto Protocol to the new mechanism. This would have resulted in double counting and undermined the whole approach. The rest of the world said no to this. This strong stance for consistent policies however came at a price: despite the widespread #timeforaction, there was no action on the major issues in the end.

Spotlight on ... our new Student Assistant

Hello everyone,

my name is Seija and I am the new Student Assistant for the Doctoral Program.

I just moved to Hamburg to finish my Bachelor in



Political Science before I hopefully get the chance to do my Master here as well.

As I have always been interested in the work of the GIGA, I am really happy to work in such an interesting surrounding.

I hope that I can introduce myself in person soon – until then, if you are presenting your work at a conference, come across an interesting job posting, or have another contribution for the newsletter, please get in touch with me.

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Jobs and Career Opportunities

[Lecturer in International Relations](#)

School of Politics & International Relations
 Queen Mary University of London
 Deadline: 7 February 2020

[Assistant Professor of Political Science: 2 Positions](#)

Department of Political Science National University of Singapore
 Deadline: 6 March 2020

[Lecturer in Politics & International Relations](#)

Canterbury Christ Church University
 Deadline: 3 February 2020

[Assistant Professor](#)

Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations
 Coventry University
 Deadline: 4 February 2020

[Postdoctoral Research Fellow - International Security](#)

Department of Government and International Relations
 The University of Sydney
 Deadline: 5 February 2020

[Programmlinienleitung „Globale Märkte und soziale Gerechtigkeit“ \(m/w/d\)](#)

Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung
 Hamburg
 Deadline: 20 January 2020

[Programmlinienleitung „Demokratie und Gesellschaft“](#)

Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung
 Hamburg
 Deadline: 20 January 2020

Save the date

29 January 2020	Colloquium: Anna Fünfgeld and Hager Ali
12 February 2020	DP Jour Fixe
26 February 2020	Colloquium: Sabine Mokry and Hana Attia