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Dear GIGA doctoral students,

On 9 June 2015, we held a meeting entitled “Staying safe on business trips and field research” where we provided information about existing regulations and guidelines, and engaged in a lively debate about security issues. We believe that this is an important topic and will continue the discussion. If you would like to make contributions, please talk to your student representatives or to the DP coordination team.

Our summer term programme is coming to an end. During the past two months, we offered you five seminars on research designs and methods that were taught by international experts and that attracted participants from HSU, IFSH, UHH, Leuphana University Lueneburg and University of Kassel. We hope that you enjoyed and benefited from the seminars! Our lecturers keep telling me that they enjoy teaching in the GIGA DP because the participants are really motivated and interested in the topics. Thank you for your great work during this summer term!

The last event for this term will be the Master Class with Prof. Ryan Saylor on 13 July 2015, for which you can still register.

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 ina.peters@giga-hamburg.de.

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DFG raises rates for Research Fellowships

DFG Research Fellowships aim to enable researchers at an early stage of their scientific career to carry out a clearly defined research project abroad or to acquaint themselves with new scientific research methods. The fellowship includes the basic funding plus monthly payments to cover research and travel costs.

Press release
More information about the fellowship

Security on Field Research

On 9 June 2015, the GIGA Doctoral Programme held a meeting entitled “Staying safe on business trips and field research”. It was attended by doctoral and postdoctoral researchers, some of whom have substantial field research experience already. After a short introductory presentation about organizational and administrative questions related to business trips and field research, we engaged in a lively debate about measures that should be taken to make field research more secure for all research participants – i.e., the researcher, partners, interviewees, etc. The minutes of the meeting were made available to the supervisors, the heads of the research programmes, the project leaders, the equal opportunity commissioner, the research manager, and the Works Council. Two representatives of the DP will cooperate with Christian von Soest (RP2) in order to combine the initiatives that have recently been taken by different groups within the GIGA. We will keep you updated about the developments. In the meantime, please don’t hesitate to approach your student representatives or the DP coordination team if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Related Documents:
- Guidelines for business trips
- GIGA Guidelines for Field Research
- Field Research Check List
- “Ask a colleague” – List of Experts

Meeting with the Works Council

On 17 June 2015, the Works Council invited us to their weekly meeting to discuss the doctoral and postdoctoral researchers’ perspective on security issues. We talked about the responsibilities of the GIGA as an employer and those of the individual GIGA researchers. We identified a number of questions that the Works Council intends to discuss with the executive board. We will keep you updated through the DP Newsletter and the Jour Fixe. The meeting with the Works Council was attended by Lisa Bunselmeier, Christoph Heuser, Medha, Ina Peters, and Franziska Zanker – please, feel free to contact them in case you have any questions or comments.

GIGA-Wiki EGON

EGON is an internal digital working platform that serves as a guide for your work and research at the GIGA. It offers internal information, the names of contact persons, documents, forms, and guidelines. The system is open to anyone at the GIGA to view, edit and add content. You are kindly invited to add and update information that is relevant to the GIGA Doctoral Programme – including the information about field research that we talked about.
I am currently working on … Julia Strasheim

Hi everybody,

I joined GIGA already back in 2012 as a research fellow in the “Institutions for Sustainable Peace” (ISP) project. ISP is an international network project that brings together some of the top researchers and research institutes working on the role of institutions and institutional engineering in post-conflict and divided societies. Since 2012, we have organized a number of conferences, panels, workshops, publications, or research stays with our project partners – I myself worked as a guest researcher at the Peace Research Institute in Oslo (PRIO) in 2013, to organize one of ISP’s project conferences. ISP is coming to an end this year, and thus it’s time to fully focus on completing the dissertation, I guess!

My dissertation deals with the role of interim governments in peace processes, looking for instance at what kind of actors receive seats in interim governments, and what kind of institutional reforms interim governments implement before their termination. I started working on my dissertation in 2013 and I have completed my theory chapter and my statistical analysis. Now it’s time to focus on my case studies, which are Nepal, Cambodia, and Angola. I was originally supposed to conduct field work in Nepal in May and June – but had to cancel everything last minute because of the earthquake. Luckily, all my partners that I was in contact with in the weeks before my scheduled field work are safe and well! I have now postponed my trip to Nepal, and I am hoping to travel there by the end of this year!

See you all soon!

Best,
Julia

I am currently working on … Simone Schotte

Hi everyone,

I joined the GIGA Doctoral Programme in October last year, after returning from a work and research stay in the US. Most of you may know me by now, although I tend to hide behind two large screens on my desk staring at a bunch of numbers. In case some of you wondered what I am actually doing there and why I have not been around a lot during the last weeks, here are some answers.

My interests lie at the intersection of economics and politics and my research agenda is focused broadly on issues related to poverty, inequality, and social mobility, attempting to combine the microeconomic and macroeconomic perspective. In my dissertation, I investigate the drivers of middle class growth as well as the economic and political role played by the emergent middle classes in the process of development. At the GIGA, I am part of Research Programme 3 and we are currently working towards the creation of a new research team that places the phenomenon of inequality and its welfare implications at the centre of attention.
If I had to give a title to this stage of my PhD, it would probably be something like “Developing a Methodological Toolkit for the Analysis of Poverty and Inequality Dynamics”. Since this semester, I am an Associate Member of the “Globalization and Development” (GlaD) Research Training Group at the University of Göttingen and participate in an extensive course programme that has kept me quite busy over the past two month. In addition, during the last two weeks of June, I will be attending the 16th Trento Summer School on “Inequality and the Changing Distribution of Income” in Italy.

The World Bank consultancy that I have been working on since October last year under the supervision of Professor Lay also falls below this heading. The project envisages the development of a microsimulation tool that allows for an indicative analysis of the effectiveness of various economic and social policies with respect to household welfare outcomes, a variant of which I may be using for my first dissertation paper. With the model we aim to provide answers to questions like “How might policy make growth more inclusive?” or “What policies might both improve economic performance and reduce inequality”? At completion, expected for the end of August or early September this year, the project will result in two working papers with an application to Botswana and Namibia respectively. I will present one of these papers at the 6th Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ 2015) that takes place in Luxembourg in mid-July.

Concluding, there is a lot of interesting work going on and some nice events coming up. Despite of a busy schedule, I am looking forward to the final opening of the Giga DP “Schlauchboot” season and hope to spend some nice summer days with all of you.

All the best,
Simone

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Do you know … Our Visiting Doctoral Researchers

The GIGA Doctoral Programme is truly international: 10 of our 23 fellows come from abroad. Moreover, the GIGA offers opportunities for visiting doctoral researchers who can join the DP for a period between two and twelve months. We have talked to our most recent participants about their stay at the GIGA. What did they work on and how did they like the doctoral programme?


**Natália Bueno** also visited the GIGA from March to May 2015. This is what she told us:
“My stay at GIGA as a visiting doctoral student was very pleasant and rewarding. The faculty of the institute is very welcoming and open to the exchange of knowledge. In particular, I was able to have fruitful discussions about my research project with Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach and Dr. Johannes Plagemann. Furthermore, the institute offers a variety of training courses, allowing me the opportunity to participate of the “Interpretative Methods” course taught by Dr. Lauren Wilcox. Finally, I also participated in two international conferences, one held in Portugal and the other in Hungary.”

We are currently working on … your student representatives

Dear Fellow Doctoral Students,

This month saw us getting more involved in our function as representatives, introducing ourselves to various bodies at the GIGA, understanding their perspective towards the Doctoral Programme (DP) and presenting ideas and concerns of the doctoral students. We also had a productive meeting with Prof. Amrita Narlikar. To sum-up our various interactions:

1. Meeting with Prof. Amrita Narlikar: Our meeting with Prof. Narlikar was really pleasant and constructive. As representatives we introduced the DP and emphasized the contribution of doctoral students to the research activities within GIGA. Prof. Narlikar said that she valued the DP as an integral part of GIGA. She is very keen on improving the international standing of the programme and one of the ways in which she foresees this is to make the programme more competitive and selective. We also discussed issues of career development, funding and the integration of the doctoral students into the decision making process at GIGA. In particular, funding and the budget was a point in which we disagreed and we stressed the importance of financial support in order to make the DP more attractive. An outcome of the meeting was the decision to prepare a two-page document with our inputs on improving the DP and its visibility. If you have any suggestions in this regard, please do write to us.

2. Meeting with Sonja Bartsch, Coordinator for the Task Force on Personnel: Although we cannot be directly represented within this task force, we have come to the agreement that we shall be regularly in touch with Sonja Bartsch. She will keep us informed about the discussions within the task group and also take into account our inputs. Moreover, we shall be invited into any meetings that specifically concern the DP / interests of the doctoral students. In our first meeting with Ms. Bartsch, she told us about the issues currently being discussed within the taskforce, including career development and training for team leaders; a possible alumni network that also includes former doctoral students; the idea of partially funding doctoral students through an EU-COFUND position. We also raised the issues of seeking out new ways of financing doctoral students; financing of the fourth year; support towards applications for third party funding; and clear guidelines for a post-doc career.

3. Participation in the meeting of the Works Council to discuss concerns about safety on field research: We put forward our views as discussed in the meeting convened by Ina on Tuesday, 9th June. The Works Council has agreed to take a position in this...
regard and shall keep us posted of the progress. We shall also further continue to work with the council as and when it concerns our interests. Therefore, another meeting is foreseen for July 1st.

As a next step we will draft a short input paper which seeks to present ideas for further integration and improvements of the DP within GIGA. This paper should represent your ideas and thoughts. Please share them with us so we can include them in the paper. We are planning to hand in that paper to several GIGA bodies including the Works Council, the Task Force Personal and the Board of Directors. The ideas will also be presented by one of the student representatives in the workers meeting in July.

Over the next month we hope to continue to work towards furthering and accurately representing the interests of the doctoral students and the DP. Please do let us know if there are any issues in particular that you would like us to take up.

Best wishes,
Christoph, Markus, Medha, Pau

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Jobs and Funding

Travel subsidy from the corporate capital of the University of Hamburg
Applications can be submitted any time
More information

Research Fellow
Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen
Deadline: 18 June 2015

Career Development Fellowship in Politics
University of Oxford
Deadline: 19 June 2015

Full time Professor International Studies
Universidad Iberoamericana
Deadline: 26 June 2015

Guest Lecturer
Freie Universität Berlin
Deadline: 29 June 2015

Post-doctoral Research Associate
University of Cambridge
Deadline: 30 June 2015

PhD student and teaching assistant in Political Sociology
Université de Lausanne
Deadline: 30 June 2015

8 Leverage Points PhD Positions
Leuphana University Lüneburg
Deadline: 30 June 2015

Teaching Fellow – International Security
University of Warwick
Deadline: 1 July 2015

Research Fellow / Doctoral Student
Joint DFG-Project of Westfälischen Wilhelms-Universität Münster
Universität Potsdam
Deadline: 5 July 2015

Up to 25 scholarships for doctoral and post-doctoral researchers
University of Erfurt
Deadline: 6 July 2015
Information for doctoral students
Information for postdocs

( Associate) Professor in Political Science
Call for Expression of Interest
Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna
Deadline: 8 July 2015

Research Fellow (expertise on Latin America)
University of Hildesheim
Deadline: 10 July 2015
**Transatlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security (TAPIR)**
Two-year programme for young academics with a background in international relations and international security
Deadline: 10 July 2015

**Teaching Fellow in Post-Conflict State-Building**
Durham University
Deadline: 12 July 2015

**Temporary Lecturer in International Relations**
University of Cambridge
Deadline: 12 July 2015

**Junior Professorship in Global and Transnational Cooperation Research**
University of Duisburg-Essen
Deadline: 17 July 2015

**Visiting Assistant/Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs**
John Cabot University
Deadline: 11 August 2015

**Post-Doc Fellowships in Political Science and Sociology**
Collegio Carlo Alberto
Deadline: 14 August 2015

**Associate Professorship in Political Science**
Aarhus University
Deadline: 15 August 2015

**Young Professionals Programme Examination**
United Nations Organization
Registration open

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