Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

June seems to be a busy month! Many of our doctoral students are attending conferences or participate in Summer Schools. You can find out more about “Who is where” in the respective section below.

Ana Karen and Tom have just recently been elected as the new student representatives. They introduce themselves and tell a bit more about their mandate in this newsletter.

Furthermore, our summer term programme has come to an end with the last event on “Presentation and Moderation Skills” with Pamela Luckau just taken place. We hope that you enjoyed and benefited from the seminars!

The next Newsletter will be published in August.

Wishing you all a great summer!

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.

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News

Jorge Garzón defended his dissertation!

On 19 May 2016, Jorge Garzón successfully defended his dissertation on “The Problem of Regions and Regionalism in a Multipolar World” at the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Jorge, and best wishes for your future endeavours!

Vita Thormann defended her dissertation

On 8 June 2016, Vita Thormann successfully defended her dissertation titled “Managing Lootable Natural Resources: What Makes Successful Strategies of Reconstruction?” at the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Vita, and all the best for your future career plans!

New Student Representatives

Tom Konzack and Ana Karen Negrete García have been elected as the new student representatives. Congratulations and all the best for your mandate! They introduce themselves and their agenda below. We would also like to thank the former representatives and deputies – Christoph Heuser, Markus Kirchschlager, Medha and Pau Palop García – for their commitment and efforts during the past term. It was a pleasure to work with you!

Research Ethics

The development and dissemination of social science knowledge are social processes that require ethical considerations and decisions at every stage. Social scientists should be conscious of this dimension of social scientific knowledge production, knowledge use, and knowledge transfer at all times. You can find the GiGA Guidelines on Research Ethics and read more about them in Egon. The Guidelines are valid as of 1 June 2016 and all projects and doctoral projects developed after this date must follow the described procedure. We will inform you about the particular procedure in the case of PhD projects in a separate email and/or upcoming DP Jour Fixe.

Who is where?

Jan Bellgardt is currently attending the SIOE (Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics) Conference at Science Po in Paris.


Medha is going to participate in the ISA Asia-Pacific Conference taking place from 25-27 June 2016 in Hong Kong. She will present a paper on “Building Coalitions for a Revolution – Diaspora Diplomacy in an Imperial Age.”

Carolina Guerrero and Ximena Zapata will participate in the CEISAL (Consejo Europeo de Investigaciones Sociales de América Latina) Conference in Salamanca later this month. Carolina will present papers on “The Office of the First Lady: Lessons from Latin America, 1990-2014” and “Political career of Latin American First Ladies, 1990-2015”. Ximena will talk about “Geopolítica, cooperación y nueva dependencia en las relaciones sino-ecuatorianas.”

Several doctoral students are going to participate in Summer Schools in late June/early July. Sarah Linde is attending the Geneva
Summer School taking part in a course on “Evaluating Policy Interventions”. Ana Karen Negrete García is participating in the CREI (Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional) Macroeconomics Summer School in Barcelona. And Simone Schotte is taking part in the Paris School of Economics Summer School. The PSE’s unique Development Summer Programme focuses on inequality, social interactions and institutional dynamics in development.

We are currently working on … your student representatives

Dear doctoral colleagues,

As promised we would like to introduce ourselves as your new representatives.

Ana Karen: you may already know me since I served as Stud-Rep one term ago. I am an international econo-mist and study the relationship between microenterprise performance and economic growth in developing countries. Prof. Lay is my supervisor and I am a fellow of the RP3 and ILAS. I am Mexican and studied at CIDE, the HU and the University of Göttingen. Let’s continue fostering the DP together.

Tom: I joined GiGA as fellow in April this year. I am working with Professor Matthias Basedau on a project on religious minorities. In my PhD project I want to analyse the impact of organizational structures of terrorist groups on their capacities. I was born in Germany and I have studied political science (IR, European integration and security) in Passau, Konstanz, Santiago de Chile and Barcelona.

We will do our best to represent your interests within GiGA and also externally by fostering coordination with other Leibniz institutes. Therefore we are always open to your constant feedback and again would like to draw your attention to our ongoing survey that will help us shaping our agenda.

In the past weeks, we have been meeting key actors at the institute and will continue to improve cross-departmental communication and with you. It is our intention to keep a regular interaction with you and will thus update this section of the newsletter.

In particular we will carry on the work of the previous representatives on topics such as the financial situation of doctoral students in all its various forms, maintain transparency in relevant staff decisions as far as stipulated in our statute, keep you informed regularly about relevant developments at GiGA and of course, we will discuss your ideas and concerns with the key stakeholders.

We thank you for your trust and we build on your feedback.

Best regards, Ana Karen and Tom.

Doctoral Student Representatives
I am currently working on … Svenja Schöneich

Hi everyone,

here is a short "update from the field". I am currently in Emiliano Zapata, Mexico and everything has become quiet and almost commonplace here. I think I have easily integrated into the village structure.

As most of you might know, I aim to find out more about responses on fracking projects in indigenous territories. I have now reached the second phase of my field research where I intend to gain insight and a better understanding of the power structures and decision as well as participation processes in the community. Furthermore, I have established several exciting contacts with Mexican scientists and local NGOs and hope for further fruitful exchange. For example, I have attended a conference and some related events on Fracking organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Mexico City three weeks ago. And last week I have met with a journalist who plans to make a documentary on this topic.

Generally, I remain cautious because the issue is still a rather hotly debated one in Veracruz. The elections in the state are just over and everyone is now hoping that things will calm down and get more relaxed again. The next few months will show to what extent these genuine hopes will be fulfilled.

I hope you are all doing well and I am wishing you all a great summer!

See you soon,
Svenja

Jobs and Career Opportunities

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Development Economics**
Centre for Studies of African Economies, University of Oxford
Deadline: 20 June 2016

**Associate Lecturer in Political Economy**
University of York
Deadline: 28 June 2016

**Research Associate Politics**
University of Manchester
Deadline 23 June 2019

**Postdoc in Political Science**
Department of Government, Uppsala University
Deadline: 28 June 2016

**Research Fellow in Political Science**
Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf
Deadline: 21 June 2016

**Lecturer in Politics and International Relations**
Loughborough University
Deadline 29 June 2016

**Postdoc Position, Centre for Security Studies**
Metropolitan University Prague
Deadline: 1 August 2016

**Post-doctoral Research Fellowship in environmental history/law in China**
Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo
Deadline: 1 September 2016
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in International Relations/Political Science
Research Programme Legitimacy in Global Governance
School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg
Deadline: 30 June 2016

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Regional Organizations in Africa
University of Gothenburg
Deadline: 1 August 2016

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