

Doctoral Programme Newsletter



June 2019

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

Our Summer Term Programme is coming to an end with the last seminar – the third part of our Globale Approach to CAS Series – taking place next week. We hope you have enjoyed and benefited from the courses.

In this newsletter, Siri Völker is reporting from her fieldwork and research stay in Brazil and our new student assistant Paula Denker is introducing herself. Welcome on board, Paula!

Save the date for the event on career development that is coming up on 2-4 September and that the students who are part of the orga committee are still busy to coordinate (many thanks!). More details will follow soon.

Please note that, as usual, the next newsletter will only be published in August due to the summer break.

Wishing you all a fantastic 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 paula.denker@giga-hamburg.de.

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News

The new month has started with phenomenal news from [Insa Ewert](#). She successfully defended her dissertation titled "The China Watchers: EU Trade Policy in the Making" at the University of Hamburg on 5th of June. Congratulations!

[Viviana García Pinzón](#) participated in a conference on "The implementation of peace agreements in Colombia" that took place from the 27th – 28th of May at the Centre for Reconciliation Studies at the University of Jena.

From 10th – 14th June Viviana also participated in the "[Local Democracy Academy](#)" organized by the Swedish International Center for Local Democracy in Umeå, Sweden.

From 2nd – 3rd of June, [Désirée Reder](#) participated at the conference "Security and Criminality in the Americas: Governing the Unruly", organized by the Latin American Centre of the University of Oxford. She held a presentation on "The Salvadoran Discourse on Violence - Between Path-dependence and Strategic Securitization."

Désirée also attended the annual conference of the British International Studies Association ([BISA](#)) in London from 11th – 14th of June. She had the opportunity to discuss the data of her SSR Project in her presentation on "The role of the justice sector in the aftermath of war:

Presenting the Justice Sector Governance and Reform Dataset."

In the context of the Parliament meets Science Event, Tevin Tafese was invited for a meeting on the 5th of June at the German Bundestag. He spoke with the SPD-Bundestagsabgeordnete Gabriele Hiller-Ohm about African structural change and related challenges, such as growth of population, urbanization and technology.

On 6th of June the "[4C Global Sustainability Conference – Integrated Approach and Innovative Solutions with 4C Coffee Certification](#)" took place in Berlin. The main topics were the integration, price gap and socioeconomic impacts of coffee certification in producer countries as well as the sustainability objectives of coffee production. [Jorge Rincón](#) attended the conference and got some academic insights related to coffee production and marketing.

Next month Jorge will participate in a summer school organized by the University of Utrecht and the "Netherlands Land Academy," attending a course on "[Land Governance for Development](#)," which will consider different aspects of the recent "land rush" experienced in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

[Tharcisio Leone](#) will give a presentation about his research project at the conference of the "Society for the Study of Economic Inequality" (ECINEQ) in Paris from 3rd – 5th of July.

Spotlight on ... Siri Völker on fieldwork

Hi everyone,

It has been a while. I hope you are all fine and that your research projects are going well. I have been in Brazil for a year now with a scholarship from the DAAD. As some of you may know, my doctoral thesis is about the relations between social movements and political parties. More precisely, I analyze how the Afro-Brazilian movement has been interacting with and influencing three left parties in Brazil, the Workers' Party (PT), the Communist Party of Brazil (PCdoB) and the Socialism and Liberty Party (PSOL).

During my stay in Brazil, I have continued my fieldwork, participating in events in the context of Brazil's general elections 2018 and conducting interviews with activists of the Afro-Brazilian movement and politicians, particularly Afro-Brazilians who ran for office for one of the three parties included in the study. Furthermore, I discussed the preliminary results of my project with Brazilian researchers and some of my interviewees. Primarily, I have been staying in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, but I also traveled again to Brasília and Salvador to collect more data and debate my work.

In São Paulo, I joined the research group "Race, Inequality and Politics" at the Department of Sociology of the University of

São Paulo (USP). Participating in the group led by Professor Marcia Lima was very important for me and my research project. It was highly interesting to learn more about the research projects of the doctoral students of the group and I also had the opportunity to present part of my work and received the most helpful and detailed feedback.



Meeting with Federal Deputy Jean Wyllys (PSOL) in the National Congress of Brazil

Overall, my stay in Brazil has been very productive. I have finished the data collection and will soon terminate the analysis of the 80 interviews I have conducted as well as other material I am including in my study. I then hope to finalize my dissertation by the beginning of next year.

In August, I will return to the GIGA. So see you soon!

Siri

Spotlight on ... our new Student Assistant

Hello everyone,

I am Paula and since this month the new Student Assistant for the Doctoral Program.

This year I will finish my Bachelor in Political Science at the University of Hamburg before I hopefully get the chance to do my



Master in Peace and Conflict Studies. The GIGA Institute was always present during my studies as I had many seminars, hold by lectures of the GIGA.

I am super 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 (Paula.Denker@giga-hamburg.de)

Jobs and Career Opportunities

[Postdoctoral assistant \(Political Sciences\)](#)

Ghent University
 Deadline: 2 July 2019

[Postdoctoral Researcher](#)

University of Oxford
 Oxford Department of international Development
 Deadline: 17 July 2019

[Lecture in Education and International Development](#)

University of East Anglia, Norwich
 Deadline: 11 July 2019

[Research Associate](#)

University of Bath
 Department of Social & Policy Sciences
 Deadline: 24 June 2019

[Research Fellow](#)

University College London
 Department of Political Science
 Deadline: 12 July 2019

[Research Associate/Research Fellow](#)

King's College London
 The Center for Science and Security Studies (CSSS) in the Department of War Studies
 Deadline: 9 July 2019

[Postdoctoral Research Associate](#)

University of Liverpool
 Institute of Irish Studies
 Deadline: 8 July 2019

[Postdoctoral Fellow](#)

University of Copenhagen
 Department of Political Science
 Deadline: 5 August 2019

[Departmental Lecturer in International Relations](#)

University of Oxford
 Department of Politics and International Relations
 Deadline: 1 July 2019

Save the date

19 June 2019	Annual Outing: Pepper Tour
24 June 2019	Seminar: Global Approach to CAS Series III, Miriam Prys-Hansen, GIGA
26 June 2019	Colloquium: Jan Klenke
14 August 2019	DP Joure Fixe
28 August 2019	Colloquium: Jorge Rincón, Pedro Costa