Dear GIGA doctoral students,

The course programme for the summer term was opened for registration a few days ago. Again we can offer you a wide variety of courses, which together with the PRIMO workshop on Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) give a good example of the well-tailored programme of advanced and additional training at the GIGA. In 2014 we had just about 200 registrations for all our courses, and the overall evaluation score increased even more to the already very satisfactory results in 2013.

Besides the course programme, we spent the last couple of months creating a new website. Now the DP’s online appearance is better integrated into the main GIGA website. You are most invited to take a look! Besides a more professional design you can now register online for our courses. A great thank-you goes to Nikolai Röhl who supported us very actively during this process!

The website was the last milestone before I go on leave from 14 March onwards. For the upcoming months, Ina will be your first point of contact. I am convinced she will assure a very smooth transition and support you with all your enquiries. From April onwards, Daniel will support her as our new academic assistant in the DP.

Take care and have a wonderful spring and summer.

Best wishes,

Stephanie

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 – therefore, just send an email to: ina.peters@giga-hamburg.de.

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News

**Workshop at the UHH:**
**PLS Path Modeling with SmartPLS**
Lecturer: Prof. Ringle (TUHH) and Prof. Henseler (University of Twente)
Date: 25-26 June 2015
UHH Students receive a discount of 50%
(Code: HH2015ywq)
More information and registration:

**Workshop at the UHH:**
**Effective strategies for teaching at university**
Target group: Doctoral students planning to teach at a university in the near future
Trainer: Gunda Mohr (UHH – IzuLL)
Date: 20-22 May 2015
More information and registration:
http://teilnehmen.basisqualifikation.de

**Mariana Carpes defended!**
On 22 January 2015, Marian Carpes successfully defended her dissertation on regional powers’ nuclear choices. She is currently working as an independent researcher in Brazil. Congratulations and best wishes for her future endeavours!

**Kerstin Nolte defended!**
On 19 February 2015, Kerstin Nolte defended her dissertation. She received an outstanding summa cum laude. Congratulations! Kerstin will stay at the GIGA and continue working in a project on large-scale land acquisitions.

**New website**
Please visit our new website at www.giga-hamburg.de/en/dp! The purpose of the website is to keep you updated about upcoming events in the doctoral programme, and to provide information to potential doctoral students. Please feel invited to take a look at the new website and send us your comments and suggestions!

**New academic assistant at the doctoral programme**
During Stephanie’s parental leave, former doctoral student Daniel Simons will be supporting the DP staff in a part-time position as academic assistant. Daniel will be sitting in Stephanie’s office on the 6th floor. He will mainly be assisting Ina in the organisation and coordination of the course programme.

Summer Schools

**4th Annual IPSA-NUS Summer School for Social Science Research Methods**
National University of Singapore
Dates: 9-18 June 2015

**ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques**
University of Ljubljana
Dates: 23 July - 8 August 2015
Information about funding grants

**Summer School in Development Economics**
Garda, Italy
Dates: 15-19 June 2015
Application Deadline: 15 April 2015

**4th Doctoral School on Latin American, European and Comparative Regionalism**
Quito, 6-10 July 2015

**IAPSS Summer School 2015**
“The Politics of Mega Catastrophes: From Regional Challenges to International Security”
Venice, Italy
Dates: 11-20 August 2015

**13th International Summer School of Economics and Management**
Havanna, Cuba
Dates: 21 September - 2 October 2015
Deadline: 01 May 2015
Who is where?

Anne Hoffmann (and her fat cat) are sending their regards from sunny Argentina. They will be back from field research in April.


Janina Pawelz is currently in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on field research for her doctoral dissertation about violence-prone groups. She will stay there until the end of June (three months) and conduct interviews with various stakeholders.

I am currently working on ... May Darwich

Hello everyone,

My name is May. I am currently a PhD candidate at the University of Edinburgh, at the Politics & IR department. In July 2014, I joined GIGA as a Research Fellow in the framework of the IDCAR project (International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes). I am glad for the opportunity to join the GIGA DP as an associate.

I am also broadly interested in IR theory, foreign policies, and questions of security. My dissertation focuses on the international relations of the Middle East, Arab states foreign policies in particular. I look at Arab regimes’ threat perceptions, and the ensuing alliance choices. I compare Saudi and Syrian divergent threat perceptions during major wars in the region: the Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988), the 2006 Lebanon War, and the 2009 Gaya War. In particular, I examine how ideational and material forces interplay in the process of threat perception. The research is bringing Middle East cases to debates within IR theory while surmounting the challenge to the study of state behaviour in an (un)exceptional Middle East. Within the IDCAR project, I look at the role of Saudi Arabia in the restoration of the military regime in Egypt.

My experience at GIGA and Hamburg has been great so far. I am very looking forward to meeting everyone.

All the best,
May Darwich

We are currently working on ... your student representatives

Dear all,

We hope that those doing a well-deserved break are enjoying their time, and those that are still working hard at GIGA remember that we are also available for you. As always, we would like to share the current state of activities as to better coordinate with you.

- Some weeks ago we shared our activities report at the workers council which turned out to be well acknowledged. It was a chance to present our work, as well as demands of the doctoral students or the doctoral programme as a whole in front of much GIGA staff and some GIGA decision makers. We would be
happy if you shared any further input with us concerning this issue.

- We have exercised the opportunity of having voice during the selection processes of the new assistant of the doctoral programme and the new doctoral students.

- The welcome week is approaching once again and you are all invited to join the get-to-know events.

- Daniel Simons was selected as the new academic assistant for the DP and we would like to warmly welcome him and wish him all the best. We are sure that he will do a great job.

- We have also been present at meetings with the DP coordination and the JF to attend diverse issues and plan the transition when Stephanie starts her parental leave.

- Finally, and most importantly, we would like to make you aware that the annual general assembly of the doctoral students and with it the election of the student representatives is approaching. Please start considering candidacies and let us know. We will make soon a more detailed announcement.

If you have any suggestions or concerns please feel free to write us to stud.reps@giga-hamburg.de. We would be very glad to help. Best wishes on the remaining break period and meet you for sure soon.

Your Stud.Reps

Jobs and Funding

12 Scholarships for Doctoral Candidates
University of Bamberg
Deadline: 31 March 2015

6 Doctoral Fellowships
DFG Research Training Group on “Wicked Problems, Contested Administrations: Knowledge, Coordination, Strategy” (WIPCAD)
Deadline: 31 March 2015

Three Doctoral (PhD)/Assistant Positions in Comparative Politics
University of Zurich
Deadline: 30 April 2015

Research Assistant Conflict and Security studies (fixed-term post)
University of Bath
Reference: CC3018
Closing Date: 22 March 2015

Postdoctoral Position in Comparative Politics
University of Zurich
Deadline: 30 April 2015

Assistant Professor/Postdoctoral Fellow
University of Oslo
Deadline: 15 April 2015

ZIF Marie Curie 5 Year Research Fellowships
ZIF Marie Curie 2 Year Postdoctoral Fellowships
University of Konstanz
Deadline: 18 May 2015

Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship for postdoctoral researchers

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