Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

registration is now open for the Summer Term Programme. We have organized an interesting selection of seminars for you with a focus on qualitative and quantitative methods and hope that the courses meet your interests. We also continue our “Global Approach to CAS” series and would like to thank the colleagues who will contribute to the series this term.

Furthermore, we are still in the selection process of new doctoral students. We have received many interesting applications and are looking forward to who will join us in October.

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 nina.soekfeld@giga-hamburg.de.

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News

Elisabeth Bunselmeyer has successfully defended her dissertation!

On 19 February 2018, Elisabeth Bunselmeyer defended her dissertation on “Trust Repaired? The Impact of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Reparation Program on Social Cohesion in Post-Conflict Communities of Peru” at the University of Marburg. Congratulations, Lisa!

Victor M. Mijares has submitted his dissertation!


Doctoral Students Retreat

The student representatives are organizing a doctoral students retreat again, which will take place on 20–21 April. Please confirm with the StudReps whether you would like to participate (if you have not done so already). Information regarding the agenda etc. will follow soon directly from the StudReps.

DP coordination team

From 24 March onwards, Miriam Prys-Hansen will be back in full-time as Academic Director of the programme. Maren Wagner will continue with coordinating the programme and takes over more additional tasks in the research management under the new job title Academic Development Manager.

WiSo Graduate School - Course Programme

The summer term programme of the WiSo Graduate School, University of Hamburg has been released. The topics include academic writing, courses on a variety of quantitative and qualitative research methods, and more. You can download it online and register via Geventis.

Who is where?

Lisa Hoffmann attended the Winter School on Credence Goods, Incentives and Behavior at University of Innsbruck (25 February – 2 March).

Anna Fünfgeld is currently on field research in Indonesia.

Désirée Reder participated in the ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques in Bamberg (2 – 9 March), where she attended the courses “Intro to R” (Short Course) and “Linear Regressions with R” (Main Course).
GIGA DP Summer Term Programme

Registration is now open for the Summer Term Programme on our [website](#). Questions regarding the course programme and the registration process can be addressed to Nina Sökefeld.

The following courses are open to Doctoral Students at the GIGA and Partner Institutions (please note that for fellows in their first year, participation is obligatory), as well as to external participants who are asked to pay a small fee:

**The Logic of Bayesian Statistical Analyses for Social Scientists**
26 – 27 April, 2018
Dr. Hannes Kröger, DIW

**Global Approach to CAS I: Postwar Security Sector Reform: Research Strategy and Case Selection**
3 May, 2018
Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach, GIGA

**Introduction to Process Tracing**
8 – 9 May, 2018
Dr. Hilde van Meegdenburg, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich & Technical University Munich

**Global Approach to CAS II: Comparative regionalism: Bringing EU studies back to Latin American regionalism? The ups and downs of a complicated relationship**
14 May, 2018
Prof. Dr. Detlef Nolte, GIGA

**Qualitative Interviews and Analysis**
17–18 May, 2018
Dr. Katy Wheeler, University of Essex

**Global Approach to CAS III: Studying Authoritarian Regimes: A Comparative Perspective**
28 May, 2018
Dr. Thomas Richter, GIGA

**Introduction to Grounded Theory**
6 – 7 June, 2018
Dr. Alice Mattoni, Scuola Normale Superiore Florence

**Making your research accessible: Data Visualization and Interactive Graphics**
14 – 15 June, 2018
Felix Haaß & Pau Palop García, GIGA

**An Introduction to the Logic and Practice of Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)**
19 – 20 June, 2018
Dr David Kuehn, GIGA

The following soft-skills seminars are open exclusively to GIGA Doctoral Students and Postdoctoral Researchers:

**Doctoral Defense Training**
4 May, 2018
Dr. Dunja Mohr

**How to publish peer-reviewed journal articles**
31 May, 2018
Prof Dr Tobias Lenz, Dr Saskia Ruth & Dr Georg Strüver, GIGA
Do you know… our visiting doctoral researchers

Dear colleagues,

My name is Christian Schultheiss and I am a PhD Candidate at the University of Cambridge in the Department of Politics and International Studies. I have joined the GIGA as a visiting doctoral student. My research focuses on two questions: What makes it so difficult for states to reach small-scale incremental dispute settlement agreements although such agreements do realign interests and are non-comprehensive? Why do states escalate small incidents to big crises even if such escalation is costly? My supervisors are Dr. Kun-Chin Lin, a scholar of international relations and China, and Prof. Marc Weller, an international lawyer.

I received a MPhil from the University of Cambridge in International Relations with a focus on public international law, China’s foreign policy and bargaining theory. Before going to Cambridge I studied Philosophy, Political Science and Literature at the University of Tübingen where I received a MA. I focused on decision theory, political philosophy and greek philosophy. Before starting the PhD I was a Gerald Segal scholar at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in Singapore. I joined the GIGA to interact with its scholars and to discuss research related to conflict resolution, international relations in Asia and general changes in the international relations of our globe.

The main objective of my research is to advance the understanding of conflicts, their resolutions and the role of international legal tools therein. I am formulating a theory of incremental dispute settlement for which I draw various cases from the East and South China Sea disputes. Field research to address my research questions empirically brought me to China, Taiwan, Japan and the Philippines as a visiting researcher. I have had the pleasure of meeting some of you already at a number of occasions and do look forward to future interactions. Just drop me an email: cs748@cam.ac.uk.

All the best,
Christian

Jobs and Career Opportunities

[Post Doc in Urban Governance](#)  
University of Oslo  
Deadline: 5 April 2018

[Lecturer (International Relations)](#)  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Deadline: 18 April 2018
Postdoctoral Researcher
Leibniz-Institut Hessische Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung
Deadline: 31 March 2018

Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (m/w) - Projekt Gerechte Globalisierung/Internationales Finanzsystem
Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn
Deadline: 3 April 2018

Postdoctoral Researcher
Leibniz-Institut Hessische Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung
Deadline: 31 March 2018

5 Postdoctoral Researcher positions for three-year period
University of Turku
Deadline: 13 April 2018

Fellow position in social sciences with a focus on methods in political science
Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
Deadline: 30 April 2018

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Institute for European Integration Research, University of Vienna
Deadline: 1 April 2018

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