

Doctoral Programme Newsletter



March 2019

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

Registration is now open for our summer term programme. We hope that the courses meet your interests!

Please keep in mind that we organize the summer term courses on a demand-driven basis, trying to consider the wishes that reached us as best as we can. However, you also need to remember to clearly communicate your requests so that we can accommodate them.

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

In this newsletter, Richard and Tom are reporting from their field research/research

stays and our new visiting doctoral researcher Augusto Rinaldi is introducing himself.

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 madina.bizhanova@giga-hamburg.de.



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News

Riccarda Flemmer has defended her dissertation!

[Riccarda Flemmer](#) successfully defended her dissertation at the University of Hamburg on 1 March 2019, title of dissertation: "The Contested Meaning of Prior Consultation and FPIC. Indigenous Grassroots and the Politics of Translating Rights in Struggles over Resources in the Peruvian Amazon." Congratulations, Riccarda!

Who is where?

On 28 February 2019, [Leonardo Bandarra](#), [Viviana García Pizón](#), and [Rafael Castro](#) organised an event on "Políticas de Drogas y Dinámicas de Seguridad en América Latina" that was held at the ILAS.

[Leonardo Bandarra](#) attended the conference "[Nuclear Deterrence in Europe - A Shifting Landscape](#)" held by the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin on 14th of March.

During the first week of March [Jorge A. Rincón](#) has participated in the course titled "[Efficiency and Productivity Analysis: Stochastic approaches](#)" lead by Prof. Bernhard Brümmer that took place in Göttingen.

On 28th of February, [Svenja Schöneich](#) took part in the workshop dedicated to the topic of utopia and sustainability at the IASS in Potsdam, where she also assisted with the translation.

Again, many of the doctoral students are participating in this year's **ISA Annual Convention** that will take place on 27-30th of March in Toronto, Canada:

[Markus Kirchschrager](#) is going to present two papers named "Cyber Conflict – Cyber Mediation? Searching for Opportunities" and "Not

Dissertation prize for Lisa Bunselmeyer!

Our alumna [Elisabeth Bunselmeyer](#) has won the Christiane Rajewsky Prize of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies for 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." Congratulations, Lisa!

only Mediators Matter: Regional Characteristics of Conflict Parties and their Impact on the Mediation Process and its Effectiveness."

[Medha](#) will also deliver two papers, one on "Enacting India's Postcolonial Borders: Religion and Indian Diplomatic Engagements in West Asia" and the other on "The Hindu Right and the Global Right." In addition, she will participate in a roundtable on "Immigration and Belonging in Colonial Spaces."

[Anna Fünfgeld](#)'s papers deal with "Energy Infrastructures: Dreams, Realities and the Neglected of ASEAN Connectivity" and "Security, Justice, and Oligarchy: Struggles over Hegemony in Indonesian Energy Politics."

[Rafael Castro](#) will elaborate on the "The Contestation Strategies of Regional Secondary Powers in South America and East Asia".

[Leonardo Bandarra](#) will present a paper named "Nuclear Good Citizenship: Why States Comply with Nonproliferation Institutions?"

And [So Young Chang](#) will present a paper on migrant workers with the title "Pre-Care-ious Work? A Global Comparison of Policies on Migrant Domestic Workers."

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 [Madina Bizhanova](#).

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:

Date	Course name	Lecturer(s)
2 May	Global Approach to CAS Series I: Comparing cases of populism	Andreas Ufen, GIGA
6-7 May	Qualitative Data Analysis: How to find meaning in your texts	Nicola Nymalm, SIIA & Maren Wagner, GIGA
16-17 May	Qualitative Interviewing	Lea Sgier, Uni Geneve
23-24 May	Introduction to LaTeX	Bruno Castanho Silva, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics
27 May	Global Approach to CAS Series II: Conceptualizing and measuring political clientelism in comparative perspective	Saskia Ruth, GIGA
4-5 June	Process tracing methods – an introduction	Derek Beach, University of Aarhus
12-13 June	An Introduction to the Logic and Practice of Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)	David Kuehn & Julia Grauvogel, GIGA
24 June	Global Approach to CAS Series III: What does gender have to do with it? Discussing the integration of gender analyses in comparative area studies and the global approach	Miriam Prys-Hansen, GIGA

GIGA-internal only are:

Date	Course name	Lecturer(s)
16 April	Rapid Reading	Kathryn Redway
28 May	Master Class	Sumit Ganguly, Indiana University Bloomington
17-18 June	Presentation and Moderation Skills	Alexander Noß, Mentalkompass.de

Do you know... our Visiting Doctoral Researchers?

Hello everyone,

My name is **Augusto Rinaldi**, and I am the new visiting PhD student until July. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and I am currently a PhD student at the University of Sao Paulo (Department of Political Science). I am affiliated with the Institute of Latin America Studies and with Research Program 4.



My current research is on the BRICS and its international behaviour. In my dissertation, I have two primary objectives: first, to analyse and define the BRICS under a theoretical perspective, mainly from international alli-

ances' theory. Second, I aim to assess the origins, current behaviour, and future development of the BRICS by using the concepts of 'relational power' and 'soft balancing.' Since the performance of the BRICS was not adequately explained by most of the works available, my investigation tries to give it more theoretical and conceptual robustness. I approach the behaviour of that group in two main areas: international development and international security.

In general terms, my research interests are related to the performance of rising powers, changes in the international distribution of power and regional/global impacts, and the role of middle powers on multilateral institutions. So, I am glad to be part of the team and hope to contribute accordingly.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you. Please feel free to pass by room 621 to chat or to join for a coffee.

Best regards, Augusto

I am currently working on... Richard Roewer

Mingalaba (Hello) from Myanmar, where I am currently conducting field research. My research focuses on the development of Myanmar's governing party, the National League for Democracy, and analyses how the party has been shaped by its development in an authoritarian regime. More generally one might say, I am interested in why democrats become authoritarian.

Since my work is largely qualitative I conduct many interviews with MPs, party officials and members of the executive. I am fortunate to meet many interesting politicians and experts and to be able to collect a lot of primary data.

The NLD does not have an archive and that makes it difficult to find documents relating to its development. Yet, this challenge also makes things interesting and it is a special



feeling to be the first researcher to lay hands on a precious document. For interviews I also frequently travel from my base in Yangon (Myanmar's largest

city and economic hub) to the relatively new capital Nay Pyi Taw.

Last year, I organised the conference “Shaping Past, Present and Future: Political Parties and State Transformation in Myanmar” which brought together leading researchers from Myanmar and abroad to discuss the role of political parties. The event was a cooperation between the GIGA, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Initiative Austausch e.V. We were very fortunate to have the Director of the Institute of Asian Studies, Professor Patrick Köllner, in Yangon to deliver an excellent opening address.

The conference also provided the basis for an edited volume and a special issue, which I

am currently working on, together with colleagues from the GIGA and the Yangon School of Political Science.

In June this year I will come to the GIGA together with 10 junior politicians from Myanmar as a part of the Political Education Programme for Junior Politicians. Before travelling on to Berlin, the junior politicians will have a chance to learn about the role of a research institute and listen to lectures by GIGA researchers on a variety of topics. I am already looking forward to it.

Best wishes to Hamburg,

Richard

I am currently working on... Tom Konzack

Ciao amici!

I send you the best regards from lovely Florence! After five weeks as visiting PhD student at Scuola Normale Superiore under the supervision of Prof. Donatella della Porta I can offer you a first glance at my life here:

My institute is located in the grandiose Palazzo

Strozzi, an impressive Renaissance palace in the heart of the old city and a five-minutes-walk from the famous Ponte Vecchio.

Here, social movement

research is at the core of all activities and in Europe it is THE place for movement-related studies. So far, I have been attending seminars on collective action outcomes,



methodologies for social movement research and postcolonial citizenship. Since the Centre on Social Movement Studies (COSMOS) is integral part of the institute, weekly lunch seminars and other debates on various issues of movement studies take place and there is a lively debate culture and a strong emphasis on exchange between senior and junior researchers. The library is well equipped with the relevant literature and it is fantastic to meet many of the original authors just next door.

While I have been here only a few weeks, the discussions and readings already spurred a more critical and inspiring self-reflection upon my epistemological approach. This is not unexpected since the dominant approach at the institute is post-(post-)structuralist and qualitative. My large-N project certainly benefits from it, as I am working on the balancing act to combine the best of two worlds: large-N analyses and inter-relational dynamics. Also, the institute has collected data on political non-state groups – a paradise for me 😊

Florence also hosts the European University Institute (EUI) at the outskirts of Florence, overlooking the city. The spacious premises with the huge library, neat gardens, pavilions and olive groves at the campus are breathtaking and provide a very stimulating working atmosphere. Hence, I have been very much enjoying my working days so far and I met many interesting and open-minded people in and outside the faculty who have been introducing me to the Florentine savoir-vivre and alternative sub-cultures (in particular movement-related).

The start into the non-academic life has been a bit bumpy so far as I was struggling with Italian bureaucracy and had to change apartments (and the rents are actually as high as in Hamburg). The city, however, is beautiful and the density of cultural hotspots is enough for the next dozens of weekends.

Jobs and Career Opportunities

[Research Associate, Project Alpha](#)

Centre for Science & Security Studies/Department of War Studies, King's College London

Deadline: 27 March 2019

[Research Associate](#)

Sociology, Politics and International Studies, University of Bristol

Deadline: 7 April 2019

[Postdoctoral Position: Migration and Collective Mobilisation](#)

Department of Quantitative Sociology, CREST/ENSAE

Deadline: 22 March 2019

[Lecturer in International Politics](#)

University of Leicester

Deadline: 15 April 2019

If you have any questions or are in the city, drop me a line.



All the best.
Ci vediamo,
Tom.

PS: The photo depicts my daily way to the office, also passing Leonardo da Vinci's house. A city bursting of history.

Five [AAA Fellowships](#) for early career researchers from Latin America, Africa and Asia

University of Konstanz

Deadlines: 31 March 2019 and 30 April 2019

[Lecturer in Development Studies](#)

University of Melbourne

Deadline: 14 April 2019

[Research Officer \(WomenPeaceSecurity\)](#)

Centre for Women, Peace and Security, London School of Economics and Political Science

Deadline: 29 March 2019

[Research Fellow: Spatial Inequalities in African Political Economy](#)

Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science

Deadline: 31 March 2019

Upcoming Events

3 April 2019	Colloquium: Jessica Gomes and Tharcisio Leone
10 April 2019	DP Jour Fix
16 April	Soft Skills Seminar: Rapid Reading