Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

the selection process of the GIGA Doctoral Programme has come to an end and we are happy to announce that 6 new doctoral students will join the programme in April. They will introduce themselves and their projects via this newsletter during the next couple of month and in the colloquium on April 24.

With the “Closing ceremony of HIGS and opening ceremony of the GIGA Doctoral Programme” on April 19 (Please all feel invited to come!) we will start the Welcome Week for our new doctoral students and everybody interested. During this week workshops will take place, which should help our doctoral students to have a smooth start at the GIGA, with their dissertation and in Hamburg.

Additionally, we would already like to raise your awareness to the “Preparation for Thesis Defence Course”, which will take place on May 8. So please save that date.

For other upcoming events just have look on our website www.dp-giga-hamburg.de and the table at the end of this newsletter. A separate E-mail in the next couple of days will give you further details on our complete term programme and how to register for it.

Best wishes,
Stephanie

P.S. If you want to share information like job placements, research stays and conference visits, upcoming events or things you are working on at the moment in the upcoming newsletter, please just send an e-mail by April 15 to garling@giga-hamburg.de.

GIGA News

GIGA Working Paper 217
Birte Pohl and Peter Mulder: Explaining the Diffusion of Renewable Energy Technology in Developing Countries.

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Jobs/Funding

Position Global Research, Warwick
Further information: http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/humanresources/jobsintro/further_particulars/72687-023.pdf2012/257&id=1

Fellow in Global Politics, LSE
Further information: http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/AGA540/lse-fellow-in-global-politics/

University Teacher Politics, Liverpool
Further information: www.liv.ac.uk/working/job_vacancies/

4 Postdoctoral fellowships, Research College "The Transformative Power of Europe", Berlin

Research Assistant, Center for Global Development, Washington D.C.
Further information: http://www.cgdev.org/section/about/employment/raeconometrics

Lecture in Politics, Exeter
Further information: https://jobs.exeter.ac.uk/

Two Career Development Fellowships in Economics
Further information: http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/AGC185/two-career-development-fellowships-in-economics/

Lecturer Chinese Politics, Glasgow
Further information: http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/job/4596168/lecturer-in-chinese-politics-0-5-fte/

Associate Professorships – Asian Politics and IR, Copenhagen
Further information: [http://www.ku.dk/english/available_positions/vip/](http://www.ku.dk/english/available_positions/vip/)

Research Officer - Overseas Development Institute, London


Researcher (65%), Conflicts in Africa, Konstanz


During the month of March Nicola Nymalm will be in Beijing to prepare the joint workshop by the GIGA and the China Foreign Affairs University.

Riccarda Flemmer visited the ECPR Winter School in Vienna from 17-22 February.

From August 2012 till February 2013 Markus Fraundorfer has been PhD visiting fellow at the PUC in Rio de Janeiro. From March 2013 till July 2013 he will be collaborating researcher at the University of Brasília. He is conducting interviews with diplomats and other members of the government and representatives of the civil society. Also he is presenting his current work at different conferences within an outside of Brazil.

Mariana Carpes and Jorge Garzón have been invited to participate in a workshop about the BRICS in Brussels from Feb 27 to March 1.

Additionally some GIGA doctoral students will go to the ISA in San Francisco at the beginning of April.
One of the many privileges that GIGA doctoral students enjoy is that the institute has many partners around the world. Especially with respect to Latin America, there are numerous partner institutions that doctoral students can count on when doing their field research in the region.

Having been on field research in Brazil twice (2010 and 2012), I was already familiar with the various policy think tanks and university institutes in Brazil. As they had supported me during my field research by providing me with useful information and contacts for my topic, I had already established good relations with some of the researchers working there. Thus, when I applied for a visiting fellowship at the Instituto de Relações Internacionais (IRI) at the Pontifícia Universida de Católica do Rio de Janeiro, I could count on the support of the staff to help me with the formalities.

After two months at the IRI my record is rather mixed, though. Writing my doctoral thesis in the country I am doing research on is ambiguous: On the one hand, the interest in my research is much bigger than in Germany and I can discuss my ideas with Brazilian experts on the topic. This has been a very motivating experience and is certainly improving my thesis. Yet, on the other hand, the access to theoretical and methodological literature is much more difficult in Brazil than it is at GIGA. The Brazilian libraries are not as well equipped as the German ones and despite having entered the digital age, neither Brazilian nor German libraries provide digital copies of all their literature to their users. As I am currently working on the theoretical chapters of my thesis, this is sometimes really frustrating as it is slowing down the writing process.

In sum, however, I consider my visiting fellowship at the IRI a very positive and stimulating experience. Being in Rio and deepening contacts with Brazilian researchers gives me the chance to gain an insight into the Brazilian research landscape. I see this as a great opportunity beyond my doctoral project as it provides me with a Brazilian network for possible future (post-doc) research projects. And as I am now on the way of finishing the theoretical chapters and turning to the empirical, more Brazil-related part of the doctoral thesis, I am very much looking forward to the next months...

Best wishes,

Christina
Hello to everyone from Beijing!

I am spending a few weeks here this month to prepare and participate in a joint workshop by the GIGA and the China Foreign Affairs University. I am very happy to be back in Beijing for the first time since three years, and again the city has changed a lot! Fortunately some things are still the same, like the delicious Chinese food and the cheap taxis taking you all over the large city quite easily...

After Easter I will be back at the IAS working on my dissertation on the U.S. discourse on Japan’s and China’s economic rise, which implies a historical and a discourse theoretical perspective. In October I will hopefully be able to go to Washington for research for a couple of months. As my background is in the humanities as well as in the social sciences, I am always curious about interdisciplinary and non-mainstream approaches, so I am glad that we have started discussing such issues in the new research team on International Political Sociology. If this catches your interest as well, feel free to contact me or drop by at the Rothenbaumchaussee!

Cheers,
Nicola

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**Upcoming events**

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