May 2015

Dear GIGA doctoral students,

During the past month, some exciting events have kept us busy! On 22 April 2015, the general assembly of all GIGA doctoral students took place and new student representatives were elected. They will introduce themselves in this newsletter. Moreover, we had the pleasure to receive Prof. Dr. Matthias Kleiner, president of the Leibniz Association since July 2014, at the GIGA on 7 May 2015. Prof. Kleiner met with different status groups and took the opportunity to engage in a lively debate with doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

While we are in the middle of the DP Summer Term Programme, new events are already coming up. We are happy to be able to offer you a Master Class with Prof. Ryan Saylor from the University of Tulsa. Moreover, we still have free spots for presentations in the last colloquium before the summer break (29 July). If you would like to present your work, please get in touch!

I hope you will enjoy and benefit from our summer term events!

Best wishes,

Ina

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 ina.peters@giga-hamburg.de.

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News

New student representatives
On 22 April 2015, the general assembly of all GIGA doctoral students elected Christoph Heuser, Markus Kirchschlager, and Medha as their representatives, and Pau Palop García as their deputy. Congratulations to the new student representative and all the best for your mandate! We would also like to thank the former representatives and deputies for their efforts. It was a pleasure to work with you!

Prof. Dr. Kleiner visits the GIGA
On 7 May 2015, the president of the Leibniz Association, Prof. Dr. Matthias Kleiner, visited the GIGA and took the time for a separate meeting with doctoral and postdoctoral researchers. In a lively debate, we talked about financing options for doctoral students, career opportunities for young researchers in Germany, and the responsibilities of the Leibniz Association and the Leibniz Institutes in providing reliable and transparent career options in academia, among other issues. The minutes of the meeting and some additional comments will be made available to the task force on staff development. We would like to thank everyone for their participation in the meeting and their critical and constructive comments!

Maren Wagner defended!
Maren Wagner (née Hoepfner) successfully defended her dissertation at the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Maren, and we hope to keep in touch!

Coordination Team
Anna Vobis has been appointed Coordinator of Internationalisation Activities. Congratulations, Anna, and thank you for your support and commitment to the DP! From now on, Gabriele Tetzlaff will be in charge of the IAA/IMES secretariat, where she will also support the DP Coordination Team. We welcome her back and look forward to working with her!

Courses and Seminars

Master Class with Prof. Ryan Saylor on “Concepts, Measures, and Measuring Well”
Date: 13 July 2015
Organizer: GIGA Doctoral Programme
Lecturer: Prof. Ryan R. Saylor (Tulsa)
Number of places: 4
Registration: Ina Peters
More information

Statistics Workshop
Date: 14-15 September 2015
Organizer: Deutsche Statistische Gesellschaft
Venue: Helmut-Schmidt-University Hamburg
More information and registration

Philosophy of Science
Date: September/October 2015
Venue: University of Hamburg
Lecturer: Timothy M. Devinney (Leeds)
Registration: Timo Mandler
Deadline: 31 July 2015 (first come, first serve)
More information

Teaching Economics in the 21st Century
Date: 26-29 November 2015
Venue: Berlin School of Economics and Law
More information and registration
Who is where?

Several GIGA doctoral students will again participate in the International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), taking place in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from 27 to 30 May 2015:

- **Lisa Bunselmeyer** will chair a session on justice and human rights in the Americas. She will also present a paper on transitional justice, exclusion and social cohesion in postwar societies focusing on Peru.

- **Riccarda Flemmer** will organize and chair a session on participation mechanisms in environmental governance (together with Almut Schilling-Vacaflor, ILAS). She will also present a paper on the controversial right to prior consultation in Peru.

- **Pau Palop García** will present a comparative analysis of the politics towards emigrants in Latin America (together with Luicy Pedroza, GIGA Berlin Office).

**Carolina Guerrero** will participate in the International Congress: Elites and Leadership in Times of Change, taking place in Salamanca, on 10 and 11 June 2015. She will present a paper on “Female Leadership in Latin American Politics: The Case of the First Ladies.”

We are currently working on … your student representatives

Dear doctoral comrades in arms,

Thank you very much for the trust you have shown in electing us as student representatives. We take this responsibility seriously and hope to live up to your expectations. Our gratitude is also due to the former representatives for their excellent work: you did a great job and we hope to carry it forward!

The first weeks as new student representatives are pretty much about “agenda-setting” and getting in touch with the official bodies of the GIGA. We specifically plan to schedule a meeting with you to discuss any issues that you would like us to address, probably in conjunction with next DP jour fixe (before or after)—and will keep you posted of the date and time as soon as we know more. In the meantime, if you feel that anything urgent needs to be addressed right away please let us know. We will continue to inform you about our work in the doctoral newsletter and of course, we are always open to your concerns.

As your “voice” we will always be available. So, if there are any questions, problems or recommendations of whatever kind (regarding the doctoral programme, your thesis, the GIGA or any related topic) please do not hesitate in contacting us. You can reach us either in the doctoral room (EG023) Neuer Jungfern- stieg 21 or via email.

Looking forward to representing you!

Pau, Christoph, Markus, Medha
I am currently working on ... Anna Giolbas

Hi everyone,

I joined the GIGA as a doctoral student in the summer of 2014. Shortly thereafter, I did my field research in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Along with some colleagues from the GIGA and the University of Göttingen, I collected data on small and micro entrepreneurs. The data collection was part of a panel survey that had already been conducted in 2012 and 2013. Currently, I am involved in a project to find out whether there are informal insurance mechanisms in place in our sample and if yes, whether they have negative consequences on business outcomes. We hope to contribute to the literature on the implications of sharing obligations between kinship members on investment decisions (forced solidarity). I am also working on a proposal for a project that will deal with the motivations of autocratic regimes to adopt social transfers.

One of the aims is to find out why autocracies have conditional transfers that imply human capital investments. Shortly, my first work will be published as GIGA working paper. It deals with the links between regime type, inequality and redistributive transfers in developing countries. We found out that more democratic countries and, to some extent, more unequal countries are more likely to have social transfer programs. As you have probably guessed, the overarching theme of my dissertation is social security, or a little more precisely, the political economy of social transfers on the one hand and the implications of social security for private investment on the other hand. On top of this, I have started a job as a research assistant for the LandMatrix in March 2015.

I will be happy to explain in further detail over coffee, lunch or drinks and learn about your work as well.

Cheers,

Anna Giolbas

Jobs and Funding

Funding for international cooperation
The Forum Transregionale Forschung and the Max Weber Foundation offer scholarly platforms through Explorative Workshops and Summer and Winter Academies designed to enable the problem-oriented collaboration of scholars.
Eligibility: To apply, scholars must hold a doctoral degree; however, participants may include doctoral students.
Deadline: 1 July 2015
More information

University of Hamburg Research Exchanges
Financial support for a research stay at one of UHH’s seven partner universities
Doctoral students (enrolled at UHH) are encouraged to apply!
Responsible: Gerhard Müller
Deadline: 15 June 2015
More information
Referee on Latin America  
Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Berlin  
Deadline: 18 May 2015

Senior Research Fellow  
GIGA Institute of African Affairs  
Deadline: 22 June 2015

Research and teaching assistant (60%)  
University of Zurich  
Deadline: 26 May 2015

Up to 5 fully funded PhD positions in Political Science and Sociology  
Scuola Normale Superiore and University of Bologna  
Deadline: 31 August 2015

Doctoral candidate on East Asian Security  
Freie Universität Berlin  
Graduate School of East Asian Studies  
Deadline: 31 May 2015

2 tenure-track positions as Assistant Professor in International Relations  
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile  
Deadline: Until positions are filled

Research Assistant  
Philipps-Universität Marburg  
Deadline: 31 May 2015

PhD student Development Economics/Political Economy  
Heidelberg University  
Deadline: 10 June 2015

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