Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

we are in the middle of our Summer Term Programme with the next seminar on “QCA and Case Selection” coming up in the next two days. We hope that you have enjoyed the seminars so far and are looking forward to further interesting courses lying ahead.

I would like to remind you of this year’s Graduation Reception, which is going to take place soon (30 May). It is a great opportunity to catch up with our graduates and we hope that many of you will join us to celebrate with them!

In this newsletter, the StudReps are reflecting on the doctoral retreat and our new student assistant Nina Sökefeld is introducing herself.

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 maren.wagner@giga-hamburg.de.

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News

Ana Karen Negrete García has submitted her dissertation!


General Assembly

The StudReps have organized the next General Assembly of GIGA’s doctoral students. It will take place on Tuesday, 23 May at 2:30pm. We highly encourage all doctoral students to attend the meeting!

DP coordination team

Laura Freitags contract as student assistant has ended last month. We would like to thank her for her great support and commitment in the past six months!

Since this month the DP has a new student assistant. Nina Sökefeld has already worked as student assistant for the DP and thus knows the programme already quite well. She introduces herself in one of the sections below. You can reach Nina via email: nina.soekfeld@giga-hamburg.de.

DP Jour Fixe

The last DP Jour Fixe had to be postponed. It will take place on Wednesday, 24 May at 2pm. We will talk, among other things, about the winter term course programme planning and hope to see many of you there.

On a general note

I would like to remind you to please inform us (or other responsible persons) in case you cannot attend a (research) meeting, are away on conference travel etc. and keep us updated about any changes in your planning regarding the latter or other issues relevant to the DP. Also, should you not be able to attend a course you have registered for, please send a short email to me to let us know. This should go without saying!

External Courses

Advanced training in SPSS at HSU

The Helmut Schmidt University is offering an advanced training in SPSS (in German only!) in July 2017. Further information can be found here.

Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics (BGPE)

The BGPE is based on the cooperation of academic researchers from different Bavarian universities and other renowned centers of economic research in Bavaria. The program offers courses, workshops, and advice by the best scientists in the field. The Bavarian Graduate Program in Economics invites excellent doctoral students in Economics to participate in its courses, workshops, and seminars. Further information on individual courses and registration deadlines can be found here.

ILO Executive Course: Evaluating Labour Market Programmes

The ILO Youth Employment Programme and the OECD Development Centre, in partnership with IFAD and 3ie, are offering the Executive Course: Evaluating Labour Market Programmes, to be held 2-6 July 2017 in Amman, Jordan. Youth employment practitioners, managers and implementers of ac-
We are currently working on … your Student Representatives

Dear all,

in this contribution, we would like to briefly reflect on our doctoral retreat and draw your attention to a couple of upcoming events.

As most of you know, on 28 and 29 April we enjoyed the first retreat of GIGA doctoral students in recent times. At ‘Altes Pfarrhaus’, located in the small village of Blücher, our group was warmly welcomed.

We believe that the good preparation, very motivated and proactive participants, an ambitious agenda including participants’ contributions, delicious food and drinks, climbing up the tower of the nearby church which offered a great view on the nature-sanctuary surrounding the village…provided a relaxed and stimulating environment. It gave room for informal exchange, discussions and simply socializing. Besides, our workshops were pretty productive:

- We elaborated on searching and establishing synergies between our individual research projects through matching our interests and approaches and subsequent group discussions. We found three major fields for potential synergies/cooperation: social movements, south-south relations and authoritarianism-democratization. Sub-settings included contestation of concepts, lessons learned from field research and overlaps between economics and political science.

- In an exciting and very constructive debate we reflected upon GIGA’s Global Approach – its strengths and applicability, its potential challenges in theoretical and practical terms – and upon the implications for our work. We decided to collect the input and formulate a position paper. All doctoral students are encouraged to participate in the drafting of this document (see below).

- We discussed possible ways to better disseminate our contributions, including the central collection of links to blog entries or other initiatives of original blogging, e.g. ‘Make Facts Great Again’. For the latter, please contact Christoph Heuser for more details.

- In a session on current developments at GIGA, we spoke about the potential creation of an interest group of (senior) researchers, the next general assembly, the opportunities within the framework of the Leibniz PhD Network and the Network of Networks among other things.

- The workshop on career development, professional future options for young researchers and publishing research gave first-hand information on these issues.

To all those who were part of our retreat: thanks a lot, we had a great time with you. For those of you who were unable to attend, there will be another chance. We decided to establish a tradition of doctoral retreats once a year – in whatever context. This year we were financially supported by GIGA, definitely a great contribution we appreciate.
And here are some other points that you should keep in mind:

- The next general assembly will take place on 23 May already at 14:30hr in room 237.
- The open document listing suggestions for the Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series is accessible here.

- The date for working on our position paper on the Global Approach will be announced soon.

Best, your StudReps Lisa, Christian and Tom.

Do you know … our new Student Assistant: Nina Sökefeld

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

I am happy to introduce (and to some of you perhaps re-introduce) myself as the new Student Assistant at the GIGA Doctoral Programme!

My name is Nina Sökefeld and I'm currently doing my Master's studies in sociology at the University of Hamburg. After having worked in the position of the GIGA DP Student Assistant between October 2015 and March 2016, I am very pleased to be back for another time and looking forward to meeting you!

Best,

Nina

Jobs and Career Opportunities

**Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships**
Politics and International Relations
University of Nottingham
Deadline: 30 June 2017

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow – Economic Modelling of Energy and Climate Change**
Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), Dublin
Deadline: 26 May 2017

**Lecturers/Assistant Professors in Politics and International Relations**
University College Dublin
Deadline: 30 May 2017

**Research Associate in Public Policy and Political Change**
University of Cambridge
Deadline: 30 June 2017

**Research Fellow**
Portsmouth Business School
Deadline: 18 June 2017

**EU Project Manager**
Linnaeus University
Deadline: 14 June 2017

**Academic Research Coordinator**
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne
Deadline: 19 June 2017
## Upcoming Events

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