

# Doctoral Programme Newsletter



## May 2019

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

While you are busy with attending the courses of this summer term, we have just started to plan the courses for the winter term.

Besides the usual introductory seminars for the new fellows, we will also be able to offer a few more advanced methods and/or soft skills seminars. Please get in touch with me, should you have any particular wishes.

In this newsletter, our visiting doctoral researcher Marika Sosnowski is introducing herself and the student representatives are

reporting from the students' retreat that took place in late April.

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](mailto:madina.bizhanova@giga-hamburg.de).



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## News

On 10<sup>th</sup> of May [Cordula Tibi Weber](#) has submitted her dissertation on “The Contested Role of Courts in New Democracies: Political Interferences in Comparative Perspective” to the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Cordula!

On 21<sup>st</sup> of May [Pau Palop García](#) has successfully defended his dissertation on “Institutional Representation of Emigrants in their States of Origin: How much Presence from Abroad?” at FU Berlin. Congratulations, Pau!

We say farewell to our student assistant [Madina Bizhanova](#), whose contract will end by the end of this month. Thank you, Madina, for your support! We wish you all the best for finishing your studies.

[Lisa Hoffmann](#) will participate in a PhD workshop on “[Experimental Development Economics](#)” at the University of East Anglia in Norwich on 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

[Leonardo Bandarra](#) is attending the [LASA 2019](#) that is taking place from 24 – 27 May in Boston. He will present a paper on “Supply-Side Nuclear Cooperation: the 1975 Agreement with Brazil under a German perspective.”

[Tharcisio Leone](#) will present his paper on “The geography of mobility: Evidence of intergenerational educational persistence and the Great Gatsby Curve in Brazil” at the conference “[The Dynamics of Inequality Across the Life-course](#)” in Finland (6-8 June).

In his function as Spokesman of the Junior Research Group of ADLAF, Tharcisio Leone has furthermore organized the 6. ADLAF-Nachwuchstagung (Conference for young researchers) which took place in Hamburg on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May. The Conference provided a platform for high-level dialogue between young researchers with an emphasis on Latin America.

## Spotlight on... Visiting Doctoral Researchers

*Marika Sosnowski*

Through a mutual colleague, last year at the World Congress for Middle East Studies in Seville, I met André Bank. We found that we share a number of common research interests including local governance, humanitarian dynamics, authoritarian regime control and of course, a focus on Syria. During André and Christiane Fröhlich’s panel in Seville we also had a lively discussion about the dynamics between the academy and the world of policy and how these fields interact and constitute one another. Out of these interactions

came my interest in visiting the GIGA, seeing up close how it navigates its important role



in bridging the gap between the worlds of policy and academia as well as meeting and participating in the intellec-

tual life of the Institute and in Europe more broadly.

Over the past three years my research has focused on ceasefires and how they affect local dynamics and contested areas of control. As such, it fits well under both the GIGA's IMES and the Peace and Security Programme. I am scheduled to complete my PhD with publication in August this year and will be a visiting researcher at the GIGA until the end of June. I have had an article on how the 2016 Cessation of Hostilities affected local dynamics in southern Syria published in *Civil Wars*, and another, on the negotiation of statehood through the Syrian de-escalation zones, scheduled to be published in March next year in *Small Wars and Insur-*

*gencies*. Two other papers, one a typology of ceasefires and another on local truce and reconciliation agreements in Syria, are currently under review. A working paper which essentially summarises much of my PhD research was also recently published by the Program on Governance and Local Development at the University of Gothenburg.

I am also currently involved in a project examining legal identity under rebel governance through the University of Melbourne's Statelessness Hallmark Research Initiative and UGlobe, the Utrecht Centre for Global Challenges. As part of this, we are hosting a small workshop of practitioners and academics in Utrecht in June.

## Spotlight on... Doctoral Students Retreat 2019

On April 27-28, the Doctoral Students Retreat took place in the same location as last year: Gästehaus Altes Pfarrhaus near the quiet town of Blücher. To all the doctoral fellows and associates who took part in it, thank you very much for your engagement and your enthusiastic participation!

During our two days in Altes Pfarrhaus, we had the chance to participate in fruitful discussions on subjects concerning our academic life at the GIGA, as well as future career prospects. And, of course, we also took the opportunity to strengthen our student community by cooking together, sharing meals and snacks as well as a bonfire.

Issues discussed during the five working sessions included the organization of a DP Con-

ference on career planning as well as funding – especially, as a main concern, the discontinuation of the calls for “Seed Money”, which supported up to two students (bi)annually in their preparation of a postdoc proposal after their thesis submission or defense.

Our colleague Asma Khalifa held a very interesting session on consultant and freelancing jobs for social scientists. Viviana García and Jorge Rincón presented the recently published results of the Leibniz Network survey of doctoral students and researchers in Germany. A tour of the nearby church of Blücher was also part of the agenda.

Once again thank you very much for your enthusiastic participation!

*For the student representative, Clara Franco*

## Jobs and Career Opportunities

### [Assistant Professor or Associate Professor in Social Sciences](#)

Waseda Institute for Advanced Study, Tokyo  
 Deadline: 25 June 2019

### [Lecturer in Humanitarian Studies](#)

Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute, The University of Manchester  
 Deadline: 30 May 2019

### [Teaching Fellow or Senior Teaching Fellow in Political Economy or Comparative Politics](#)

Department of Politics & International Studies, University of Warwick  
 Deadline: 13 June 2019

### [Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter \(m/w/d\) am Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Professur für Politikwissenschaft Methoden der qualitativen empirischen Sozialforschung](#)

Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt  
 Deadline: 10 June 2019

### [Research Associate - Development Studies](#)

School of Social & Political Sciences, University of Glasgow  
 Deadline: 14 June 2019

### [Research Associate](#)

University of Bristol  
 Deadline: 17 June 2019

### [Rights Lab Research Associate/Fellow In Anti-slavery Data \(Fixed-Term\)](#)

University of Nottingham  
 Deadline: 4 June 2019

### [Lecturer positions in MA programme in Politics & Security](#)

OSCE Academy, Bishkek  
 Deadline: 31 May 2019

### [Teaching Vacancies for Summer School Programme](#)

OSCE Academy, Bishkek  
 Deadline: 31 May 2019

## Save the date

23 – 24 May 2019	<b>Seminar:</b> Introduction to LaTeX, Bruno Castanho Silva
27 May 2019	<b>Seminar:</b> Global Approach to CAS Series II, Saskia Ruth-Lovell
28 May 2019	Master Class with Sumit Ganguly
29 May 2019	<b>Colloquium:</b> Augusto Rinaldi & Désirée Reder
4-5 June 2019	<b>Seminar:</b> Process tracing methods – an introduction, Derek Beach

12 June 2019	<b>DP Jour Fixe</b>
12-13 June 2019	<b>Seminar:</b> An Introduction to the Logic and Practice of Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)
17 – 18 June 2019	<b>Soft Skills:</b> Presentation and Moderation Skills, Alexander Noß
24 June 2019	<b>Seminar:</b> Global Approach to CAS Series III, Miriam Prys-Hansen
26 June 2019	<b>Colloquium:</b> Jan Klenke