November 2016

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

we are in the middle of our Winter Term Programme and we hope that you have benefited from the seminars so far. We are also planning the programme for the next Summer Term – if you have any suggestions for particular courses, please get in touch.

In this newsletter, two of our new fellows – Leonardo Bandarra and Christian Ederer – introduce themselves. We also welcome Laura Freitag back to the DP – she will support the DP coordination team again as student assistant.

The student representatives are organizing a General Assembly of all GIGA doctoral students that will take place on 29 November (see the sections below for further details). Please save the date.

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

Anne Hoffmann defended her dissertation!

On 19 October, Anne Hoffmann has successfully defended her thesis on “Regional Public Policy-Making: The Case of UNASUR” at the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Anne!

Sebastian Renner has submitted his dissertation!

On 26 October, Sebastian Renner has submitted his dissertation about “Poverty, inequality and the decarbonisation of economic development” to the University of Göttingen. Congratulations, Sebastian!

DP coordination team

Since this month the DP has a student assistant again. Laura Freitag 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 Laura via email: laura.freitag@giga-hamburg.de.

Furthermore, there have been some changes regarding the division of tasks of the GIGA secretariats. As of now, Frederike Aumann takes over the secretariat services for the DP. Kerstin Labusga is still responsible for the DP application procedure.

DP colloquium – change of date

The date of the next colloquium has been changed from 30 November to 14 December. Victor Mijares and Christoph Heuser will present their projects. Please save the date.

General Assembly of doctoral students

The next General Assembly of all GIGA doctoral students will take place on 29 November 2016 (please also see the contribution of the StudReps below). The agenda includes a brief presentation of the Leibniz Association by Dr Sabine Müller who is a scientific coordinator at the Leibniz Association. Furthermore, the student representatives will give an outline of the recently founded Leibniz PhD Network and a brief report about their activities during the past months. The GIGA Christmas Party and ideas for a retreat of doctoral students next spring are other points to be discussed. And, a third student representative will be elected. We encourage you all to attend the meeting, so please save the date!

Who is where?


Ana Karen Negrete García attended the conference “Understanding the Challenges of Informality in Latin America: Political, Economic and Social Dimensions” at the Latin American Centre of the University of Oxford (3 – 5 November).

Insa Ewert will participate in the Young Leaders Forum and conference “Hamburg Summit: China meets Europe” taking place on 23 – 24 November in Hamburg. The Young Leaders Forum brings together exceptional personalities from business, politics, academics and societal organisations to discuss current topics of Sino-European relations.
I am currently working on … Leonardo Bandarra

Dear colleagues,

My name is Leonardo, a new doctoral fellow at the GIGA, and I am very glad to join such a reputable institute for the next few years. I am currently attached to ILAS, to FSP4 (RT1), and in the process of enrolment at the University of Göttingen, for my first supervisor is Professor Tobias Lenz.

My former institution was the University of Brasilia, in Brazil, where I did my master (International Relations History) and my Bachelor studies (International Relations), as well as where I had the opportunity to work in the editorial team of three scientific journals.

As for my research project, it consists of an analysis of the chief ideas behind the institutions for nuclear weapons non-proliferation in the Global South. Though the initial idea was to explore only the institutions in Latin America, I am presently changing my research design, in order to include a relevant case from another region.

I hope to integrate well and to make good use of GIGA’s remarkable physical and human structure.

Best Wishes,
Leonardo Bandarra.

I am currently working on … Christian Ederer

Hi guys,

I am Christian, one of the six doctoral students that started at GIGA this October. A native to the beautiful town of Castrop-Rauxel in the Ruhr Valley, this is my second layover in Hamburg. Having a M.Litt from the University of St. Andrews and a B.A. from the University of Hamburg, I am excited to do research close to the Alster once again.

I have a background in political science, with a strong tendency towards conflict- and security studies. Over the course of the last year my research was predominantly focused on questions related to political violence, in particular to terrorism and intrastate war. I am especially interested in violence escalation and mobilization processes during civil wars and the role state security sectors play in shaping the same.

I am currently working on specifying my dissertation topic, mostly struggling with getting a hold on what I do not want to do. Aiming at adding to the, putting it mildly, broad range of literature on the role of identity in civic conflicts, my dissertation is, as of now, going to examine the ambivalent role of security sector set ups in ethnically or religiously heterogenic societies on the escalation of violence in civil war and how the role of collective identities during conflict changes over the course of such processes.

Best, Christian
Do you know … our new Student Assistant: Laura Freitag

Dear GIGA-doctoral students,

following my time as Student Assistant in 2015 I'm very pleased to be back at the GIGA and to re-introduce me to you as your "new" Student Assistant.

My name is Laura Carolin Freitag and I'm studying Politics, Economics and Philosophy at the University of Hamburg.

Despite the fact that Hamburg certainly is the "Perle des Norden" insatiable wanderlust has urged me to live and study in Paris, Geneva and Boston - all within last year. Besides being a student I pretended to be a diplomat and I took part in numerous Model United Nations Conferences all over the world.

I hope to meet as many as possible (if not all) of you and I'm looking forward to another great time at the GIGA!

Best,
Laura

We are currently working on … your Student Representatives

Dear colleagues,

The end of 2016 is approaching and the year should be nicely despatched. Therefore, we are looking forward to make a recap with you and, most importantly, to plan together our upcoming steps.

Therefore, we kindly invite you to participate in the DP General Assembly. All GIGA Doctoral Students are expected to take part of it and it will take place on 29 November at 2:30 pm in room 237. Please bear in mind that your attendance is very important and confirm assistance in advance.

This time we have put special effort in preparing this event and it is particularly designed to meet your needs and to set priorities together. This is the current agenda:

- Brief report about the Stud.Reps activities during the past months.
- Updates concerning the GIGA PhD programme.
- Discussion of the survey results: working conditions and career development
- The GIGA Christmas Party.
- Ideas for a retreat of PhD students next spring.
- Miscellaneous.
- Election of a third doctoral representative.

Please note that Dr. Müller is a special guest. As a scientific coordinator at the Leibniz Association she is well informed about new developments at Leibniz itself and other institutes. She will be coming from Berlin to give you an insight about opportunities that are emerging within the Leibniz Association. Furthermore, some authorities of GIGA might shortly join us at the beginning of the GA.

Please send us any other important concerns you want to address, in order to put them on the agenda.
Lastly, if you have not already done so, please take two minutes to complete our recent survey:

https://studreps.typeform.com/to/Y5ykhu

Hoping to meet you soon,

Tom and Ana Karen

Thank you for your trust, we build on your feedback.

Jobs and Career Opportunities

**Lecturer in International Development: Poverty, Inequality and Pro-Poor Politics**
University of Manchester
Deadline: 24 November 2016

**Teaching Associate – Politics and International Relations**
Aston University
Deadline: 21 November 2016

**Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowships**
Queen Mary University of London
Deadline: 25 November 2016

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Political Science (Political Economy and/or Experimental Research)**
University of Oxford
Deadline: 21 November 2016

**Two research fellows (Global Governance)**
WZB Berlin Social Science Center
Deadline: 21 November 2016

**Professor of Public Policy**
Hertie School of Governance Berlin
Deadline: 27 November 2016

**Assistant Professor in Political Science (Comparative Politics)**
University of Amsterdam
Deadline: 21 November 2016

**Postdoctoral Research Position in Political Science (Sustainability and Governance)**
Lund University
Deadline: 30 November 2016

**Senior Researcher or Postdoc in the Social Sciences**
GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne
Deadline: 18 November 2016

**Program Coordinator**
Partnership with Africa Foundation, Potsdam
Deadline: 23 November 2016

**2 Project Officers**
The Global Young Academy (GYA), Halle/Saale
Deadline: 30 November 2016

**Teaching Fellow in Economics**
King’s College London, Political Economy Department
Deadline: 7 December 2016

**Postdoctoral positions at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG)**
The MPIfG offers up to three postdoctoral positions starting on 1 October 2017. The MPIfG conducts basic research on the governance of modern societies. It aims to develop an empirically based theory of the social and political foundations of modern economies by investigating the interrelation between social, economic and political action. Building on the disciplinary traditions of sociology and political science, the Institute’s research program aims to combine and develop the approaches of new economic sociology and comparative political economy.
Deadline: 31 January 2017
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