

Doctoral Programme Newsletter



November 2017

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

we are in the middle of our winter term that keeps you (especially the new fellows) busy with attending seminars. Furthermore, we have started planning the course programme for the next summer term – if you have any particular suggestions, please let us know.

In this newsletter, our new fellow Anna Fünfgeld introduces herself and Viviana reports from her first field research trip in El Salvador.

Your student representatives are currently organising the next General Assembly of the GIGA doctoral students. Among other things, the election of new student representatives is

on the agenda. The GA will take place on 20 November – 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 and who is where

Katharina van Treeck has defended her dissertation!

On 3 November, Katharina van Treeck has successfully defended her dissertation on “The Role of Labor in Sustainable Development” at the University of Göttingen. Congratulations, Katharina!

DP coordination team

We are happy to inform you that Nina Sökefeld will stay with us for another six months. Her contract as student assistant has been extended and we are looking very much forward to continue having her on board of the DP coordination team!

General Assembly of Doctoral Students

The next General Assembly of GIGA doctoral students will take place on 20 November at 2pm. An important point on the agenda is the election of three new student representatives. We would like to encourage all of you to consider running for this position, which is a great opportunity to engage in and get to know the processes at the GIGA.

Ximena Zapata participated in a seminar in Santiago de Chile (8 November) on China-Latin American relations where she gave a presentation on “Las relaciones sino-ecuatorianas: cooperación, dependencia e impacto ambiental.” Afterwards, Ximena headed to La Paz, Bolivia where she will stay as a visiting researcher at CIDES-UMSA (Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, Postgrado en Ciencias del Desarrollo) until late December, followed by a field research stay in Ecuador until the end of January 2018. Wishing you a good time, Ximena!

Anna Fünfgeld is currently attending the Climate Change Conference and related side events in Bonn for research purposes (4-17 November). She also participated in a conference at the University of Bonn focusing on “The Politics of Climate Change in Southeast Asia” (15 November) where she gave a presentation entitled “Backwards into the Future? Coal-Based Energy Policy in Indonesia.”

I am currently working on ... Anna Fünfgeld

Dear all,

my name is Anna Fünfgeld. I'm a PhD candidate at the International Politics Department of the University of Freiburg. Since October 2017, I'm also a doctoral fellow at the GIGA, and a member of RP4 and ILAS. I hold a Magister (M.A.) degree in political science, geography, and anthropology as well as a teaching degree (Staatsexamen) from Freiburg University, where I've been previously also working as a research assistant and lecturer.



In my PhD project, I'm working on energy and climate policy in Indonesia and Brazil. I'm specifically interested in the question(s) how energy policies are negotiated on the domestic level and in how far norms and principles established in international climate negotiations are rele-

vant to those processes. My supervisors are Prof. Jürgen Rüländ (University of Freiburg) and Prof. Detlef Nolte (GIGA). My research is based on a qualitative approach, including semi-structured interviews and participant observation in both countries as well as at international climate summits. Further research interests include natural resources and resource conflicts, political ecology, and state theories (especially (neo)Gramscian approaches).

Aside from my research, I'm excited about producing and moderating radio emissions for a free radio station in Freiburg, being en-

gaged in a political education program on the prevention of right-wing-extremism, playing bass and electric guitar, and going for a hike or biking tour every now and then.

I'm very much looking forward to meeting all of you and exchanging on questions related to my research topics and areas, on interesting theoretical and methodological approaches, and beyond. Drop me a note at anna.fuenfgeld@giga-hamburg.de or just meet me at the doctoral students' office.

Best,

Anna

I am currently working on ... Viviana García Pinzón

Hi Everyone,

I am sending you greetings from El Pulgarcito de América (America's Tom Thumb), that is how people in El Salvador lovingly call their country due to its small size. Time flies, and while I write this short report, I am thinking about the last remaining days of my fieldwork here.

Right now, I am in San Salvador, but I have spent the previous weeks traveling from the north to the south of the country doing interviews and trying to fathom the impact of violence in Salvadorian urban residents and in the formation and dynamics of cities as social spaces. I am here also as a visiting student at the Centro American University.



As Doctoral Student at GIGA, I investigate how violent conflict (from war to social vio-

lence) has contributed to shaping urban spaces in the context of post-conflict and partial post-conflict societies in Latin America and how the characteristics of these cities engender, in turn, the conditions for (re)production of violence. At the core of my research lays the question regarding what kind of urban societies have resulted in a national context of violence and polarization and who is in/excluded from the right to the city. Moreover, I am interested in the ways both the State and society have coped with the problem of urban violence.

I focus on intermediate-size cities in El Salvador and Colombia. In El Salvador my cases are two: Chalatenango and Sonsonate. Chalatenango is located in the north of the country and was one of the epicenters of the civil war that took place between 1980 and 1992. Meanwhile, Sonsonate is in the south, close to the Pacific Ocean, and was hardly affected by the war. However, during the last 15 years Sonsonate has had skyrocketing rates of homicide and, in contrast, Chalatenango has remained as a city with low levels of homicide, which is quite interesting given the national context and the specific history of this territory.

During my stay, I have conducted interviews with diverse actors, such as policymakers, politicians, policemen, scholars, local authorities, ex-combatants, international cooperation representatives, and grassroots leaders. Besides, I have participated in some of the activities for violence prevention organized by the local authorities. So far what has been striking to me is how, after more than two decades of the war's end, most of the wounds, inequality, and polarization remain. It seems that the promise of a more inclusive society that the transformation of the guerrilla into a political party and the whole democratization process represented has run out for most of the citizens. The effects of a divided society become even more apparent when you visit the marginalized cities located out of the Metropolitan Area of San Salvador.

Finally, while this visit has been very stimulating to me as a researcher, it has also been a heartwarming experience for me as a person who is passionate about Latin America. People have been amazingly kind and friendly. Most of them has been eager not only to participate in my research, but also to open their houses and tell me their stories, to warn me about the do's and don'ts during my trips in the country, and to give me advice about where to find the best landscapes and the most delicious pupusas (typical dish).

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Viviana

Jobs and Career Opportunities

[Research Fellow "National Academics Panel Study"](#)

German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW), Hannover

Deadline: 26 November 2017

[Junior Research Group Leader](#)

German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW), Hannover

Deadline: 30 November 2017

[Research Administrator](#)

Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Centre for research funding

Deadline: 19 November 2017

[University Assistant \(Postdoc\), Economics](#)

University of Vienna, Department of Economics

Deadline: 1 December 2017

[Postdoctoral Fellowship \(Fiscal Studies\)](#)

Institute for Fiscal Studies, London

Deadline: 24 November 2017

[Junior Research Fellowships](#)

University of Cambridge, St Catharine's College

Deadline: 22 November 2017

[Lecturer in International Relations](#)

University of New England, Australia

Deadline: 1 January 2018

[Lecturer \(Politics\)](#)

University of York, Department of Politics

Deadline: 3 December 2017

[Lecturer in Political Economy](#)

King's College London

Deadline: 30 November 2017

Upcoming Events

20 November 2017	General Assembly of Doctoral Students
23 – 24 November 2017	Winter Term Seminar: Qualitative Approaches to Data Collection and Analysis (Lea Sgier)
29 November 2017	Colloquium: Christian Ederer, Lisa Hoffmann
13 December 2017	DP Christmas Jour Fixe
15 December 2017	GIGA Christmas Party