Dear GIGA doctoral students,

in November the Winter Term Programme on Area and Comparative Area Studies has taken place at the GIGA. About 15-20 participants from GIGA and the UHH used the opportunity to broaden their knowledge on related topics and visited our courses. We would like to thank you for your active participation and the lecturers for the efforts they took! Step by step the year 2013 is now coming to an end and we are already in the middle of planning the programme for 2014. Just take a look on your website.

Regarding the DAAD selection the GIGA and the UHH made up their minds and sent their selected candidates to the DAAD. We hope to know who will join the programme in April by the beginning of next year.

Best wishes,
Stephanie

P.S. If you would like to share information like job placements, research stays and conference visits, upcoming events or things you are working on at the moment in the upcoming newsletter, please just send an e-mail by December 15 to garling@giga-hamburg.de

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Travel Grants – Visits to supervisors

It has been decided that **up to 4 visits per year to one supervisor in Germany** will be financed through GIGA’s general budget. As a rule, this should be the first thesis supervisor.

So, from now on, if you plan to visit your supervisor, fill in an ordinary “Dienstreiseantrag” (travel request) prior to the visit to be signed by Stephanie Garling and/or Miriam Prys and state

- which person you are visiting
- where you go
- for what reason (colloquium, individual supervision meeting, presentation etc.)
- when/for how long.

The usual regulations for work travels/Dienstreisen apply. One-time visits by your supervisor to Hamburg will be decided on a case-by-case basis – please contact the coordinator on this regard.

Institutionalising this rule is the result of very constructive and unbecaureatic cooperation of quite some people within the GIGA. Our special thanks go therefore to the Board of Directors and Julia Kramer as well as Anna Sunik and Peter Peetz.

Regularities regarding interns

The general rule at the GIGA is that doctoral students should not have an intern because they are themselves still in a period of education. Only in very well argued cases and if there is a free working place for the intern an exception might be made. According to the general GIGA rule the internship should not exceed 6-8 weeks. Please always contact the coordinator on these issues well in advance.

Some points we would also like you to keep in mind are the following: A) No exploitation! The GIGA always tries to meet general standards of social responsibility. Unpaid work is therefore only allowed in very exceptional cases and with good reasons for it. B) Permission! Your supervisor needs to agree on it and the coordinator of the doctoral programme needs to be informed. C) Responsibility! Keep in mind that you are responsible for the intern. You need to care about his/her integration into the GIGA, write his/her certificates, reports etc.

“Research in practice” – Lecture by Kathlyn Hochstetler

In her lecture, Kathryn Hochstetler will share her wide research experiences by giving insight into the different steps that research projects generally require. She will use her project on the environmental dimensions of the developmental state in Brazil as an example to illustrate how a project progresses through different stages. She will discuss, for instance, advantages and disadvantages of the use of different methods (case studies, large-n) and how decisions on the use of a specific method impact on the overall project. Kathy is an expert especially on civil society and social movements, environmental politics, and presidentialism, with an empirical focus on South America. In November, she is visiting professor in the research project on Contested World Orders at the GIGA.

The lecture will take place on November 20 at 10am in room 550.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!
Natalie Hess has handed in her thesis

Already in October Natalie has handed in her thesis! Congratulations and best wishes for the defense!

Anna Barrera has handed in her thesis

Just a couple of days ago Anna Barrera has handed in her thesis! Congratulations and all the best!

Lena Giesbert has defended her thesis

On 14 November Lena Giesbert has successfully defended her thesis at the HU Berlin. It was supervised by Tilmann Brück and Susann Steiner. Congratulations!!!

Pascal Abb has defended his thesis

Already in early November Pascal successfully defended his thesis at the UHH. It was supervised by Partick Köllner. Congratulations, Pascal!

Research Fellow/Doctoral Student

After successfully changing the title of your positions – please check again that you use them in the correct way. Thank you!

International Doctoral Students Night

On Thursday, 21.11.2013, 6 – 9 pm in the function room of PIANTA – Intercultural Living and Learning, Rentzelstraße 17 Groundfloor

Register with: yi.wang@verw.uni-hamburg.de

Jobs/Funding

Assistant Professor Arab and Middle Eastern Studies; Lebanon

http://www.aub.edu.lb/fas/fas_home/academic-employment/Pages/academic-positions.aspx#8

Postdoctoral Position, Stockholm University

http://www.su.se/english/about/vacancies/post-doctoral-positions/postdoctoral-position-1.152333

Doctoral Position, University of Bergen

http://www.jobbnorge.no/job.aspx?jobid=97876

Lectureship in IR, Keele

http://tinyurl.com/AC13-50

37 PhD positions, Milan


Post-Doc BIGSSS, Bremen

http://www.bigsss-bremen.de/admissions.html

Assistant Professor Latin American Politics, Hankuk University

http://gsias.hufs.ac.kr/

Assistant Professor Political Science, Copenhagen

http://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/AHP407/assistant-professor-postdoc-position-at-the-department-of-political-science
Who is where? (field research, conferences…)

Isabel Rosales will present at the Norwegian Latin America Research Network NOLAN 2013 Conference, Latin America: Challenging Frontiers, November 27-29. She was also invited to participate in the Central American Research Network workshop, an initiative of researchers from several universities in Europe interested in improving the communication between the small group of Europe-based centralamericanists within the Social Sciences.

This will take place as a side-event of NOLAN, November 30 2013.

On 11 November Ina Peters participated in the colloquium „Politik von unten“ at the TU Berlin with a talk on „Collective Identities and Interpretative Frames in the Collective Action against the Belo Monte Dam“.

I’m currently working on…Daniel Simons

Shalom,

My name is Daniel and I just recently began my dissertation project within the GIGA Doctoral Programme. As I am coming from an IR perspective, I will be affiliated with RP 4, studying the configurations of regional order in the Middle East. Obviously, I will be a member of the IMES team as well. My specific dissertation project is presenting itself as a very volatile issue at the moment, with to-be-observed objects and theoretical approaches alternating in my head on a daily basis. But I am sure to be coming up with some more detailed sketch in the next weeks.

Before moving to Hamburg, I’ve lived in Ludwigshafen and Mainz, where I studied Political Science. Having the opportunity of being a part of the GIGA DP means a lot to me and I am looking forward to the next three years, fruitful debates and maybe some post-academic-routine activities.

Best, Daniel
I’m currently working on... Soledad Granada

Moinchen,

my name is Soledad I recently started officially my doctoral project at GIGA, but I have been here a bit longer... doing internship first and then working in different projects related to conflict, post-conflict violence and about Colombia (my homeland).

Originally economist, but worked several years in conflict and violence analysis, transiting to Political Sciences in Colombia form where most of my research has derived so far. My dissertation project addresses the security-development nexus within the comparative study of approaches for peacebuilding at grassroots level in context of war or partial post-war. I’m trying to understand how can elicit and prescriptive peacebuilding approaches can be linked to build allow peacebuilding and to contribute to a statebuilding strategy...

Right now, still working with big abstract concepts, designing my methodological strategy and finding cases for comparison.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in case you want to talk about peace, war or need information about Colombia.

Peace,
soledad

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