

# Doctoral Programme Newsletter



October 2017

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

the past weeks have been exciting for the DP. We have welcomed three new fellows: Anna Fünfgeld, Johannes Langer, and Tevin Tafese. They will introduce themselves in the upcoming newsletters, starting with Tevin's introduction in this newsletter.

We have organized two welcome days for the "newbies" and would like to thank everyone involved for their contributions. We hope that many of you found the time to join the pub visit to get to know your new colleagues.

Furthermore, our winter term started last week with two soft skills seminars. We war looking forward to further interesting seminars coming up in the next few weeks!

Your student representative Lisa attended the conference of the Leibniz PhD Network. You can read her report in one of the sections below.

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](mailto:maren.wagner@giga-hamburg.de).



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## News

### **Insa Ewert has submitted her dissertation!**

On 22 September, Insa Ewert has submitted her dissertation with the title "The China Watchers. EU Trade Policy in the Making" to the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Insa, and we wish you a great start with your new job in Jakarta!

### **Elisabeth Bunselmeyer has submitted her dissertation!**

On 11 October, Elisabeth Bunselmeyer has submitted her dissertation with the title "Trust Repaired? The Impact of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Reparation Program on Social Cohesion in Post-Conflict Communities of Peru" to the University of Marburg. Congratulations, Lisa!

## Who is where?

**Tom Konzack** presented a paper on "From Social Movements to Terrorist Organisations: The Role of Resources in the Process of Radicalisation" at the conference of the German Association for Political Science (fifth open section conference, IR section) in Bremen (4 – 6 October).

**Viviana García Pinzón** has left Hamburg at the beginning of this month for a field research trip to El Salvador where she will stay for a period of two months. We wish you a successful time, Viviana!

## External Courses and Winter Schools

### **2018 ECPR Winter School**

The next ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques will take place at Bamberg's Graduate School of Social Sciences, from **2-9 March 2018**. It offers courses in qualitative and quantitative topics. The registration has opened on 4 October and closes on 18 December. Further information and registration details can be found [online](#).

### **ERSA Winter School**

The ERSA Winter School will take place in Lille, France from 22-26 January 2018. It aims to provide PhD Students and young researchers with the very latest advances in regional sciences on the topics of innovation and structural changes. The application

deadline is already on 30 October 2017. Further information on the programme and registration procedure is available [online](#).

### **Tallinn Winter School**

The Tallinn Winter School will take place from 8-26 January 2018 and offers for example courses on academic writing in English. Further information and registration details are available [online](#).

### **FUBiS Winter University**

The FU Berlin offers several courses in its winter term, for example a course on "Law Society and Politics in Comparative Perspective", taking place between 3-25 January 2018. Further information and registration details can be found [online](#).

## I am currently working on ... Tevin Tafese

Hi everyone,

My name is Tevin Tafese. I am a PhD candidate in Economics at the University of Göttingen, supervised by Prof. Jann Lay, and one of the new fellows at the GIGA Doctoral Programme.



After completing my undergraduate studies in Socioeconomics at the University of Hamburg and the San Diego State University, I graduated with a MA in International Economics with a special focus on European integration and development economics.

My dissertation topic is “Structural change and growth in Africa”. I address this basic question from different perspectives in different papers. In my first paper I will examine

the dynamics of micro and small enterprises of the informal economy in Uganda on the basis of a dataset compiled within the research project “Performance and Dynamics of Micro and Small Firms in Developing Countries” at the IAA in the RP3. In further papers I intend to address my research question by elaborating on firm dynamics in sub-Saharan Africa beyond the informal economy and by focusing on policy, external and sectoral drivers.

I really appreciate that in the short time I am at the GIGA, I have already had great conversations with many people who are doing fascinating research and who come from different fields than my own. In that sense, I am looking forward to meeting you and if any of you is interested in my research topics, tell me something about your own research or would just like to watch some football together at the Hofbräu just around the corner, feel free to come around at the doctoral students’ office or mail me at [tevin.tafese@giga-hamburg.de](mailto:tevin.tafese@giga-hamburg.de).

## We are currently working on ... your Student Representatives

In September, student representatives of most Leibniz institutes attended the 2nd General Assembly of the Leibniz PhD Network at LIKAT in Rostock. The Leibniz PhD Network is a platform for all doctoral researchers of Germany’s Leibniz institutes which aims at promoting an intensified exchange between and within the various research fields and institutes.

Besides the General Assembly, there will now be the *Science Communication Conference* in Berlin on 6-8 November 2017. This conference is jointly organized by PhD networks of Leibniz, Helmholtz and Max Planck institutes and registration is already open.

If you would like to become active in one of the Leibniz PhD network’s working groups, please let us know as there are always many ways to contribute: You can engage in the *communication group* (newsletters, facebook group etc.), the *event group* (organizing events like the upcoming conference in Berlin or the next interdisciplinary conference in spring 2018) or in the *diversity, equal opportunities & working conditions group*.

As part of the latter group, we would like to inform you that we will soon – most likely in 3-4 weeks – distribute an online survey to learn more about the conditions at different Leibniz institutes. Please participate in this

anonymous survey as it will set the agenda for the next steps of the *working conditions group*. As most Leibniz institutes offer work contracts to their doctoral researchers, it will be important that GIGA doctoral researchers without work contract participate as well! This way we might be in a better bargaining posi-

tion when it comes to having the other Leibniz institutes as a benchmark.

Contact us if you are interested in more information regarding the Leibniz PhD network.

Best wishes,  
Your Stud-Reps



## Jobs and Career Opportunities

### [Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

European University Institute, Florence  
Deadline: 25 October 2017

### [Lecturer in Comparative Politics](#)

University of Leeds  
Deadline: 27 October 2017

### [Research Fellows \(Postdoc\), Centre for Political and Legal Analytics](#)

Cardiff University  
Deadline: 2 November 2017

### [Postdoctoral Research Fellowship – Politics of Middle East and North Africa](#)

College of Europe, Warsaw  
Deadline: 3 November 2017

### [Assistant Professorship in IR \(security studies and war studies\)](#)

University of Southern Denmark  
Deadline: 1 November 2017

### [15 LMU Research Fellowships](#)

LMU invites applications from early-stage postdoctoral researchers from all fields of research who have recently completed their doctoral degrees. The program gives successful candidates the opportunity to carry out an independent research project with the support of an LMU professor and enhances their career development by fostering the training and mobility of fellows.  
Deadline: 1 December 2017

### [Postdoctoral Research Fellow \(Economics\)](#)

University of Surrey, School of Economics  
Deadline: 31 October 2017

[Research Grants Coordinator](#)

Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

Deadline: 31 October 2017

[Early Career Research Fellowships 2018](#)

University of Cambridge

Deadline: 13 November 2017

## Upcoming Events

24 – 25 October 2017	<b>Winter Term Seminar:</b> Basic principles of research design and strategy (Benoit Rihoux)
25 October 2017	<b>Colloquium:</b> Bruno Theodoro Luciano
1 – 2 November 2017	<b>Winter Term Seminar:</b> Quantitative Approaches to Data Collection and Analysis (Liam McGrath)
8 November 2017	<b>DP Jour Fixe</b>
13 November 2017	<b>Workshop:</b> Introduction to Zotero (Birte Pfeiffer)
23 – 24 November 2017	<b>Winter Term Seminar:</b> Qualitative Approaches to Data Collection and Analysis (Lea Sgier)
29 November 2017	<b>Colloquium:</b> Christian Ederer, Lisa Hoffmann