

Doctoral Programme Newsletter



October 2018

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

the past weeks have been exciting for the DP. We have welcomed six new fellows: Hager Ali, Asma Khalifa, Jan Klenke, Tharcisio Leone, Jayane Maia, and Jorge Rincón. They will introduce themselves in the upcoming newsletters. Hana Attia, Swantje Schirmer, and Niklas Krösche have also joined the GIGA recently and will officially become associates of the DP soon.

We have welcomed the new doctoral students during our Welcome Week and said farewell to our Graduates during the Graduation Reception. We would like to thank everyone involved for their contributions in these two events!

Furthermore, the courses of our winter term are about to start this week. We are looking forward to interesting seminars coming up in the next two months!

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 madi-na.bizhanova@giga-hamburg.de.



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News and who is where?

DP coordination team: The DP has found a new student assistant! We welcome Madina Bizhanova who will assist the DP for the next year. See her introduction below.

Clara Franco is currently on field research in Mexico. During her stay she is also a visit-

ing researcher at El Colegio de México. Clara will write a short report for the next newsletter. **Richard Roewer** is on fieldwork in Myanmar since July and sends his greetings to all of you.

Graduation Reception 2018

This year's Graduation Reception took place on 5 October. We have honoured and 14 graduates who have successfully completed the GIGA Doctoral Programme since our last Graduation in May 2017. The topics of their dissertations ranged from micro enterprises in Mexico to social mobility in South Africa.

GIGA President Prof Dr Amrita Narlikar congratulated the graduates and stressed the policy implications of their research. She also welcomed six new doctoral students

who joined us this fall. After receiving their certificates, the three attending graduates received a special surprise in form of individual laudatory speeches from fellow colleagues. The following reception provided the opportunity to chat and exchange.

We would like to thank you all for coming to celebrate with us and making this a very nice and lively event. Special thanks also to all those involved in helping to organise the reception!



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Do you know... our new Student Assistant

My name is **Madina Bizhanova** and I am a newcomer at the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies based in Hamburg. Previously I have been studying Political Science and International Relations in Kazakhstan.

For the upcoming study year 2018–2019, I will dive myself into the world of peace and security studies at the University of Hamburg. In parallel, I will assist the Acting Academic Director of the Doctoral



Programme, Dr Maren Wagner as her Student Assistant. In case you have any questions or queries related to the DP, please feel free to contact me at

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Do you know ... our Visiting Doctoral Researchers

I am **Pedro Costa**, PhD Candidate in Political Science at the State University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. I am one of the new visiting doctoral researchers at the GIGA, where I am



working with Mariana Llanos and the research team of Democratic Institutions of the ILAS until September 2019. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports my research stay in Hamburg.

In my PhD dissertation, I have been comparing anti-poverty policies, mainly the

cash transfer ones, among new democracies in the developing world. My interest lies in understanding how political institutions shape policy designs and how does it matter for the evolution of poverty in a given society. To do so, I am comparing Mexico, Brazil and South Africa from 1990 to 2020 using a mixed-methods approach that combines multilevel regression, institutional analysis and process tracing. I am also deeply interested in politics, social inequalities, political institutions, statistics and other scientific methods. If you want to debate about one of these topics or about our research themes come to see me in my office (room 624) within the current working hours or just write me an email at pedro.costa@giga-hamburg.de.

Hello, I am **José Fredman**, a Ph.D candidate in Political Science at the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, México, having a scholarship for doctoral students of the CONACYT (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología). From October until December, I am a Visiting Doctoral Researcher at the ILAS. The research questions of my thesis are: How do indigenous migrants participate in electoral politics in the Metropolitan Area of Monterrey? What are the key features of the political participation of indigenous people in the Metropolitan Area of Monterrey and what is their capacity to have a say in governmental, political, economic, and social decisions? What is the relationship between indigenous voters and political parties in the Metropolitan Area of Monterrey? How do the cultural practices of indigenous migrants affect their electoral participation in the Metropolitan Area of Monterrey?

Marcus Walsh-Führung is in his last year as Ph.D. candidate in International Relations at Universität Bremen where he has taught both Comparative Politics and Theories of European Integration. His current research aims to address the claim that a weak tax structure causes self-regulation of the political economy in the federal government of Brazil. In this context, his dissertation discusses the effects of



I hope that the doctoral research visit at the GIGA will broaden my analytical perspective, place the case of Monterrey and its Metropolitan area – which is currently the city with the highest rates of growth of



indigenous population and, simultaneously, discrimination in the country – within an international research agenda, and contribute – ultimately – to the promotion of change in Mexican society and institutions. I am sure that carrying out several months at one of the foremost institutes of area studies on Latin America within the EU will be an invaluable opportunity to do so.

institutional conflicts between the Brazilian federal government, and international and local stakeholders in a multi-governance structure and the subsequent transformation of the Brazilian federal government. In addition, he has conducted research on governmental and business elites and their impact on institutions. He intends to expand his current research on taxation and regulation beyond Brazil.

Marcus will be at the GIGA as a visiting doctoral researcher for four months until the end of January 2019 and is affiliated with the ILAS and Research Programme 4 during his stay.

Jobs and Career Opportunities

[Research Officer \(Gendered Peace\)](#)

LSE London

Deadline: 24 October 2018

[Programme Officer, Convoco Foundation](#)

London

Deadline: 31 October 2018

[4 Lecturer Positions \(Dep. of Politics\)](#)

University of York

Deadline: 13 November 2018

[Lecturer in Latin American Politics/International Development](#)

Queen Mary University of London

Deadline: 15 November 2018

[Tenure track position in Comparative Politics and Multilevel Governance](#)

Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Deadline: 15 November 2018

[Assistant Professor in Politics and Islam](#)

Durham University

Deadline: 19 November 2018

[Researcher with a focus on Transatlantic Security](#)

Danish Institute for International Studies

Deadline: 12 November 2018

[Research fellow in interdisciplinary research project](#)

University of Birmingham

Deadline: 18 November 2018

Upcoming Events

18 October 2018	Winter Term Seminar: Introduction to Zotero (Birte Pfeiffer)
23 October 2018	Winter Term Seminar: Global Approach to CAS Series I (Patrick Köllner)
25–26 October 2018	Winter Term Seminar: Research Design and Strategy (Melanie Kolbe)
30 October 2018	Colloquium: Viviana García Pinzón and Sharinee Jagtiani
1 – 2 November 2018	Winter Term Seminar: Mixed Methods Research (Erin Jenne)

5 – 6 November 2018	Winter Term Seminar: Intro Quantitative Approaches (Philippe Blanchard)
8 November 2018	Soft Skills Seminar: Media- and Communication Training (Katrin Prüfig)
13 November 2018	Winter Term Seminar: Global Approach to CAS Series II (Christian von Soest)
14 November 2018	DP Jour Fixe
14 November 2018	Soft Skills Seminar: Academic Writing (Louise Kennedy)
19 November 2018	GIGA Annual Outing