
Doctoral Programme Newsletter



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Dear all,

We have welcomed six new fellows to our programme earlier this month: Andrew Crawford, Lukian De Boni, Dastan Jasim, Indi-Carolina Kryg, Ana Soares, and Caspar Ziegler. Dastan is introducing herself in this newsletter.

During the Welcome Days, the newbies had the chance to get first helpful insights into the GIGA's structure, research life, and working environment. Thanks to all the colleagues who participated and made this warm welcome happen!

The courses of our winter term programme are starting soon, with the first module on research design and practice coming up next week. We are looking forward to see how the newly structured training turns out.

You will find a new form of spotlight in this newsletter: We thought it would be a great idea to integrate reports from our alumni from time to time to learn more about their individual career path and their current positions.



Ingrid Fromm volunteered to make a first contribution (see below) – many thanks!

Best wishes,
Maren

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News

In the beginning of October, [Jan Klenke](#) attended the [General Assembly \(GA\) of the Leibniz PhD Network](#). On the first day, the programme was packed with the sessions of the network's working groups on different topics from the survey results to the corona situation. Friday was all about electing a new Steering Committee, following a report on the last year, which saw a lot of work on Corona related issues, and Pankhuri Saxena (DPZ in Göttingen) and Jan Klenke were elected spokespersons of the new steering committee. Congratulations Jan! Serhii Svyarets (ZMO in Berlin) is now spokesperson of Section B of the network (which the GIGA belongs to).

[Nils Lukacs](#) presented a [GIGA working paper](#) at the annual conference of the [Middle East Studies Association \(MESA\)](#) in Washington DC. The event took place online this year.

[Swantje Schirmer](#) presented two papers at the annual conference of the International Relations section of the German Political Science Association (GPSA). She also attended an Online-Writing-Retreat which was hosted by the Hamburg Research Academy in collaboration with the University of Hamburg.

Spotlight on ... Ingrid Fromm

I am convinced that by opening doors, we can help individuals reach their full potential. By doing so, we not only build other people up, we also build better societies and in turn, a better world. Three German institutions did just that, they opened the door to me and helped me reach my full professional potential—Leipzig University, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Institute for Global and Area Studies. I am originally from Honduras and after

[Rebecca Lohmann](#) and [Lisa Hoffmann](#) currently conduct a phone survey about the impact of Covid-19 in rural Liberia.

[Désirée Reder](#) and [Juliana Tappe Ortiz](#) participated in the [Conflict Dynamics Workshop](#) at Nuffield College (Oxford University) which was held virtually this year. Désirée presented a paper titled "The Rationale of Repression – violent repression of peaceful protest and the management of political costs in Nicaragua 2018-2020". Juliana presented the paper "Homo pacificus? – Dispositions, Costs and Readiness for Peace Processes".

[Leonardo Bandarra](#) published an article titled "[From Bonn with love: West German interests in the 1975 nuclear agreement with Brazil](#)" in the Cold War History Journal.

[Désirée Reder](#), [Niklas Krösche](#), [Swantje Schirmer](#) and [Lisa Hoffmann](#) organised together with two PhD students from the HFSK Frankfurt a virtual workshop with the title "Considering Ethics and Safety in Field Research in the Global South". The event takes place on the 7 and 8 December 2020. You are very welcome to join the workshop!



concluding a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Zamorano University, I decided to continue with my postgraduate studies abroad. I moved from Honduras to Germany in 2002 to pursue a Master's degree in the Small Enterprise Promotion and Training Program (SEPT) at Leipzig University, supported financially by DAAD. After successfully concluding my Master's degree, I started my PhD studies in Development Economics under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Robert Kappel and Prof. Dr. Utz Dornberger. During this time, I had the opportunity to participate in doctoral colloquiums organized by GIGA and publish my first working paper. The mentorship of my professors was crucial for my professional success and I am grateful for it.

For the past 11 years I have been working at the Bern University of Applied Sciences in Switzerland. I'm a researcher and lecturer in International Agriculture. I teach courses in the Bachelor and Master's programs and I bring my students to a better understanding about global issues in agriculture, particularly trade, value chains, sustainable development and the integration of small-scale farmers and businesses in global value chains. I am proud to be part of the community of scientists and

specialist working on agricultural research for development. In essence, we work to find solutions to feeding an ever-increasing world population. We know that the resources we have to produce food are limited, and most of these resources have been vastly depleted, so we have to think about ways in which we can make agriculture more sustainable. As a scientist, and especially as a woman scientist from a developing country, by reaching this professional potential, I am an active part of the "solution". I have led and implemented research projects in numerous countries in Latin America, Africa and South Asia. My research findings have been published in over 30 scientific journals and other publications, including book chapters published by Oxford University Press and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), among others. I have also presented my work to the scientific community and been a speaker at conferences and events in over 20 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas.

All this has been possible thanks to the doors that were opened to me in Germany and the support I received so I could reach my full professional potential.

Spotlight on ... Dastan Jasim



Hello Everyone,

My name is Dastan Jasim and I joined the Doctoral Programme at the GIGA just this October. As a Doctoral Student I am enrolled at Friedrich Alexander Universität

Erlangen-Nürnberg and will start my dissertation project with the title "Civic Culture Without a State: Conceptualizing Kurdish Civic Culture in Iraq, Iran, Turkey and Syria between State-Control and Resistance" under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Thomas Demmelhuber and Prof. Dr. Eckart Woertz. I will look at how the state- and regime structure of these four states had an influence on what political culture is now for the Kurdish population in those countries. Further, I will look at what arenas of political culture Kurdish people created for themselves outside of a state structure.

In February I got my master's degree in Political Science from Heidelberg University, before I graduated in Sociology and Political Sciences at University of Stuttgart.

I already had the pleasure of working with the GIGA during my research internship in summer 2018 where I was working under the supervision of Dr. David Kuehn at the IAS. At that time, I was also a student assistant at GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, working on a DFG project about survey data harmonization. Since 2017, I am also a researcher at the Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research, focusing on the conflicts in Syria in Iraq that involve Kurdish actors. In recent years, my work outside of campus was rather focused on the Kurdistan Region and other Kurdish regions.

In 2019 I worked for an American non-for-profit organization that collects and analyzes data on IDP's and refugees in Iraq, based in Erbil. After that I was a visiting scholar at the Center for Gender and Development Studies at the American University of Iraq – Sulaimaniya, working on an EU-funded project on the portrayal of women in Iraqi and Kurdish media.

My research interests include security studies, Kurdish studies, post-conflict justice and reconstruction, feminist theory, transnational politics, democratization, non-state actors, queer theory, survey data harmonization as well as Marxist theory.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you in person.

Jobs and Career Opportunities

[Programme Director „Global markets and social justice“](#)

Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung
 Deadline: 23 October 2020

[Post-doctoral Researchers in the field of Terrorism and Political Violence](#)

University of Leiden
 Deadline: 23 October 2020

[Lecturer in Politics and International Relations](#)

University of West London
 Deadline: 26 October 2020

[Lecturer in International Politics](#)

University of Leicester - History, Politics and International Relations
 Deadline: 26 October 2020

[Assistant Professor in Social Sciences](#)

Yale NUS College
 Deadline: 27 October 2020

[Teaching Fellow in International Relations and Peace and Conflict Studies](#)

Durham University - School Government & International Affairs
 Deadline: 30 October 2020

[Lecturer in Economics](#)

University of the West of England, Bristol - Business School
 Deadline: 1 November 2020

[Assistant Professor of Political Science / Sociology](#)

University of Navarra
 Deadline: 20 December 2020

Save the date

21, 22 & 23 October 2020	Winter Term Seminar: Research Design and Practice
28 October 2020	Research Colloquium: Daniel Geissel & Pedro Costa
4 November 2020	Winter Term Seminar: Research Design and Practice – Examples from GIGA Research
10 November & 8 December 2020	Soft Skills Seminar: The Art of English Academic Writing
13 & 23 November 2020	Soft Skills Seminar: Rhetoric and speaking in public: an introduction to theory and practice
18, 19 & 20 November 2020	Winter Term Seminar: Concept Formation and Measurement
25 November 2020	Research Colloquium: Jayane Maia
25 November 2020	General Assembly of the Doctoral Students
26 & 27 November 2020	Soft Skills Seminar: Building Cultural Competence