September 2015

Dear GIGA doctoral students,

We hope that you have had a great summer with lots of sunshine, fun, and relaxation. We have used the summer break for a belated “spring-cleaning” – from the revision of the Handbook for Doctoral Student to the completion of the DP page in EGON to the reorganisation of our official documents. Please read more about our activities in the news section.

In this newsletter, we would like to inform you about a variety of activities that are coming up. Registration is now open for our winter term programme on “Area and Comparative Area Studies in Practice”. We offer you a variety of theoretical and methodological courses that will hopefully support you in conducting your research. We would also like to draw your attention to a number of events at the University of Hamburg and other institutions.

Last but not least, we have admitted new doctoral students to the GIGA DP. Two fellows and four associates will join the programme in October. They will introduce themselves in the upcoming newsletters.

Have a good start into the new semester!

Best wishes,

Ina

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 ina.peters@giga-hamburg.de.

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News

Daniela Garcia submitted her dissertation!

On 11 August 2015, Daniela Garcia submitted her dissertation to the University of Hamburg. Congratulations! Daniela has already returned to her home country Costa Rica, but she will be back in Hamburg for her oral defence, which will take place towards the end of this year.

Viola Lucas submitted her dissertation!

On 13 August 2015, Viola Lucas submitted her dissertation entitled “The effects of autocracies on governance” to the University of Hamburg. Congratulations! Viola will continue working in the DFG project Local conflict and the local state – public service delivery and political violence.

Franziska Zanker defended her dissertation!

On 21 August 2015, Franziska Zanker defended her dissertation entitled “The Legitimisation of Peace Negotiations: A Role for Civil Society?” at the University of Tübingen. Congratulations! Franziska will stay as a research fellow at the GIGA.

EGON

In order to provide you with more detailed information about the GIGA Doctoral Programme, we have updated the DP page in EGON. We offer you information about your responsibilities as members of the DP, about funding and finances, field research and business trips, doctoral representation (student representatives), and doctoral training, among other issues. Please check out the new EGON page. We look forward to your comments and suggestions!

Welcome Day of the WiSo GS

The Graduate School of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Hamburg is organising a Welcome Day, which takes place on Wednesday, 14 October 2015, starting at 4 p.m. at Von-Melle-Park 5, Raum 0079. At this occasion, the WiSo Graduate School welcomes all doctoral students who started their studies in the past 12 months. There will be info sessions about the study programme, the degree regulations, financial support, and offices for doctoral students. You can also visit the doctoral students’ café.

GIGA Welcome Week

The Doctoral Programme is again organising a welcome week for all new and not-so-new members of the GIGA. It takes place from 19 to 21 October 2015. Please save the date! You can find more information on our website soon.

Colloquium "Inequalities and Citizenship"

The desiguALdades.net is organising a doctoral colloquium on “inequalities and Citizenship” at the GIGA on 12 and 13 November 2015. DesiguALdades.net is an interdisciplinary research network of the Institute for Latin American Studies at FU Berlin, the Ibero-American Institute of the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation, the German Development Institute, and the GIGA. The organisers have invited GIGA doctoral students to present their projects. If you are interested in attending the colloquium, please contact Henio Hoyo. More information is also available in the attachment.
Course Programme

GIGA DP Soft Skills Seminars

Seminars are open to GIGA doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers.

- 12 October 2015: The thesis endgame: How to finish quickly (Dr. Gita Subrahmaniam, LSE)
- 9 November 2015: Poster Design (Katharina van Treeck, GIGA)

Deadline: 23 September 2015
Information and registration online

GIGA DP Winter Term Seminars

Seminars are open to doctoral students and early stage researchers at the GIGA and its partner institutions.

- 2-3 November 2015: Bridging the Gap – Communicating Statistical Results among Social Scientists and Economists (Dr. Steffen Mohrenberg, Zürich)
- 5-6 November 2015: Indicators in the Social Sciences – Numbers may speak louder than words (Dr. Michaela Saisana, EC-JRC)
- 12-13 November 2015: Qualitative Interview Research: Principles, Forms, and Techniques (Prof. Dr. Monika Wohlrab-Sahr, Leipzig)
- 16-17 November 2015: Computer-Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis (Dr. Susanne Friese, QuaRC)

Deadline: 7 October 2015
Information and registration online

Seminars at the University of Hamburg

- 1 October 2015: Elevator Pitches for Science and Research (Deborah Prétat-Klofski, Stepstones Communication). Please find the course description and the registration form in the attachment.
- The Graduate School of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Hamburg has published its winter term programme, which includes seminars in economics, methods, soft skills, and software training. Please see the attachment for more information. Seminars are open to all members of the GIGA DP. You can already register via Geventis!

ヽ We strongly recommend the courses in Academic Writing (Kimberly Crow / Stephan Elkins). Register early as courses fill up quickly!

Seminars and Workshops at the UHH’s Career Center

The Career Center at the University of Hamburg has published its programme for the winter semester. They offer workshops, lecture series, and career events. Check out the programme online.

Seminars at other Institutions

McKinsey Workshop: Forschergeist
“Vordenken. Querdenken. Umdenken.”
2.5 day symposium with junior researchers of all disciplines
Date: 16-18 October 2015
Venue: Berlin

Causal Case Study Methodology - Small-N Research Designs
Date: 19-23 October 2015
Venue: Aarhus University
Lecturer: Derek Beach
Course Fee: 400 EUR
Language: English
Deadline: 1 October 2015
Information and registration: Birgit Kanstrup

How to Write a Data Management Plan
Date: 5 November 2015
Venue: GESIS, Cologne
Lecturer: Libby Bishop, Dr. Astrid Recker, Dr. Sebastian Netscher
Language: English
Who is where?

Anna Giolbas will attend the course “Empirical Methods in Economic Growth and Development” taking place at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy from 21 to 25 September 2015.

Anne Hoffmann will participate in a workshop of the Leverhulme Inter-American Human Rights Network entitled “The Inter-American Human Rights System: The Law and Politics of Institutional Change”. It takes place at the Institute of the Americas, University College London from 9 to 10 October 2015.

Lisa Bunselmeyer will leave for another research stay in Peru and Colombia in October for her dissertation on Transitional Justice and Social Cohesion in Postwar Peru. She will participate in a seminar at the Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá and discuss preliminary results of her dissertation at other institutes and with transitional justice scholars. Furthermore, Lisa will discuss her findings in focus groups in the communities in Peru that she visited earlier this year.

I am currently working on … Anne Hoffmann

Hi everyone,

I joined the GiGА doctoral program already in April 2013 and – I hope – to finish my thesis during the next year. Currently, I am working on my data, which I gathered in field work in South America. Last November I started my field work with a GiGА family trip to Belo Horizonte and Rio de Janeiro, where I participated in a project on the institutional presidency in Brazil led by Mariana. Afterwards, I stayed in Brazil and started my field work in Brasilia. This October I will be travelling again to Belo Horizonte with Mariana, for another project meeting.

Until April I travelled to different countries and talked to politicians and ministerial staff. In my dissertation I study the emergence of regional public policies in the ambit of UNASUR, which is the South American Union of Nations. As Uruguay was in charge of the organization’s presidency, I stayed in Montevideo. From there I travelled to Chile, Paraguay, Argentina, and Ecuador, where I met the Secretary General of UNASUR, Ernesto Samper, in Quito. Most of the time I tried to meet Mujica. I am a huge fan. Unfortunately, he was too busy with his wife’s electoral campaign. Yet, the transfer of mandates from Mujica to Vazquez was a highlight during my stay.

My personal assistant, most of you might now her, travelled with me in South America. Unluckily, now she is not very helpful in the data analysis.

After a really nice summer in South America I am now happy to have the typical weather of Hamburg for the writing part of my thesis. Although I stopped playing Rugby for this season, I am still supporting the team. So, if anyone wants to join me for cheering, I would love to take you to the Stadtpark and watch a match.

See you, Anne
I am currently working on ... Sarah Linde

Hey,

I’m Sarah and I joined GIGA already back in 2012 working for the project „Employment, Empowerment and Living Standard“. This project analyses the interlinkages between employment, empowerment and living standards building on the Capability Approach as conceptual framework. It further examines the constraints faced by micro and small enterprises in developing countries. In order to shed light on these questions we collected quantitative and qualitative data from entrepreneurs and informal workers in Burkina Faso, Uganda, and Sri Lanka. I assisted in organizing and managing the first enterprise survey in Kampala, Uganda and the three following surveys in Colombo, Sri Lanka. This fieldwork helped me to better understand how very small businesses are run in urban, informal settings.

I also use these data for my dissertation where I, inter alia, analyse how financial transfers between the entrepreneur and his/her kin affect business outcomes. I’m further interested in and working on the peculiarities of minority entrepreneurship as well as the measurement and status of decent work among different types of employment in developing countries.

Drop by in room 662 for a coffee and a chat!

Cheers, Sarah

We are currently working on ... your student representatives

Dear all,

We hope that you all took advantage of the summer weeks to recover from work and relaxed a little bit, as we did. Nevertheless there have been some tasks for us during the last two months. We were part of the selection process of the new prospective doctoral students. The GIGA Doctoral Programme got lots of high-quality applications and there will be an interesting new cohort, starting in October. We also exercised our right to be included in the selection process of the new student assistant for the Doctoral Programme who will be starting in October.

As most of you already know, we are actually working on a position paper concerning the current situation of the GIGA Doctoral Programme and its future. Currently there is a strong dynamic going on within GIGA bodies, regarding scientific focus and its general future, but also regarding staff situations and modes of employment. We want to use this opportunity, gain attention within the discourse and secure or foster the position of the Doctoral Programme within the GIGA structure. Although there are different discussions going on in different forums, we decided to write one comprehensive position paper to cover all important issues.

We would like to strongly encourage you, to contribute to this paper. After our meeting in July we tried to include all points discussed and it is in the final stage of making, but input
is still welcome until **30 September 2015**! As a next step we want to hand in the paper to the different bodies within GIGA, such as the research council or the board of directors. The position paper is easy accessible and can be commented by everybody:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g0vyWndSB0QwP8K3la8nWGFRcvn783grni0fivQtn6jg/edit.

All the best,
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**Jobs and Funding**

**Postdoc Fellowship**
“Unconventional Central Banks: Making Monetary Policy in Hard Times”
Scuola Normale Superiore
Deadline: 11 September 2015
Reference number: 451-15

**Research Associate / PhD Candidate**
“Big risks: perceptions, management and neur-ralgic societal risks in the 21st century”
University of Duisburg-Essen
Deadline: 15 September 2015
Reference number: 449-15

**Research Associate / PhD Candidate**
“Big risks: perceptions, management and neur-ralgic societal risks in the 21st century”
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**Fixed-term researcher in Political Science**
Scuola Normale Superiore
Deadline: 21 September 2015

**Fixed term researcher in Sociology / Political Sociology**
Scuola Normale Superiore
Deadline: 21 September 2015

**Lecturer in Quantitative Politics / International Relations**
University of Kent
Deadline: 27 September 2015

**Tenure-Track Position(s)**
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Deadline: 30 September 2015

**Postdoctoral Researcher**
Sociology of Markets Research Group
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies
Deadline: 30 September 2015

**Research Fellow**
"The Syrian War in Jordan"
GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies
Deadline: 1 October 2015

**Max Weber Postdoctoral Programme**
European University Institute
Deadline: 25 October 2015

**Fellowships at the The Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research**
Application period: 15 September – 31 October 2015
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