Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

We hope that you have had a great summer with (at least some belated) sunshine, fun, and time to relax!

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 as well as a Soft Skills Seminar on Academic Writing and a Zotero Workshop. Please have a look at the offer in this newsletter and register for the courses you would like to attend.

Furthermore, we have organized a Welcome Week for all new members of the GIGA, especially the new doctoral students who will join the programme in October. We will welcome six new fellows and you are all invited to get to know them at the DP Jour Fixe or the Pub visit (please see the news section for further details). Of course, our new fellows will also introduce themselves in the upcoming newsletters.

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.

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News

Julia Strasheim submitted her dissertation!

On 12 September 2016, Julia Strasheim submitted her dissertation on “Interim Governments and the Stability of Peace” at the University of Heidelberg. Congratulations, Julia!

Changes in the DP coordination team

As you might have heard by now, Miriam Prys-Hansen will be on parental leave from 7 October 2016. Our DP Coordinator Maren Wagner will replace her as Academic Director during this time. Furthermore, we are happy to inform you that the DP will have a student assistant again, starting from November 2016 for a period of six months.

Next DP Jour Fixe

Our next Jour Fixe will take place on Tuesday, 4 October 2016 at 2 pm in the doctoral students’ office (EG23). We will welcome our new fellows and talk about the Summer Term Programme planning. Please consider specific method courses that you would be interested in and, of course, save the date!

Welcome Week, 4 – 7 October

We have organized a Welcome Week for all new and not-so-new members of the GIGA, which will take place from 4 to 7 October 2016. There are several events that might be also interesting for the not-so-new doctoral students amongst you, for example information sessions on IT security, Safety on field research and research ethics, or Public Relations and media outreach at the GIGA. You can find the programme online. To register please send an email to Kerstin Labusga until 28 September 2016 indicating the event(s) that you would like to attend. Please note that no registration is needed for the events that are for doctoral students only. If you want to come to the Pub visit, please let Medha know.

Course Programme and external offers

GIGA Winter Term Programme 2016

Registration is now open for the Winter Term Programme 2016. The following seminars are open to doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers at the GIGA and its partner institutions.

- 13 October: CAS & Global Studies I: Comparative Area Studies: What they are and where they come from (Prof Dr Patrick Köllner, GIGA)
- 27-28 October: Research Designs and Research Questions (Prof Dr Heike Klüver, University of Hamburg)
- 3-4 November: Qualitative Approaches to Data Collection and Analysis (Dr Lea Sgier, Central European University Budapest)
- 8-9 November: Quantitative Approaches to Data Collection and Analysis (Prof Dr Vera Troeger, University of Warwick)
- 15 November: CAS & Global Studies II: Comparing Across World Regions: Assets and Pitfalls (Dr Christian von Soest, GIGA)
14 December: CAS & Global Studies III: Promises and Potential Problems of Comparative Analysis (Dr André Bank, GIGA)

Deadline: 10 October 2016
Information and registration online.

GIGA DP Soft Skills Seminars and Workshops

The following Soft Skills Seminars and Workshops are open to doctoral students, postdoctoral and senior researchers at the GIGA.

- 20 October & 24 November: Write like a pro. How to get started, organized, finished – and succeed with your texts (Dr Natalie Struve)
- 22 November: Introduction to Zotero (Dr Birte Pfeiffer, GIGA)

Who is where?

Insa Ewert presented a paper on “EU policy-making in a changing world order: The case of the EU-China bilateral investment agreement” at the UACES (Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies) Annual Conference "Exchanging Ideas on Europe", hosted by the Queen Mary University of London (5-7 September).

Pau Palop Garcia participated in the ECPR General Conference in Prague (7-10 September) in a panel on “International Migration and the Transformation of Political Elites”. He presented a paper on “Descriptive and Substantive Representation of Non-resident Citizens in the Parliaments of Ecuador and Colombia” that compares the legislative work of emigrant MPs with the legislative work of non-emigrant MPs in the two countries.

Simone Schotte participated in the annual conference of the Development Studies Association (DSA) in Oxford (12-14 September) where she presented a paper on “Social class, life chances and vulnerability to poverty in South Africa”, co-authored with Rocco Zizzamia and Murray Leibbrandt (University of Cape Town).

Siri Völker is currently on field research in Brazil where she is planning to conduct interviews and ethnographic observations. She will stay in Brazil until 15 November, spending also six weeks at the Institute of Political Science (IPOL) of the Universidade de Brasília as visiting doctoral researcher. In the upcoming newsletter, Siri will give us a more detailed “update from the field”.

International Doctoral Students Night (UHH)

The department of International Affairs at University of Hamburg invites all new doctoral students to an International Doctoral Students Night. It will take place on Thursday, 6 October 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Guesthouse of the UHH (Rothenbaumchaussee 34, ground floor). Online registration start on 26 September.
Do you know … our Visiting Doctoral Researchers

Dear all,

My name is Regina Cazzamatta, I am from Brazil and I have been living in Germany for almost eight years now. I did my bachelor studies in PUC São Paulo in communication Science with emphasis in journalism. Afterwards, I worked both as a report and public relation.

I arrived in Leipzig in the winter of 2008/2009 to learn German and after four months I moved to Berlin. It was a great experience! After finishing the German course and passing the DSH exam, I started a master program in communications research in the University of Erfurt. It was a challenging experience in the beginning, but it was worth every second. I finished my project about the Brazilian image in the German press and was invited by my advisor to start the Ph.D.

While I was applying for scholarships, I did an internship at the Deutsche Welle (Bonn), in the newsroom for the lusophone states of Africa and later for Brazil. In October 2014, I got the scholarship and started my research project about the Latin America Image in the German press. After performing a quantitative content analysis of the news articles about the twenty Latin America countries published from 2000 until 2014, I came to GIGA to get in contact with specialist in the region and to describe and explain the results. I will be around for the next six months.

I am currently working on … Tom Konzack

Hey all,

After my first five intense months at GIGA I would like to give you a short overview of what I am actually doing here. Arriving as a greenhorn to Hamburg and to GIGA has been quite a challenge – also weather-wise. But no doubt, I am very happy to be here among such great scholars, colleagues and friends. As I have not met all you yet, here is a brief summary of my main undertakings:

As research fellow embedded in the IAA project “Religious Minorities: Discrimination, Grievances and Conflict” I work with Prof. Matthias Basedau. The initial phase of the project is basically about building a novel and unique large-N dataset on 600 religious minorities world-wide in order to discover in the subsequent phase links between discrimination of those minorities, grievances and (non)-violent mobilisation. The whole venture runs in cooperation with Jonathan Fox’ team at Bar Ilan University in Israel.
In my dissertation project I investigate why and under which conditions social movement organisations choose terrorist tactics in contentious politics. I am currently elaborating my theoretical framework, which addresses a number of theoretical and methodological shortcomings in the field of terrorism research. I aim to de-exceptionalise and contextualise terrorism and understand it as a tactic among others chosen from a repertoire of actions.

Moreover, being student representative together with Ana Karen has offered me opportunities to learn more about the institute and to integrate easily into the work- and administrative flow. Next week I will go to the general conference of the doctoral student representatives of the Leibniz Association. News on this and on further issues of potential interest for you will be provided in the next DP Newsletter.

Enjoy the great late summer.
Best, Tom.

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**Jobs and Career Opportunities**

**Assistant Professor in Political Science**  
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)  
Deadline: 22 September 2016

**Lecturer in International Conflict Analysis**  
University of Kent  
Deadline: 25 September 2016

**Postdoctoral position Global Education Reform Project**  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona  
Deadline: 30 September 2016

**Research Fellow (African Studies)**  
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)  
Deadline: 30 September 2016

**Research Fellowships in Politics & Government**  
University of Cambridge  
30 September 2016

**Postdoctoral Scholarships**  
Daimler and Benz Foundation  
Deadline: 1 October

**Research Fellow in comparative research on Political Islam**  
GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies  
Deadline: 4 October 2016

**Junior Professorship specializing in International Organizations**  
LMU Munich  
Deadline: 7 October 2016

**Postdoc on Migration and Social Protection**  
Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM), Liège (Belgium)  
Deadline: 7 October 2016

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Politics)**  
University of Exeter  
Deadline: 13 October 2016

**Assistant Professor in International Relations**  
Pontifical Catholic University of Chile  
Deadline: 17 October 2016

**Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship**  
European University Institute, Florence  
Deadline: 25 October 2016
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